

**Admission Policies Specific to the A-PRIME Transformation in Medical Education Program  
University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and McGovern Medical School at UTHSC-Houston  
(MMS)**

I Definitions

**Pre-Health Professions Program (PHPP):** Students with an interest in the health professions (medical, dental, nursing, biomedical sciences, etc.) may apply to a general pre-health professions program (PHPP) at the general academic institution (GAI). The participating GAIs are UT-Rio Grande Valley (UT-RGV) Edinburg campus, UT-RGV Brownsville campus, and UT-EL Paso (UTEP). Decisions related to qualifications, admission and continuation in the PHPP are the prerogatives of the respective GAIs. Participation in, or completion of PHPP activities does not guarantee that a student will receive an offer of acceptance to medical schools participating in A-PRIME.

**TIME Academy:** The GAI selects eligible students from the PHPP who satisfy the pre-specified admissions criteria to be interviewed by the health related institutions (HRI) for the Transformation in Medical Education (TIME) Academy. The current HRIs are UTMB and McGovern Medical School. All candidates for the TIME Academy must be enrolled students in good standing in the PHPP at their respective GAI. The Admissions Committees at the participating HRI are the final authorities for admitting students to the TIME Academy, from among those students recommended by their respective GAI.

II Admission Process for the TIME Academy

- **Prerequisites for Application to the TIME Academy (minimum qualifications; not a guarantee of admission)**

**A student must**

- Be currently enrolled in good standing at a participating GAI and be a member of the PHPP.
- Have completed a minimum of 45 semester-credit hours of coursework at the participating GAI.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.50, calculated by using the GPA calculation process of the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) (Appendix D).
- Have satisfactorily completed PHPP attendance and participation requirements.
- Be recommended for acceptance to the TIME Academy by his or her GAI health professions advisor.

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- **Application requirements for the TIME Academy**

**A student must**

- Complete and submit a standard TMDSAS application, transcript of all college work, SAT/ACT score(s), letters of recommendation and evaluation, and other materials that may be requested no later than the stated deadline.
- Respond in a timely manner to requests for supplemental information or clarification by the HRI(s).

- **Selection/Admission to the TIME Academy**

- Students who meet eligibility requirements may be invited to interview at each HRI.
- Upon completion of interviews at the HRI, each HRI will hold an admissions committee meeting to rank students for acceptance into the A-PRIME TIME Academy. A subsequent joint admissions committee of the participating HRIs, consisting of the membership of each HRI's Medical School Admissions Committee will authorize acceptance to the TIME Academy for students whose qualifications are determined to be acceptable to both schools' admissions committees. Meeting the minimum prerequisites listed above does not guarantee that admission will be granted. The selection process includes a holistic review of each applicant and includes more than scores and grades. Review of an applicant's entire high school and collegiate performance, evidence of exceptional maturity, and performance during interviews and supplemental activities such as clinical skills workshops are considered as part of the applicant's abilities.
- Acceptance to the TIME Academy includes a provisional (conditional) acceptance to the HRI's respective medical school in the following calendar year, subject to satisfactory fulfillment of the following additional requirements prior to matriculation:
  - Successful completion of remaining undergraduate requirements at his or her GAI no later than the spring term of the year of admission.
  - Maintenance of the required minimum GPA of 3.50.
  - Submission of an MCAT score of 503 or higher.
  - Satisfactory completion of a supplemental interview.
  - Satisfactory final letter of evaluation from the GAI.

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- Upon receipt of an offer of provisional acceptance, a student must accept the offer within 30 days or the offer will expire and be withdrawn.
- A provisionally accepted student must successfully complete TIME Academy coursework and activities in a manner satisfactory to the GAI prior to the expected date of medical school matriculation.
- A provisionally accepted student, who has completed all of the additional requirements above, is not guaranteed a position at a specific school until a match process is conducted in the spring of the admission year.
  
- **Medical School Match**
  - A provisionally accepted student who remains eligible will participate in a match process with the participating HRIs in the spring and be matched to one of the HRIs. This match will be conducted through the TMDSAS.
  - A matched student's request for deferred admission will be addressed according to the standard rules of the HRI for deferral. Deferrals are not guaranteed. Without an approved deferral from the HRI, failure to matriculate on the approved date will result in forfeiture of admission.
  
- **General Timeline (specific dates will be established yearly)**

• Application to the TIME Academy	December (Year 2)
• Interviews for the TIME Academy	March (Year 2)
• Offer of provisional acceptance	April (Year 2)
• Deadline for receipt of a qualifying MCAT score	January administration (Year 3)
• Supplemental interviews	February-March (Year 3)*
• Release of multiple offers	April 1 (Year 3)
• Medical school matriculation	June-July (Year 3)

\*pending release of scores from January administration

### **III Dissemination of Information Regarding the A-PRIME TIME Program**

Each HRI will update this information annually and

1. Post it online as part of the medical school Office of Admissions public information; and
2. Provide the information to all participating GAIs through their A-PRIME TIME coordinator and health professions offices.