

Application Requirements and Instructions (International Student)

The Loras College Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program will consider international applicants, but it is important to know that individuals who are not permanent residents of the US are less likely to gain admission to a US medical school. Some medical schools will consider and accept a small number of international students who are not permanent residents, but some will not. Prior to beginning a postbaccalaureate premedical program, international students are advised to research the challenges they will experience in seeking admission to a US medical school. The information provided at the [American Association of Medical Colleges](#) website can provide more information.

Eligibility:

- Have earned at least a bachelor's degree by the time of enrollment, with no natural science lab classes taken. (If you have taken one or two of the prerequisite classes already, please contact the Program Director to discuss eligibility).
- Strong academic ability, evidenced by a cumulative undergraduate GPA equivalent of at least 3.0 (out of a 4.0 scale). A holistic admission decision will be based on multiple factors, including English language proficiency scores, your motivation for becoming a physician (or other healthcare professional), work history, volunteer activities, and other extracurricular involvement.

To Apply:

- 1) Visit the PostBacCAS website: <https://postbaccas.liaisoncas.com>, click "Create Account", and complete the online application. (Preferred browsers are Google Chrome or Firefox).
- 2) Submit the following supplemental application documents:
 - a. Current resume
 - i. Upload to the Loras College "Program Materials" section of your PostBacCAS online application.
 - b. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - i. Create two Recommendation Requests in the "Supporting Information" section of your PostBacCAS online application, which will then be emailed to your references. Your references will upload their recommendation directly to an Evaluator Portal which will then automatically get sent to PostBacCAS.
 - c. An unofficial copy of transcripts from each institution attended
 - i. Emailed to megan.henderson@loras.edu.
 - d. Official foreign credential evaluation reports showing the United States equivalency for academic credentials earned in other countries
 - i. Loras College accepts evaluations directly from either Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (<https://www.ece.org/ECE>) or Foreign Credits, Inc. (<https://www.foreigncredits.com/>). Applicants should contact Graduate Admissions if they have already received a foreign credential evaluation report from an organization other than ECE or Foreign Credits. The official foreign credential evaluation report may be mailed to:

Megan Henderson
Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admissions
Loras College
1450 Alta Vista Street
Dubuque, IA 52001.
 - e. Proof of English language proficiency
 - i. Applicants must submit one of the official test scores below (unless you have received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in Australia, Barbados, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, United Kingdom, or the United States). Proficiency scores must be mailed directly to Loras College (see address above) from the testing center and must not be more than 2 years old.
 1. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - a. Internet-based test – score of 80 or higher. Paper-based test – score of 550 or higher
 2. IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
 - a. 6.5 or higher
 3. SAT: 500 or higher on evidence-based Reading and Writing sections
 4. ACT: 21 or higher on both English and Reading sections

Application Deadlines:

- For students applying to begin in Summer: the PostBacCAS online application should be submitted and all supplemental application documents should be received by May 1.
- For students applying to begin in Fall: the PostBacCAS online application should be submitted and all supplemental application documents should be received by August 1.
- For students applying to begin in Spring: the PostBacCAS online application should be submitted and all supplemental application documents should be received by January 1.
- Please note: Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until the application deadline for each term. The 12 month program completion timeline can only be met when students begin the program in the Summer term.

Admission Decision and Next Steps:

Immediately following receipt of all application materials, your file will be reviewed by the admission committee. You will then be contacted via email with your admission decision and information about your next steps. At that time, you will be sent a Certification of Finances form to complete and send back to us (along with a passport photo) so that we can start the I-20 process.

Questions?

- If you have questions about eligibility, please contact the Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program Director at premed@loras.edu.
- If you have questions about the application requirements and admission process, please contact Megan Henderson, Director of Admission for Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Programs at megan.henderson@loras.edu.