

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%