

Transfer

Duke University School of Medicine, because of its unique curriculum, does not accept transfer students except under very compelling personal family circumstances as determined by the Vice Dean for Education and Associate Dean for Admissions. Students who wish to transfer must complete their basic science education and can only enter at the clinical education year and only when there is an open seat in the clinical year (Year Two) at Duke University School of Medicine. A student requesting transfer cannot begin the process until confirmation by the Duke University School of Medicine of space availability in the second year, which is on or before March 15th. All required materials and evaluations must be received by July 15.

The application procedures are as follows:

1. Completion of the Duke University School of Medicine Secondary Application;
2. Receipt of the AMCAS application data that was submitted for the applicant's original medical school application;
3. A letter from the dean of the medical school where the student is currently enrolled indicating the student is in good standing;
4. Two letters from faculty supporting the applicant's candidacy for transfer;
5. A certified transcript from the institution the student will be transferring from;
6. Passing/satisfactory performance on the USMLE Step 1 or Step 2;
7. Satisfactory completion of the basic science (pre-clerkship) coursework at the current medical school with no remediation;
8. Attestation of reading, understanding, and satisfying the Duke School of Medicine Health Professional Technical Standards;
9. The Vice Dean for Education is responsible for reviewing the academic portfolio to determine comparability. This includes review of the AMCAS application data, Step results, transcript, and curriculum of the program. If the curriculum is comparable, the applicant is eligible to be invited for an interview.
10. An interview with at least two members of the Duke University School of Medicine Admissions Committee to determine if the applicant's personal attributes are comparable to those of current medical students admitted through the regular admissions process
11. Based on the criteria used in the decision process cited in Section 10, the final decision is determined by the Admissions Committee.
12. All decisions are non-negotiable.

Questions may be directed to the Duke University School of Medicine, Office of Admissions, DUMC 3710, Durham, NC 27710, medadm@dm.duke.edu.

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