

Bob Stump Presentation 10/11/2006

These are brief notes of the presentation given by Bob Stump the Indiana University Medical School Director of Admission. Keep in mind most of the questions and answers are based on IU's programs.

How to prepare for the application:

1. Be a good student:
 - Class of 2005: G.P.A. Avg.- 3.68 MCAT-9.9/P
 - Do not need to be a science major, just need to fill prerequisites (1 year of Gen. Chem., Organic, Physics, and Biology.) Take a few upper level science courses.
 - MCAT measures science knowledge, verbal skills, and writing
2. Get to know faculty, stay out of trouble for letters of recommendation
 - background check required for admission
 - Don't worry about minor incidences
 - Anything major or a pattern of incidences will be a problem.
3. Get involved in other activities (research, clubs, athletics, volunteering)
 - Important to learn to interact with others
 - Everyone should have: clinical experience (especially shadowing), philanthropy, and research if you are interested.
4. Use the 9 Core Competencies as a guide:
 - Effective Communication
 - Basic Clinical Skills
 - Using Science as a Guide in Medicine
 - Lifelong Learning
 - Self-awareness, Self-care, and Personal Growth
 - Social and Community Contexts of Health Care
 - Moral Reasoning and Ethical Judgment
 - Problem Solving
 - Professionalism and Role Recognition

Medical School

1. First year coursework: What's normal?
2. Second year coursework: What's wrong? and introduction to clinical skills
3. Third year: Clinical Rotations
4. Fourth year: Elective Rotations
5. Research Scholars Program option: year off (between 2nd and 3rd) to do research
6. Flexibility in coursework allows for research and philanthropic activity

After Medical School

1. Residency: 3-5 years training in specialty

After Residency

1. Take boards and practice

Questions Asked

1. How many times can you take the MCAT?
 - Ideally once
 - For IU: as many times as it takes (not averaged)
 - New MCAT: 3x/year
 - Need a letter from a medical school to take it more than 3x
 - Scores valid for 3 years, but ideally 1 year
2. Is undergraduate's residency considered?
 - Two categories of non residents: non-residents and non-residents with Indiana ties.
 - Preference given to residents of Indiana
3. Questions concerning Early Admissions Program
 - Apply to one school by August 1st
 - Notified by October 1st of admission
 - Requirements: 3.6 and 30 MCAT score (no section < 8)
 - Most students who apply early decision are accepted (this year 19/24)
 - Benefits: know earlier, and first choice of campus
4. Is the difficulty of your major considered?
 - Yes, admission committee members have diverse background and staff tries to determine difficulty of program.
 - MCAT shows knowledge more objectively
5. How are campus assignments determined?
 - Questionnaire given in March
 - Rank campuses 1-9
6. Financial Aid
 - Mostly loans
 - Some scholarships (merit and need based)
 - Keep debt in perspective- you'll be in the top 5-10% of earners after med-school.