Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program Admissions Requirements

The Dean’s Office and the Registrar for Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) require the materials listed below in order to complete an application for the Master of Sciences in Preclinical Sciences (MSPCS) Program of MUSM:

• An online application form for the MSPCS Program completed and submitted through the website below along with payment of a non-refundable fee of $50 for domestic applicants and $150 for international applicants. [https://www.applyweb.com/apply/mercerms](https://www.applyweb.com/apply/mercerms)

  *Online application submission deadlines are midnight on May 22nd for domestic applicants and midnight on May 1st for international applicants. The Mercer MSPCS Program only admits once each year for fall enrollment.*

• An essay of approximately 750 words, which is part of the online application form, discussing your educational goals related to the Master’s Program, your career goals utilizing the Master’s degree, and a summary of experiences related to your career goals (e.g.-shadowing health professionals, employment in a healthcare setting, and volunteering related to the profession).

• Official transcripts, sent directly from the college or university for all college-level work completed to earn a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. All international transcripts must be fully converted and submitted through World Education Service (WES). Domestic transcripts may be sent by email to admissions@med.mercer.edu or by mail to: Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program, ATTN: Graduate Program Enrollment Specialist, Mercer University School of Medicine, 1501 Mercer University Dr., Macon, GA 31207.

• Test scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), or Dental Admissions Test (DAT) taken after January 1, 2015. For GRE score report transmission, use institutional code - 5409 and department code – 0000. *Applicants already holding a Master’s degree or higher are exempt from submitting the above tests scores; however, a graduate degree transcript must be submitted to the address above as part of the required application materials.* For MCAT and DAT scores, a score report downloaded from the applicant’s testing service online account may be submitted as an email attachment to admissions@med.mercer.edu. *Testing dates should be scheduled so that official scores can be submitted by June 5th.*

• Two letters of reference from college professors or other individuals who have taught or have supervised the work of the applicant. Letters should be submitted by the letter writer through the online application system, by email to admissions@med.mercer.edu or by mail to: Master of Science in Preclinical Sciences Program, ATTN: Graduate Program Enrollment Specialist, Mercer University School of Medicine, 1501 Mercer University Dr., Macon, GA 31207.

Admissions Process

• All of the required materials above must be received for an application file to be considered complete and eligible for review by the MSPCS Admissions Committee. All applications must be complete by June 5th. Each applicant will be notified by email at the email address provided on his/her application when his/her application file is complete. Only complete application files will be reviewed.

• During the application review, applicants may be contacted for a phone interview with a member of the MSPCS Program Admissions Committee. The MSPCS Admissions Committee will evaluate each applicant holistically based on his or her academic record, test scores, personal qualities, and personal goals.
Applicants will be notified of admissions decisions by email. Complete applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. A decision may take up to four weeks after an applicant receives the notice that his/her application is complete.

Accepted applicants will be required to submit a $50 non-refundable deposit to hold their spot in the Program. The fee will be applied to their tuition upon enrollment. If an applicant submits a deposit, then decides not to enroll in the fall, the deposit will be forfeited to MUSM. All deposits must be submitted according to the deadline stated in the applicant’s acceptance email.

Minimum Requirements for Admission to the MSPCS Program

- B.S., B.A., or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution. Degree work must include one-year of coursework with the corresponding laboratories for the following subjects: general biology, general or inorganic chemistry, and organic chemistry. Two courses in physics are also required. **The undergraduate degree and required coursework must be completed by August 15th, before fall enrollment in the MSPCS Program.**

- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), Dental Admissions Test (DAT), or other professional program entrance exam scores from exams taken within the last two calendar years. Scores at or above the following values are preferred: GRE - 300 (with 148 or above on components), MCAT – 494, and DAT – 17 (Academic Average). **Applicants already holding a Master’s degree or higher are exempt from submitting test scores, but these applicants must submit an official transcript for their graduate work.**

- International students must also submit scores from the TOEFL examination. The University’s minimum proficiency level is a score of 20 on each section of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum composite TOEFL score is 80 (IBT), 213 (CBT) or 550 (PBT). If applying as an international student, please contact the **International Programs Office.**