

# Choosing Schools: Top-Ranked Schools

## Top-Ranked Primary Care U.S. Medical Schools

Washington (Seattle)  
UC San Francisco  
North Carolina Chapel Hill  
Oregon  
Minnesota  
Colorado  
Nebraska  
Harvard  
Kansas  
UMass (Worcester)  
UC Davis  
UC Los Angeles  
Wisconsin (Madison)  
Rochester  
Michigan (Ann Arbor)  
Maryland  
Baylor  
Brown  
Virginia  
Alabama (Birmingham)  
Stanford  
Iowa  
Dartmouth  
Hawaii  
UPenn  
Vermont  
East Carolina  
Ohio State  
UC San Diego  
New Mexico  
Texas Southwestern (Dallas)  
Utah  
Chicago Pritzker  
Pittsburgh  
Emory  
Indiana (Indianapolis)  
Vanderbilt  
Northwestern  
Arkansas  
Mayo  
New York University  
UC Irvine  
Boston University  
UConn  
Eastern Virginia  
Saint Louis  
Missouri

Southern California (Keck)  
Texas Health Science Center (San Antonio)  
Weill Cornell

Ranking schools can be very arbitrary and misleading (see [Choosing Schools](#)). However, criteria such as the percentage of graduates going into Primary Care or the amount of federal (NIH) grants received to support research can be useful in the overall process of exploring what different schools may have to offer.

Schools that reported GPAs or MCAT scores that were roughly one standard deviation below the mean for all schools are listed below. It is essential to emphasize the relatively narrow range of scores, and that many of the schools on this list could be a perfect match for you based on factors other than GPA or MCAT scores. Nevertheless, a useful way to think about this list is to make sure that you investigate and think about applying to at least some of these schools, assuming you can meet their residency (if any) requirements.

## **Schools whose GPA or MCAT scores were discernibly lower than the national average**

Arkansas  
California Northstate  
California U. of Science and Medicine  
Carle Illinois  
Central Michigan  
Del Caribe  
East Carolina  
East Tennessee  
Eastern Virginia  
Florida State  
Hackensack Meridian  
Houston  
Howard  
Kentucky  
LSU Shreveport  
Marshall  
Meharry  
Mercer  
Mississippi  
Morehouse  
New Mexico  
New York Medical  
Nova Southeastern  
North Dakota  
Northeast Ohio  
Ponce  
Puerto Rico  
Quinnipiac  
Rush  
San Juan Bautista  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Southern Illinois  
TCU & UNTHSC

Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Tulane  
UC Davis  
UC Riverside  
Vermont  
Virginia Tech  
Washington State  
Wright State

Please note that in the above analyses of admissions criteria, neither MCAT nor GPA data were available for the following school:

City University of New York

It is absolutely essential that you are aware of residency requirements and preferences given to in-state applicants. The following list orders schools according to the percentage of the enrolling class comprised by in-state applicants, extending from 100% to greater than 80%. Be aware that although residency requirements may apply, there is a wide range in the stringency of such requirements. Even if you do not meet the residency requirements of a school in which you are interested, it is worth looking into what you have to do to meet those requirements.

### **Schools whose percentage of the 2020 matriculating class comprised by in-state applicants was greater than 80%**

Mercer 100%  
Southern Illinois 100%  
Mississippi 100%  
CUNY 100%  
East Carolina 100%  
Houston 100%  
Mississippi 99%  
MC Georgia 98%  
California U. of Science and Medicine 98%  
UC Riverside 97%  
Texas Galveston 97%  
Arkansas 95%  
California Northstate 95%  
Florida State 95%  
Texas Houston 95%  
LSU Shreveport 95%  
Puerto Rico 95%  
Texas Rio Grande Valley 95%  
UC Davis 94%  
LSU New Orleans 94%  
Texas Tech El Paso 94%  
Del Caribe 93%  
Oklahoma 93%  
New Mexico 93%  
Texas Austin 92%  
Washington State 91%  
Texas A&M 91%

Tennessee 91%  
Texas Tech 91%  
UC Irvine 90%  
Nevada Las Vegas 88%  
Kansas 88%  
South Alabama 88%  
SUNY Upstate 88%  
Buffalo 87%  
UC San Diego 87%  
Nevada Reno 87%  
Texas San Antonio 87%  
Nebraska 86%  
Marshall 86%  
MU South Carolina 86%  
Missouri-Columbia 85%  
Alabama 84%  
SUNY Downstate 84%  
Baylor 84%  
New Jersey 84%  
Florida 84%  
Kentucky 83%  
Texas Southwestern 83%  
South Dakota 83%  
North Carolina 82%  
Hawaii 82%  
Florida International 81%  
Keck USC 81%