

Traditional Medical Student Experience

- What is a traditional medical student?
 - One who enters medical school immediately following graduation (did not take any gap years)
- Don't need to be a science major in undergrad!
 - Just be sure to fulfill all the requirements for medical school
- Have a well-rounded application for medical school
 - Can be overwhelming at times
 - Can include research, volunteering, summer pre-medical experiences, etc.
- If pursuing this route, try to connect with other students who are also planning on following the same traditional medical student pathway!
- Manage time effectively
- Stay on top of studying for the MCAT!
 - Plan your schedule accordingly
 - Consider a lighter course load (less credits, etc.)
- Transition from undergrad to medical school
 - Faster pace in medical school
 - More time to shadow in medical school and more opportunities because of medical school connections
 - Greater independence
 - Going to class is a full-time job
 - But doing research and extracurriculars on top of that is possible!
- Have persistence and passion as you pursue this career!
- Starting your medical journey earlier can make things easier in some ways.