



Arizona State University (Polytechnic Campus)

Medical Studies, BS

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: Medical Studies, BS NHMEDBS

Study mode: Full time

Duration: 48 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 35 430 USD

Reg. fee : 85 USD

Scholarship :

Insurance : 2 765 USD

Intake/s

Jan/May/Aug

Requirements

Academic requirements

First-year students must:

- Have a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) (a "B" or better where "A"=4.00) from a secondary school. Some ASU programs may have higher admission or English proficiency requirements and may consider a minimum ACT or SAT score.
- Must have three years of high school coursework. (If you are currently in high school, ASU needs to see 9–11 grade coursework. If you have completed high school, ASU needs to see 10–12 grade coursework.)
- Must have and present a completed high school diploma or certificate.

Conditional admission

ASU may offer conditional undergraduate admission to international applicants to an on-campus program who meet the academic (aptitude) requirements but who are not proficient in English. This offer of conditional admission will give you time to improve your English proficiency before you start classes at ASU. Your conditional admission offer is good for up to three semesters, during which time you must meet one of these requirements to begin your ASU experience.

Competency requirements

International students who completed high school outside the U.S. are required to meet the following competency requirements:

- Math: four years (algebra I, geometry, algebra II and one course requiring algebra II as a prerequisite).

- Laboratory science: three years total (one year each from any of the following areas are accepted: biology, chemistry, earth science, integrated sciences and physics).

Provide evidence of English language proficiency (TOEFL 61)

Accommodation

Provided by partner agencies

Speciality

STEM-OPT for international students on F-1 visas

This program may be eligible for an Optional Practical Training extension for up to 24 months. This OPT work authorization period may help international students gain skills and experience in the U.S. Those interested in an OPT extension should review ASU degrees that qualify for the STEM-OPT extension at ASU's International Students and Scholars Center website.

The OPT extension only applies to students on an F-1 visa and does not apply to students completing a degree through ASU Online.

Available online

Additional information

Program description

The BS program in medical studies enables students to meet the prerequisites for medical and professional school. This program also prepares students for required postgraduate entrance exams, including the revised MCAT.

Students can customize the medical studies degree to meet the prerequisites of the health professions programs to which they intend to apply. In addition, students have the opportunity to learn directly from health care providers who are currently practicing in the field, and they can select clinically related internships or electives during their junior year.

This degree program integrates communication, ethics, critical thinking, teamwork and leadership --- all essential competencies for members of today's health care teams.

Because of the high volume of overlap in curriculum, students enrolled in this degree are not permitted to declare a concurrent degree combination with certain majors, such as the BS in biological sciences, including the following concentrations: biomedical sciences; genetics, cell and developmental biology; and neurobiology, physiology and behavior.

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Professional health education is competitive. Fewer than half of students who apply to medical schools are admitted, and there are four applicants for every seat in physician assistant programs. Medical and professional school admissions increasingly focus on students who are dedicated to community service, so engaging in community activities and research abroad will help any student pursuing a health career to create a diverse, accomplished portfolio.

Students pursuing medical studies who study abroad can advance their cultural awareness, medical experience and global health understanding. Global Education programs expand students' knowledge of culturally specific health approaches while helping them develop strategies to adapt to unique social circumstances. Study abroad is a chance to fine-tune communication, critical thinking and leadership capabilities while taking advantage of opportunities for research, internships and service.

Career opportunities

Graduates are academically prepared, well rounded and equipped with skills for a number of exciting careers in the allied health fields, education, government, health care industries and nonprofit organizations.

Opportunities include these positions:

- community health worker
- project coordinator
- research assistant
- sales or marketing representative (e.g., medical device or pharmaceutical industry)

They also are well prepared to pursue postgraduate health degrees in areas such as:

- dentistry
- medicine (MD, DO and naturopathic)
- occupational therapy
- optometry
- pharmacy
- physician assistant programs

Further study can result in a career as a:

- chiropractor
- dentist
- naturopathic physician
- optometrist
- pharmacist
- physician
- physician assistant
- podiatrist
- public health professional