# **Admissions**

# Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Arts in Biomedical Sciences degree program, applicants must submit the following documented evidence:

- 1. Completion of a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) or higher, preferably with a major in the sciences, from a regionally accredited college or university.
- 2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a scale of 4.00 in all coursework completed.
- 3. One letter of recommendation (individual or committee letter from the applicant's college or university).
- 4. Copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. Official transcripts must be submitted prior to matriculation.
- 5. Submission of test scores from one of the following exams is recommended: Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT), Dental Admissions Test (DAT), Optometry Admissions Test (OAT), or other professional program admissions test.
- 6. Completion of the typical prerequisite coursework for admission into medical, dental, optometry or pharmacy schools, including biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Prospective students are responsible for determining the prerequisites for the health professional program and institution of the student's choice.
- 7. Completion of the prerequisite courses with grades of C or better (grades of C- are not acceptable).
- 8. Passage of the Midwestern University criminal background check.
- 9. Commitment to abide by the Midwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.

## **Prerequisite Courses**

Course	Sem.	Qtr.
	Hrs.	Hrs.
Biology with laboratory	8	12
General Chemistry with laboratory	8	12
Organic Chemistry with laboratory	8	12
Physics	4	6
Mathematics	3	4

## **Application Process and Deadlines**

To be considered for admission to the Master of Arts in Biomedical Sciences program, applicants must:

Apply through the Post Baccalaureate Centralized Application Service (PostBacCAS; <a href="https://postbaccas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login">https://postbaccas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login</a>). PostBacCAS allows students to learn about, compare, and apply to a number of post baccalaureate programs through one centralized application.

Requirements for application include:

- One letter of recommendation (individual or committee letter). The Biomedical Science Program will accept signed and sealed letters from pre-health advisors or committees, science professors, and health professionals.
- Copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. Official transcriptsmust be submitted prior to
  matriculation from every undergraduate, graduate, or professional school the applicant attended or is
  currently attending. These transcripts must be signed and sealed by the registrar at each institution.

The Biomedical Sciences Program uses a rolling admission process in which completed applications are reviewed and decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. The Master of Arts in Biomedical Sciences Program begins in the Fall Quarter. Admission to the Biomedical Sciences Program is considered on a competitive basis for applicants who have completed the required prerequisites. Multiple criteria are used to select the most qualified candidates, including selection of those students the Admissions Committee feels would benefit the most from the program. Selection decisions for the program are made by the Biomedical Sciences Program Admissions Committee with the approval of the Program Director and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies until the class is filled. To maximize competitiveness within the rolling admission process, candidates are advised to submit a completed application early in the admission cycle. Applications may not be accepted after July 15th.

#### **Selection Process**

After receiving completed application packets, the Office of Admissions verifies the information provided to determine whether all admissions requirements have been completed or will be completed prior to matriculation and also to verify the cumulative GPAs for all completed courses. Completed applications are forwarded to the Biomedical Sciences Program Admissions Committee. Applicants will be notified either electronically (i.e. through the applicant's portal or by email) or by letter of admissions decisions.

Please note: Applicants may track the receipt of application materials and the status of files on the University's website with the instructions for accessing their account information that will be sent by the Office of Admissions after receipt of the applicant's applications. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Office of Admissions of any changes in contact telephone number, mailing address or e-mail address.

All requests for application withdrawal must be made in writing to the Office of Admissions:

Midwestern University Office of Admissions 19555 N. 59th Avenue Glendale, AZ 85308 888/247-9277 or 623/572-3215 admissaz@midwestern.edu

### **Transfer Process**

Transfer of a limited number of graduate level credits from other institutions may be allowed: 6 semester (9 quarter) hours for the Masters of Arts in Biomedical Sciences. This does not remove the requirement to enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours per quarter. The Program Director will review any request for transfer credit upon recommendation of course director and MA degree coordinator. The student should contact the MA Coordinator for more information on the process.