

Health Careers Information Chart

Health Profession	Level of Education	Number of US Schools		Competitive GPA**	Entrance Exam Requirement	Name of Centralized Application System	Number of Training Years*
Allopathic Medicine (MD)	Doctoral Degree	146	11	3.6	MCAT	AMCAS	8+
Dentistry (DDS)	Doctoral Degree	68	6	3.6	DAT	AADSAS	4+
Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Doctoral Degree	30	2	3.6	GRE/MCAT	AAVMC	4+
Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	Doctoral Degree	33	2	3.5	MCAT	AACOM	8+
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)	Doctoral Degree	225	17	3.5	GRE	PTCAS	4+
Physician Assistant (PA)	Masters Degree	252	16	3.5	GRE	CASPA	2
Genetic Counseling (MGC)	Masters Degree	43	3	3.5	GRE	NONE	2+
Nursing (Accelerated BSN)	Bachelors Degree	300	38	3.5	TEAS/HESI	NURSINGCAS	12-18 Mo
Nursing (Direct Entry Masters)	Masters Degree	64	13	3.5	GRE	NURSINGCAS	18 Mo-3 Yrs
Pharmacy (PharmD)	Doctoral Degree	149	14	3.4	PCAT	PharmCAS	5+
Clinical Lab Sciences (CLS)	Certificate	606	20	3.4	NONE	NONE	1+
Optometry (OD)	Doctoral Degree	22	3	3.3	OAT	OptomCAS	4+
Occupational Therapy (OT)	Masters/Doctoral Degree	150	9	3.3	GRE	OTCAS	2
Public Health (MPH)	Masters	177	19	3.3	GRE/MCAT	SOPHAS	1+
Podiatric Medicine (DPM)	Doctoral Degree	9	2	3.2	MCAT	AACPM	7+
Speech Language Pathology	Masters	255	9	3.2	GRE	CSDCAS	2
Naturopathic Medicine (ND)	Doctoral Degree	6	1	3	NONE	NDCAS	4+
Chiropractic Medicine (DC)	Doctoral Degree	24	4	3	NONE	ChiroCAS	4+

Keep in mind that requirements and averages vary per school/program. This information is a guide but is not comprehensive of all programs within a given field.

*Training Years includes residency **Competitive GPA is not a minimum required GPA