

# UCC Temporary Medical School Admission Policies Requirements (MSAR) Modifications

In light of the current outbreak of COVID-19, Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC) School of Medicine has carefully reviewed the requirements for admissions. So that no applicant is at a disadvantage during this time, the Admissions Committee has revised the course and application requirements for upcoming application cycles.

- **Pass/Fail Grades** – We will accept pass/fail graded courses taken during the COVID-19 pandemic regardless of whether you opted in or if pass/fail was implemented school-wide by your current university. A grade of “pass” is required for the course to be accepted.
- We will accept online coursework for prerequisite courses completed in both Spring and Summer semesters of 2020.
- **Letters of Recommendation** – We will continue to review applications as long as we have at least one letter of recommendation on file. The deadline to submit additional letters of recommendation is currently December 15, 2020 and will be extended to January 15, 2021. If you are in a situation where you will not be able to meet the minimum two letters of recommendation we require for admission, you should contact us directly for more information.
- **Activities/Experiences** – Because some opportunities may have been reduced or canceled during this pandemic period, including student group activities, clinical experiences, and volunteer or research opportunities, we will be adding a question to our secondary application

where you can explain how your involvement in these activities has been affected by the current reality.

- **Interview:** We will continue to use the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) to inquire more deeply into the applicant's experiences and gain a deeper understanding of attributes relevant to a medical career. Our MMI will be conducted online while this pandemic last.

For the 2021 Admission Process and due to the cancellation of the MCAT test dates in March, April and May 2020,

- **MCAT Age** – We have increased the age of acceptable MCAT scores. We will now accept MCAT scores that have been taken within three (3) years prior to intended matriculation for the entering class of 2021. Applicants must have taken the MCAT between January 2018 and January 2021.
- Assuming that MCAT testing resumes prior to October 2020, we will require applicants to have taken the MCAT by January 31, 2021.
- Accordingly, applicants should not delay applying simply because an MCAT score is not yet available.

As pandemic events unfold, we may post additional changes to our deadlines and other admissions policies as needed. These updates will be posted both in the Medical School Admissions Requirements (MSAR) publication and our website.

**Please visit our website for updates on policies and timelines related to COVID-19 and for any additional information needed:**

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