

- Compiling a School List
 - Expensive and time-consuming process
 - Divert energy and money into schools you truly see yourself attending!
 - Three main categories to consider when choosing schools:
 - Academic needs
 - Curriculum
 - Do you prefer a pass/fail system or a letter grade system?
 - Some schools have this system for a few years or even all four years!
 - Learning style
 - Do you prefer a lecture-heavy or team-based learning curriculum?
 - Type of degree
 - Some schools have dual degree programs, i.e. PhD, MBA, MPH, where you can earn your medical degree along with an additional degree.
 - In some schools, you can commit to these as soon as you apply or commit later.
 - Personal needs
 - Location
 - Do you prefer the school to be near or far from your support network? What is the culture of the area?
 - Demographics
 - What is the demographics of the class and faculty?
 - Professional needs
 - Research
 - Do you prefer performing research? Is it okay if research is required? Do you want to be able to network with faculty and staff well to access research opportunities?
 - Types of organizations on-campus
 - How to find more information on schools
 - Formal resources
 - MSAR (Medical School Admission Requirements) brought to you by the AAMC
 - Features compiled data of students applied and accepted at M.D. schools
 - (As an additional note, the ChooseDO website can also provide you with similar, free information provided by the MSAR but instead for osteopathic medical institutions.)
 - Institution websites
 - Informal resources
 - Online forums
 - The Student Doctor Network (SDN)
 - Talking with current medical students