

**Application Timeline for Bard Students and Alumni applying to  
Medical School (allopathic, osteopathic) and Dental Programs**  
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| <b>September-<br/>January</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Login to <a href="#">Handshake</a> to schedule an appointment with the Pre-professional Health Career Adviser to discuss your plans and open your file<br><input type="checkbox"/> Open a file in the Career Development Office<br><input type="checkbox"/> Start requesting letters of recommendations<br><input type="checkbox"/> Formalize your plan for studying for the MCAT/DAT and register for the test<br>❖ Plan to take the MCAT/DAT by the end of June<br><input type="checkbox"/> Review <a href="#">"Getting Organized"</a> on the AAMC website<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Registration for MCAT exam dates in the first half of the 2025 testing year is now open</a>  |
| <b>January</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/> The <a href="#">AAMC PREview®</a> professional readiness exam registration opens  |
| <b>January 31</b>             | You must request at least three letters of recommendation from Bard faculty for your file (two from the sciences and one additional letter from any faculty member)  |
| <b>February-<br/>March</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> Start thinking about your personal statement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Start compiling your list of activities  |
| <b>April-June</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching schools using the <a href="#">MSAR</a> and create a list of potential schools<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Schedule a time</a> to meet with the pre-professional health career adviser to discuss your school list, activities and/or for personal statement review<br><input type="checkbox"/> Typical MCAT testing time frame for those entering the next cycle<br><br><b>Forward Test Scores:</b><br>❖ Administered by the AAMC, scores are automatically sent to AMCAS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Request that your scores be sent to <a href="#">AACOMAS</a> and/or <a href="#">TMDSAS</a><br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">AADSAS</a> request scores be sent at the time of testing  |
| <b>May</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Register for the centralized application service:<br>❖ <b>May 1, 2025:</b> <a href="#">AMCAS</a> (MD) begin filling out the application<br>❖ <b>May 5, 2025:</b> <a href="#">AACOMAS</a> (DO) submission opens<br>❖ <a href="#">AADSAS</a> (Dental) submission opens<br>❖ <a href="#">TMDSAS</a> (Texas Medical and Dental Schools) application is available online<br><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Request transcripts</a> to be sent to the application service<br>❖ Review the instructions: <a href="#">AMCAS</a> , <a href="#">AACOMAS</a> , <a href="#">AADSAS</a><br>❖ If you are currently enrolled, wait until spring grades are posted<br>❖ <a href="#">TMDSAS</a> will send a request to you when they want your transcripts<br>❖ Use the National Student Clearing House to send transcripts (choose "electronic" under "delivery method")<br><input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to have transcripts sent to the centralized application service from any college level work you have done (not just Bard)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Request the <b>committee letter</b> through the centralized application service list Lisa Kooperman as the author and use <a href="mailto:lkooperman@bard.edu">lkooperman@bard.edu</a> |

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| <b>May 27</b>   | AMCAS application opens for submission   |
| <b>June 1</b>   | Letters of recommendation due in the Career Development Office   |
| <b>June 27</b>  | AMCAS Data Transmission to Medical Schools   |
| <b>June 30</b>  | <p>In order to receive a committee letter of recommendation, the following items have to be satisfied. Otherwise, the committee reserves the right to not provide a formal composite letter of evaluation. The individual letters of recommendation in your file will be forwarded to the schools with an accompanying generic cover letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ you must have requested at least three letters of recommendation from Bard faculty;</li> <li>❖ your primary application must be submitted to the respective administrative service;</li> <li>❖ and you must have completed the MCAT by the end of June of the year you are applying</li> </ul>                                 |
| <b>July-December</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit secondary applications; don't wait for the deadlines to submit...early is better   |
| <b>August 1</b>   | Early Decision (ED) deadlines  |
| <b>August-February</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to interview invitations<br><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a mock interview with the Pre-Professional Health Career Adviser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Please wait for an interview invitation before scheduling so we know how to prepare for it. Schools have different interview formats.</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank you emails to interviewers   |
| <b>September</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AACOMAS Academic Update (Coursework) Periods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Sep 2, 2025 – Oct 10, 2025</li> <li>➢ Dec 15, 2025 – Feb 13, 2026</li> <li>➢ Mar 16, 2026 – Jun 12, 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>October</b>  | Acceptance notifications begin and ED notifications are sent out   |
| <b>January</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Send fall transcripts to allopathic schools directly<br><input type="checkbox"/> Refer to academic update periods for DO programs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Send any significant updates to schools you are waiting to hear from  |
| <b>February 19</b>  | Medical schools can run an aggregate report to find out how many applicants in their pool have selected "Plan to Enroll" at their school versus another school.  |
| <b>April 15</b><br><br><b>Beginning April 30</b><br><br><b>April 30</b> | <p>Applicant protocols ask applicants to narrow their acceptance offers to three. Applicants holding more than three offers should narrow their offers of acceptance to three, with no limit on alternate-list offers. Review the <a href="#">Choose your Medical School Tool</a></p> <p>Accepted applicants will have two options to select: "Plan to Enroll" and "Commit to Enroll." Selecting "Commit to Enroll" indicates that the applicant has made a final selection and withdrawn all other applications.</p> <p>Medical schools can run detailed reports to identify accepted and alternate-list applicants who have selected "Plan to Enroll" or "Commit to Enroll" at their school versus another school.</p> |