Required Coursework

A minimum of three years of college study (90 semester hours) is required for entrance into Feinberg and virtually all successful applicants have completed a bachelor’s degree prior to matriculation. At a minimum, we require a year of study in each of the premedical sciences (general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology and physics). A semester of biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry. Successful candidates typically have more science education than the minimum. The study of statistics and the English language is highly recommended.

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Admissions

Application Suggestions
1. Submit the AMCAS application in early summer
2. Take MCAT, including repeat testing, no later than June
3. Complete web-based supplemental application as early as possible
4. Request a committee letter or three letters of recommendation be submitted through an electronic letter service

The Process
AMCAS Applications
Feinberg receives AMCAS applications from July through November. Upon receipt of the AMCAS application each applicant is invited to visit Feinberg’s secure applicant website and begin the supplemental application process.

Submit the Feinberg Supplemental Application
Applicants continue the process by submitting an electronic supplemental application, the application fee, and either a committee letter or three letters of recommendation. The process is described at: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/admissions/process/index.html.

A profile of Feinberg’s most recently matriculated students is available at: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/admissions/process/class-profile.html.

Application File Review
The Committee on Admissions reviews the academic record, test scores, essays, activities and achievements, and the letters of recommendation. The committee looks for evidence of emotional maturity, well-roundedness, motivation for a career in medicine, intellectual curiosity, and leadership and team skills. A premium is placed upon the breadth and rigor of the academic program as well as the individual’s life experiences. The admissions committee favorably looks upon applications from candidates who have majored in disciplines other than the traditional premedical sciences.

Interview Decisions
Following review of their application materials, successful candidates are invited for interviews. These are held on selected Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the medical school’s Chicago campus from September through February. Interview decisions are sent by e-mail. Adverse decisions cannot be appealed.

The Admissions Interview
During the interview day, candidates will meet with the admission dean for a review of the program and have two individual faculty interviews. They will also meet with a senior student. Interviewers will assess candidates on compatibility with the Feinberg curriculum.

Final Admissions Decisions
Following the interview, the completed application is evaluated by the Committee on Admissions. Interviewees can expect to receive notification regarding their application status approximately eight weeks following their interview.

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