

## APPLICATION HANDBOOK FOR THE ENTRY YEAR 2015 APPLICATION

## Welcome to TMDSAS

This Application Handbook was created by the Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) to assist applicants in completing the application for the 2015 entering class. Reading the instructions will give you an edge and make completing your application much easier. It is your responsibility to read, understand and follow all TMDSAS instructions at the time of submission.

## **About TMDSAS**

TMDSAS is the centralized application processing service for applicants to the first-year entering classes at all state supported public medical, dental and veterinary schools in the state of Texas. TMDSAS simplifies the application process for both the applicants and the participating schools. We provide one standardized application, relieving students of the need to complete a separate application for each of the participating schools. The participating schools benefit by receiving uniform information on all applicants and by designing the questions on the application. TMDSAS serves only as an information clearinghouse and does not influence the schools' review of the application or their selection of applicants to interview and accept.

Participating Schools:

#### Medical

UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
UT Medical Branch at Galveston
UT Health Science Center at Houston Medical School
UT School of Medicine at San Antonio

- UT SOM at San Antonio San Antonio Clinical Education Campus
- UT SOM at San Antonio South Texas Clinical Education Campus

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, College of Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Lubbock
University of North Texas—Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at El Paso

## **Dental**

Baylor College of Dentistry
The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
The University of Texas Dental School in San Antonio

#### Veterinary

Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine



#### **Contact TMDSAS**

If you have questions and need to speak with a TMDSAS representative, contact us at the number below or by email.

#### **Customer Service Contact Information:**

Hours: Monday-Friday (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Time), except Federal holidays

**Phone:** 512-499-4785 **Email:** info@tmdsas.com

**Website:** http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas/

**Include your TMDSAS ID number and full name in all correspondence**. TMDSAS will only discuss an application with the applicant and the applicant's designated schools. Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, FERPA, TMDSAS will **not** discuss an application with parents, spouses, relatives, friends or employers.

## **Applicant Responsibilities**

- 1. Applicants are expected to become familiar with the application procedures at each school to which they apply. All application documents, including primary application forms, transcripts, letters of evaluation and fees must be submitted to TMDSAS in a timely manner, by the deadline. Secondary applications (if applicable) must be submitted directly to the respective schools.
- 2. Applicants must promptly notify TMDSAS of any change of address. Applicants may change their address by logging on to their application. Go to the [Contact Info] page and make the update(s).
- 3. Applicants must notify TMDSAS of certain changes to the application. After submitting your application, you are able to make changes to the following sections by logging back on to the application: Contact Info, Colleges Attended, College Coursework, Planned Enrollment, My Account and Test Scores.

To update the information in your Letters of Evaluation section, TMDSAS must make the change on your behalf. Once you have secured a different evaluator, please notify TMDSAS of the new evaluator via email or through the application message system. Include your full name, TMDSAS ID and indicate the name of the evaluator that needs to be removed. Provide the following information for the evaluator that should be added:

- Salutation (i.e. Dr, Prof, Mr, etc.)
- First name of Evaluator
- Last name of Evaluator
- Suffix (i.e. MD, PhD, etc.)
- Relationship to you
- How evaluator will submit letter (via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal, Interfolio or regular mail)
- Email address of evaluator (if submitting via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal)
- Whether or not you release your right of access to the letter



- 4. After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application, if you are charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime, you must inform TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. Failure to do so could result in the rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.
- 5. After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application, if you become the subject of an institutional action or disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board, you must inform TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. Failure to do so could result in the rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.
- 6. Applicants must respond promptly to all invitations for interview. In those instances when an applicant cannot appear for a previously scheduled interview, the applicant is responsible for promptly notifying the school. The cancellation should be undertaken by telephone with the school, followed by an email.
- 7. Applicants who remain under consideration for admission should keep TMDSAS informed of the mailing address, email address and telephone number where they can be reached. Applicants who are unavailable (e.g. foreign travel) should instruct and grant authority to a parent or other individual to act on their behalf. TMDSAS must be notified of this designation by the applicant.
- 8. Applicants who choose to withdraw from one or more schools must notify each school and TMDSAS of their decision in writing via email.
- 9. Applicants who have made a final decision on the school they plan to attend have the obligation to promptly withdraw their applications from all other schools.
- 10. Prior to submitting an application, you should read and understand the Technical Standards/Essential Functions for admission and graduation at each school with which you are applying. If accepted to medical/dental/veterinary school, you will be required to sign a statement indicating you are able to meet these standards with or without accommodations.

#### TMDSAS applicants will also:

- Arrange for all official transcripts from all U.S., U.S. Overseas, English-speaking Canadian, and International (foreign) post-secondary institutions attended to be delivered to TMDSAS.
- Print a Transcript Request Form from the TMDSAS website for each college/university attended and request that the Registrar's offices attach the form to all transcripts sent to TMDSAS:

TMDSAS Attn: Transcripts P.O. Box 2175 Austin, TX 78768 Address for overnight package delivery (e.g. Fed Ex)

210 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Room B.140E Austin, TX 78701



- Arrange for TMDSAS to receive a course-by-course Transcript Evaluation Report from a certified education credentials evaluation service for all international (foreign and French-speaking Canadian) institutions attended.
- Respond immediately to ALL notices, comments, instructions and questions received from TMDSAS and each school to which they apply. Applicants are responsible for regularly checking their email and TMDSAS application accounts for these important notices and questions!
- Print and retain a copy of the completed TMDSAS application.
- Submit the application fee by the deadline.
- Submit updated transcripts throughout the application cycle.
- Monitor the status of the application online.

## **Completing a TMDSAS Application**

The application will be available beginning Wednesday, May 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Central Time.

The deadline to submit your application is **Tuesday, October 1, 2014 by 5:00 p.m. Central Time**. Early filing is strongly encouraged.

The application deadline for the following programs is **August 1, 2014**:

- AAMC Early Decision Program Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine
- Early Decision Program University of North Texas HSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Partnership for Primary Care Program Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine

You can access the entry year 2015 TMDSAS Application through our website. Once you have registered for a TMDSAS account, you may login to update your information as often as you wish prior to submitting your application.



## **Re-Applicants**

Applicants who reapply are required to complete a new application and submit new official transcripts, letters of evaluation and application fee. TMDSAS does not keep letters or transcripts on file from previous year's applications.

If you applied for admission since 2010, it is not necessary to go through the registration process again. You will sign in to TMDSAS using the same email address and password that you used for the previous application.

The majority of the information entered into the previous year's application will "roll-over" to the current application for your review. For these sections, you <u>MUST</u> still go to each section, review the information displayed, make corrections where necessary, and then SAVE the page.

Information entered in the following sections will **NOT** roll-over: Select Schools, Demographic, Family Info, Financial, Essays, Letters of Evaluation, Proof of Residency, Planned Enrollment, Chronology of Activities and Certification Statement. These sections will need to be completed again. After you have saved each section of the application, go to the Certification and Payment sections to complete your application.

## **Technical Details**

The TMDSAS application supports **only** the following browsers. **Not using one of these may cause you to experience various technical issues.** 

For PC Users:
Internet Explorer
Firefox
Firefox



## **Deadlines**

Applications must be submitted by the posted deadline.

Submit your supporting documents as soon as possible to avoid delaying the review of your application by the schools. During peak periods, TMDSAS can receive hundreds of individual application items by mail each day. We process items as they arrive, but it may take several days for an item to be processed, loaded into our system and appear on your [Status] page. Please be patient and check your [Status] page regularly. Given the number of applications TMDSAS receives, we regret we cannot verify receipt of materials by phone or email. Such inquiries significantly slow down the process.

#### Deadlines

August 1	<ol> <li>Submission deadline for application to the following programs:</li> <li>AAMC Early Decision Program - Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine</li> <li>Early Decision Program - UNT HSC - Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine</li> <li>Texas A&amp;M HSC College of Medicine - Partnership for Primary Care Program</li> </ol>
August 1	All supporting documents (transcripts, evaluation letters, test scores) for Early Decision Program applicants <b>must</b> be received at TMDSAS.  * Failure to submit documents by these dates may result in disqualification from Early Decision Program consideration.
October 1	Submission deadline for TMDSAS Medical and Dental School Applications.  Submission deadline for application to Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine.  All sections of the application must be complete and the application must be submitted by 5:00 PM CT on October 1. No exceptions will be made.  If paying by credit card or electronic funds transfer, payment section must be completed in order to submit your application by the deadline.
October 8	If paying by money order/cashier's check, application fee <b>must</b> be <b>received</b> in our office by 5:00 pm CT. <b>No exceptions will be made</b> .
October 15	All supporting documents (transcripts, evaluation letters) for applicants should be post-marked by this date.  * Failure to submit documents by these dates may result in the disqualification of your application.  * Some schools will not extend an interview offer until all supporting documents have been received.
January 21	Submission deadline for RANKING of SCHOOL PREFERENCE for the TMDSAS admissions match - to be entered online by 5:00 pm CT.



## **Secondary Applications**

Links to the secondary applications are available on the TMDSAS website. Secondary applications should be completed at the same time you submit your TMDSAS application. Any questions relating to a secondary application should be directed to the school. Any secondary application required documents and/or fees should be sent directly to the school and NOT to TMDSAS. The following schools require a secondary:

- UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas
- Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine
- Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine
- The University of North Texas HSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Texas Tech University HSC Paul L. Foster SOM at El Paso
- Baylor College of Dentistry
- Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine

## **TMDSAS Application Sections**

#### [SELECT SCHOOLS]

- -Select Schools
- -Application History

## [QUESTIONS]

-Personal

**Contact Info** 

Demographic

Socioeconomic

Military Service

Family

**Financial** 

Felonies and Misdemeanors

#### -Education

**High School** 

Colleges Attended

**Colleges Attended Questions** 

Terms Attended

College Coursework

**Planned Enrollment** 

**Disciplinary Action** 

#### -Employment & Activities

Academic Recognition

Non-Academic Recognition

Leadership

**Employment** 

**Research Activities** 

**Healthcare Activities** 

Veterinary Supervised Experience (for vet applicants only)/Animal Experience (for vet applicants only)

**Community Service** 

Extracurricular & Leisure

**Planned Activities** 

#### [ESSAYS]

## [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS]

- -Upload Photo
- -Test Dates
- -Letters of Evaluation

## [CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES]

## [PROOF OF RESIDENCY]

#### [PAY & SUBMIT]

- -Certification
- -Payment



<u>Important Note</u>: TMDSAS will begin to process your application once the online application has been submitted and the following items have been received:

- Application Fee Application Fee (payable by credit card, electronic funds transfer/ACH or by mailing in a money order/cashier's check drawn on a U.S. bank).
- Copy of Permanent Resident card or Visa (if applicable)
- Spring 2014 Grades (or Winter 2014 grades if on a quarter system)

Applications are transmitted to schools even if TMDSAS has not received all supporting documents. Schools are updated on a daily basis with supporting documents.

## **Application Hints & Tips**

#### **START EARLY**

What's the best way to make sure you get everything done on time? Start early.

Do <u>not</u> wait until the last minute to submit your TMDSAS application. Many schools begin interviewing candidates in July and August. Applications received early have a much better chance of being considered.

#### **QUALITY MATTERS**

Although you may be tempted to rush through the process of applying for admission, remember that the quality of the items you submit will make a difference.

During review, the schools consider every factor that has contributed to your academic achievement and your personal achievement. Every item entered on the application will be considered and compared to others in that same group. So the quality of your application may be the thing that makes you stand out from the crowd—and that results in you getting the decision you're looking for.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Do not use the "back" button while completing the application. Using the navigation buttons and features of your browser is very likely to cause errors and other unpredictable behavior. Instead, use the application's internal navigational features as much as possible to move from page to page.

#### **Section Overview**

## [SELECT SCHOOLS] SECTION

#### **SELECT SCHOOLS:**

In this section, you will first indicate if you are applying through any special/assured admission program such as JAMP or the Texas A&M COM Partnership in Primary Care Program.

Check the box of each school you wish to apply to. If you plan on applying to any of the dual degree programs offered at each school (e.g. DO/PhD, DDS/PhD, MBA/MD, FMAT) you check the box of each dual degree program you wish to apply to. Next, you will indicate if you are applying to any MD/PhD programs through AMCAS. You will also indicate if you intend to apply to any non-TMDSAS schools for the current application cycle.



#### **APPLICATION HISTORY:**

In this section, you will indicate if you have previously applied to medical, dental or veterinary school. You will indicate the school(s) applied to, the entry year you applied for, if you were accepted and if you are currently enrolled. If you were ever accepted, you will need to indicate if you were ever dismissed or withdrawn from medical, dental, or vet school.

<u>Important</u>: If you are a re-applicant, do <u>not</u> forget to update this section. Your answers from the previous application cycle will roll forward and do not reflect that you have previously applied. Therefore, the information must be updated and saved.

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## [QUESTIONS] SECTION – PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### **CONTACT INFO:**

\*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process.\*

#### **Legal Name**

Enter your first, middle and last names. You will also enter any salutations or prefixes associated with your name.

#### **Other Names**

If you prefer to be addressed by a **different first name** other than your legal first name, you will indicate that information in this section.

Also, if there are any other last names listed on your academic records than what you have already entered, **you must indicate each additional last name** then click the [Add Name] button. Examples include maiden names or hyphenated last names.

#### Email/Phone

Indicate your email address. If you need to change your email address, do so through the [My Account] link in the upper right-hand corner of the application.

Provide the cell phone number where TMDSAS and/or admissions officers can contact you. If you do not have a cell phone, you will answer "No" to the question "Do you have a cell phone?"

You will also provide your work phone number – if applicable.

Email is the primary mode of communication between TMDSAS and applicants. Urgent TMDSAS correspondence will only be sent to you via email. Be sure to keep your email address updated at all times. It is the applicant's responsibility to regularly check both their email and TMDSAS application for important messages from TMDSAS. Providing an incorrect email address will prevent you from receiving important messages from TMDSAS and/or the schools to which you are applying.

Email messages are often sent to multiple applicants, which some email systems identify as spam or junk email. Some email providers use filters to prevent users from receiving spam. Email filters may interpret an email from TMDSAS or a school as spam and automatically delete a message to you about the status of your application. To avoid missing important TMDSAS emails, turn the "spam" or "junk" email filters off during the application cycle. If your email provider does not allow you to turn the filter off, you may have to access a "junk mail file" that archives all messages identified as sent to multiple addresses. Periodically check your spam/junk email file for TMDSAS or school related messages.



#### **Mailing Address**

- Address 1 Enter your current mailing address. TMDSAS and the schools you apply to will use this address to send you any correspondence.
- Address 2 If needed, enter an apartment number or additional address information in this field. If not, leave this field blank.
- City Type the name of your city.
- **Country** Select your country from the pull down menu.
- State Select your state from the pull down menu.
- County Select the US County of your mailing address from the drop-down menu if applicable.
- **Zip Code or Postal Code -** Enter your zip or postal code.
- Phone number Provide the phone number where TMDSAS and/or admissions officers can contact you.

#### **Permanent Address**

Enter your Permanent Address information if different from your Mailing Address. If your Permanent Address is the same as your Mailing Address, answer "Yes" to the question "Is your Mailing Address also your Permanent Address?" and the information will pre-populate from what you entered under Mailing Address.

- Address 1 Enter your permanent address.
- Address 2 If needed, enter an apartment number or additional address information in this field. If not, leave this field blank.
- City Type the name of your city.
- **Country** Select your country from the pull down menu.
- State Select your state from the pull down menu.
- County Select the US County of your permanent address from the drop-down menu if applicable.
- **Zip Code or Postal Code** Enter your zip or postal code.
- **Phone number -** Provide the phone number for your permanent address.

#### **DEMOGRAPHIC INFO:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

#### **Birth Information**

- **Date of Birth** enter your date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
- City Enter the city where you were born.
- Country Select the country in which you were born from the drop-down menu.
- **State/Possession/Canadian Province** Select the state, possession or province in which you were born from the drop-down menu.
- County Select the US County in which you were born from the drop-down menu if applicable.

#### **Home Town**

The following questions refer to what you consider your "home town"

- **City** Enter the city name of your home town.
- **Country** Select the country from the drop-down menu.
- State/Possession/Canadian Province Select the state, possession or province from the drop-down menu
- County Select the US County of your hometown from the drop-down menu if applicable.
- Approximate population Select the approximate population range from the drop-down menu.



- **Describe the area** Select: Rural, Urban, Inner City, Suburban, Military or Government Installation or Other. (Definitions will be provided)
- **Primary language spoken at home** Select the primary language spoken from the drop-down menu.

## Gender

Indicate whether you are male or female.

## **Ethnicity**

Indicate whether you are:

- a. Hispanic or Latino
- b. Not Hispanic or Latino

## Race

Select one or more of the displayed racial categories that best describe you.

## Race or Ethnic Group Descriptions

Ethnicity and Race questions are asked for federal and/or state reporting purposes. These questions are voluntary, and applicants will not be at a disadvantage in the admissions process if they are not completed.

Hispanic or Latino	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
Black/African American	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
Asian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
American Indian or Alaskan Native	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.  Applicants may be expected to provide official documentation/certification of active affiliation with a recognized tribe or reservation community.
White/Caucasian	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
International	A person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and who is in this country on a temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely. A person who is PR pending (applied for permanent resident status but has not yet received permanent resident status) should be classified as international status until permanent residency has been granted.  Note: A Non-Citizen who has been lawfully admitted for permanent residence is to be reported in the appropriate racial/ethnic categories along with United States citizens.



#### **SOCIOECONOMIC INFO:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

The questions in this section ask:

- Are you a member of the first generation in your family to apply to, attend or graduate from an undergraduate program? (i.e. are you the first in your immediate family to go to college?)
- Are you a member of the first generation in your family to apply to, attend or graduate from a graduate or professional program?
- Are you a parent or guardian of dependent children?
- What do you consider your primary language?
- Are you bilingual or multilingual?

You will also be asked several questions that pertain to the household in which you were raised or spent the majority of your life from birth to age 18. If you moved frequently during this time period, enter the information for the location you spent the <u>majority</u> of your childhood.

#### **MILITARY SERVICE:**

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You will answer questions concerning whether or not you have served in the United States military.

#### **FAMILY:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

You will enter information regarding your parents as well as any significant male and/or female figures in your life.

You will indicate how many siblings you have. You may include step-siblings if you choose. You will then indicate the following for each of your siblings:

- Age
- Relationship brother or sister
- If they have ever attended college

## **Dental Applicants Only – Relatives in Dentistry**

The purpose of these questions is to demonstrate to admissions committees the extent of your knowledge, background and experiences with the dental profession. List any relatives who are dentists, are in dental school, or who have studied or are studying Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Dental Laboratory Technology or related dental fields.



#### **FINANCIAL INFO:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

You will enter the percentage of your college expenses provided by family, spouse, academic scholarships, financial need-based scholarships, loans, employment, or other sources. The total percentage must add up to 100%.

If you have graduated college, you will also be asked to indicate the percentage of your living expenses provided by family, spouse, employment or other sources. The total percentage must add up to 100%.

#### **FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS:**

You will disclose and explain any felonies or misdemeanors that may appear on your record. You need NOT disclose information about any of the following:

- You were arrested but not charged
- You were arrested and charged, but the charges were dropped
- You were arrested and charged, but found not guilty by a judge or jury
- You were arrested and found guilty by a judge or jury, but the conviction was overturned on appeal
- You received an executive pardon
- A juvenile or criminal record that has been sealed or expunged. Failure to disclose information that is not in fact expunged or sealed may result in the applicant being denied admission
- Minor traffic violations

<u>Important</u>: After the date of submission of your TMDSAS application and prior to matriculation, if you are charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime, you must inform TMDSAS as well as the admissions office of each school to which you have applied. You must notify TMDSAS and each school within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. **Failure to do so is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.** 

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## [QUESTIONS] SECTION - EDUCATION

#### **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

Indicate how you completed your high school education: High School, GED or Home Schooled.

## **High School Graduates**

Enter the Country and State, if applicable, in which your high school is located. Enter part of the high school name and then click [Search] to search for your high school. The less you type in the [High School Name] field, the more results you will get back. Try entering words that are unique to your high school's name. From the search results, click on [Add School] next to the correct listing – doing so will pre-populate the following information:

- High School Name
- Zip Code

County

City

State



If your high school was not found, you will need to add the school manually in the designated [High School Information] fields.

Next, enter graduation month, graduation year, class size and class rank, if applicable, in the designated fields.

#### **GED**

For applicants who have received their GED certificate, please list the city, zip code, country and state where the certificate was awarded. Enter the graduation month and graduation year the certificate was received.

#### **Home Schooled**

For applicants who were home schooled, please list the city, zip code, country and state where you were home schooled (or received your diploma). Enter the graduation month and graduation year.

#### **SAT or ACT Results**

If you have taken either the SAT or ACT, you **must** enter your score(s). Contact your college admissions office, College Board or ACT if you don't remember your score.

#### **COLLEGES ATTENDED:**

\*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process. You will be able to add new colleges/universities as well as newly completed course work.\*

- List **ALL** undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools you have attended. You must also enter information about ALL schools you plan on attending between now and the completion of Summer 2015.
- List each school once for each type of degree even if there was a break in attendance. For example, if you attended Houston Community College in the summer of 2010 and 2012, you would list the school once with attendance dates as: Summer 2010 Summer 2012.
- If you attended the same school for undergraduate and graduate/professional programs, list each degree program separately.
- Include foreign colleges. You do <u>not</u> need to list a foreign college if it was part of an official study abroad program and the coursework appears on the transcript of the sponsoring U.S. college or university.
- Failure to list all colleges and universities may delay processing of your application and may be considered
  a violation of your application certification statement.

Click on the [Add College or University] button. Enter the country, state and a distinctive part of the college or university name and a list of matching institutions will appear. Keep in mind that the less you type in the [College Name] field, the more results you will get back. Try just entering words that are unique to your college name. For example, if searching for The University of Texas at Austin, just enter Austin. Click the [Search] button to obtain your search results.

Select the correct institution and click [Select] to add the school to your list of Colleges Attended. This will fill in the required [Institution Information] fields for the college listing.

If your college was not found in the search, you will need to add the college manually.

Enter attendance dates and degree information. Majors and minors are listed alphabetically. If your major/minor is not listed, select "Other" and enter your major/minor in the designated field. Next, indicate if you were enrolled in an honors program at this school.



Click [Add College Attended] on the bottom left corner of the screen. Continue to enter additional colleges and universities attended by clicking on the [Add College or University] link. Once you have entered all schools, check the box that states: "Click the checkbox if you have no more colleges to enter at this time". Your colleges will not be saved until you have checked this box and clicked [Save] or [Save and Continue].

## **COLLEGES ATTENDED QUESTIONS:**

This set of questions asks if you were admitted to any undergraduate public institution under the Texas Academic Fresh Start provision.

You will also be asked if you want to release your information to the Health Professions Advisor at this school. Checking [Yes] permits your advisor to view information about the status of your application. Your TMDSAS application will be processed regardless of how you answer the question. TMDSAS strongly encourages you to give permission to release selected information about the status of your application to your health professions advisor. Having this information helps your advisor provide services to you and informs the advisor about the success of students from your college/university in being admitted into medical/dental/vet schools. However, your application will not be adversely impacted if you do not agree to have your information released to your health professions advisor.

#### **TERMS ATTENDED:**

Enter all terms during which you have taken coursework at each school listed in the [Colleges Attended] section as well as any future terms you plan to take coursework.

To add a term, click on the [Add Term] button next to the institution for which you wish to add a new term. From the drop-down menu, select the year, term and whether or not the credits are reported in semester or quarter hours. Click [Add This Term] to save. Once you have entered all terms, you MUST click [Save] or [Save and Continue] or all information will be lost.

The terms listed in this section must match the attendance dates in the [Colleges Attended] section. You cannot add terms that go beyond the attendance dates entered in the [Colleges Attended] section.

## **COLLEGE COURSEWORK:**

#### **Before You Start**

Request an <u>official</u> transcript from each college/university you have attended to use as a reference for completing the [College Coursework] section. This helps ensure that your data is complete and accurate.

You will list all coursework ever enrolled in at every US, US Territorial, or Canadian college. This includes:

- College-level courses taken while in high school, even if they did not count toward a degree at any college.
- Colleges at which you took a course, even if transfer credit was later accepted by another school.

It is helpful if you enter courses in the same order in which they are listed on your official transcript.



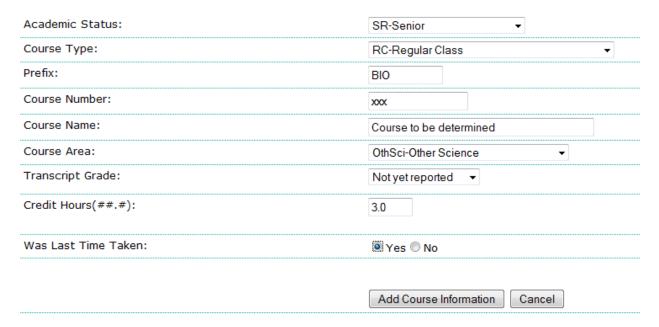
#### **Entering Coursework Details**

After listing all colleges you have attended <u>and</u> plan to attend in the [Colleges Attended] section, you will list all terms you have taken coursework <u>and</u> plan to take coursework in the [Terms Attended] section.

Be sure to list future/planned coursework (indicate "Not Yet Reported" as the grade for planned coursework). If you are unsure what courses you will be taking, add a placeholder course so that you can enter the coursework at a later date.

For example, if you are taking coursework during the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters, you need to list these future terms in the [Terms Attended] section. Then in the [College Coursework] section you can list the courses you plan on taking. You will indicate "Not Yet Reported" for the grade. If you are unsure of the courses you plan on taking, list at least one placeholder course such as:

#### Add a Course



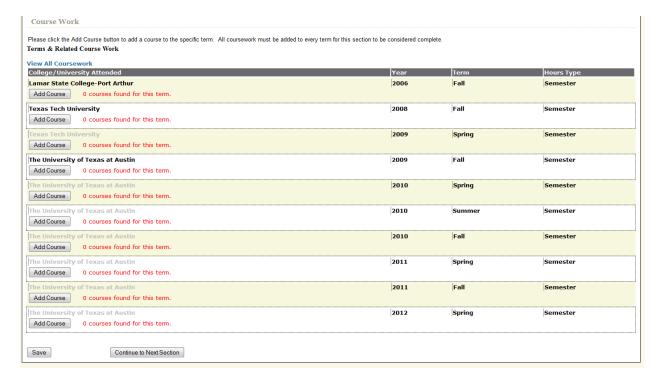
All courses that appear on your official transcript (s) and for which a grade and credit was ever assigned will be included in the TMDSAS GPA calculations, even if they are not included in the GPA calculations of the transcriptissuing school. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Courses that have been repeated
- Courses that you failed, regardless of whether they have been repeated
- Courses you took in high school for college credit that appear on a college transcript
- Courses taken at American colleges overseas

TMDSAS verifies your self-reported courses against your official transcript(s) and will report any discrepancies to your selected institutions. TMDSAS does not enter courses for you. TMDSAS will contact you and return your application for corrections or explanations if it identifies a significant number of course discrepancies or omissions. Failure to properly enter all course information and to make corrections as requested may result in processing delays and may jeopardize your chances for admission.

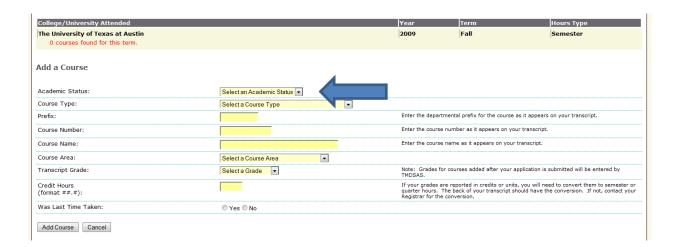


Select the term you wish to enter coursework for by clicking on the [Add Course] button.



## **Academic Status**

1. Indicate your academic status for the term. See options and descriptions below.





#### Academic Status

PF: Pre-Freshman	Any advanced placement, CLEP or dual credit courses that you received credit for BEFORE beginning college, i.e. while in high school.
FR: Freshman	Approximately 0 - 30 semester hours completed.
SO: Sophomore	Approximately 31 - 60 semester hours completed.
JR: Junior	Approximately 61 - 90 semester hours completed.
SR: Senior	Approximately 91 - completion of undergraduate degree.
PB: Post-baccalaureate	Courses taken after completion of the Bachelor's degree including those for a subsequent Bachelor's degree, but not while enrolled in a graduate degree program. Includes graduate level course work not applied to a graduate degree.
GR: Graduate	Courses taken while enrolled in a graduate degree program.

#### **Course Type**

- 1. Indicate course type for the course you are entering. Course types are:
  - Regular Class: regular class taken in the classroom no special designation.
  - **Distance Learning/Online Course**: indicate if the course was completed via on-line, correspondence or other form of learning at a distance.
  - **Honors**: an honors course is one taken as part of an undergraduate honors program, not a course for which you may have received academic honors.
  - Study Abroad: indicate if you enrolled in courses at a foreign university as part of a Study Abroad
    program, and received credit for those courses on a US or Canadian school transcript. (Courses
    completed overseas that are not part of a Study Abroad program should be treated as foreign
    coursework and will not be included in the TMDSAS GPA computation.)
  - Advanced Placement/CLEP: indicate if you have received credit on your transcript from Advanced Placement or CLEP examinations. AP/CLEP credit is accepted only if the school granting the credit lists the specific course(s) and number of units granted per course on an official transcript. Lump sum credit is not accepted. If these do not appear on the transcript, an official letter from the registrar is required. List AP credit only once, even if more than one institution granted credit.

AP credit appearing on the transcript without subject or course names will be classified as non-science unless official documentation is received. If a letter grade is shown on the official transcript, the letter



grade should be listed in the Grade column and will be included in your GPA calculations. If a letter grade is not given on the official transcript or the course is indicated as being passed, then enter the semester hours and, under Grade column, select CR – credit.

- International Baccalaureate: indicate if you have received credits on your transcript for completion of an International Baccalaureate Program, an intensive pre-college curriculum sponsored by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- **Credit by Institutional/Departmental Exam**: indicate if you have received credits on your transcript for successful completion of an institutional or departmental examination.
- **Audit**: any course you attended without attempting to earn credit. These courses will not be included in your TMDSAS GPA.
- **Developmental**: developmental courses will not count towards the GPA nor will they be calculated into the overall hours.
- Dual Credit: college credit earned when a high school student is taking a college course for both high school and college credit. If you took college courses while in high school and received only college credit, you should indicate this Course Type as "Regular Class". The credit must appear on an official transcript from the college. Courses may be taken at the high school or at the college, but need to be listed on the application under the name of the college.

#### **Prefix**

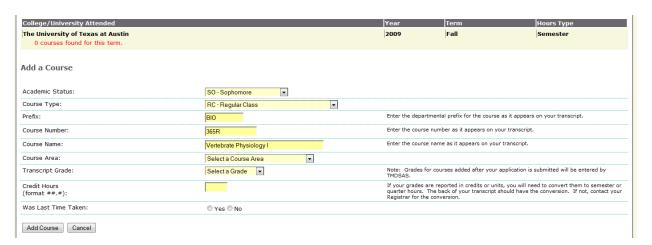
Enter the departmental prefix for the course as it appears of the official transcript.

#### **Course Number**

1. Enter the course number as it appears on the official transcript. Do not enter the section number.

#### **Course Name**

- 1. Enter the course name.
  - If the course name is abbreviated on the transcript, you may enter the abbreviation or the full name.





#### **Course Area**

1. Indicate the course area for each course. Please select course area classification based on the primary content of the course. Refer to the course area guide below. For courses that are not listed, use your judgment – TMDSAS will determine the correct course area during processing.

#### Biology:

Anatomy Bacteriology Biology Cellular Biology Cellular Physiology

Ecology
Genetics
Histology
Immunology
Microbiology
Molecular Biology
Nueroscience
Parasitology
Pathophysiology
Physiology
Virology
Zoology

#### **Biochemistry**:

Biochemistry

#### English:

Most English department courses will satisfy this requirement

Composition
English
Literature
Poetry
Rhetoric

## **General Chemistry**:

General Chemistry Analytical Chemistry Inorganic Chemistry Physical Chemistry Qualitative Analysis Quantitative Analysis

#### **Calculus or Statistics:**

\*list of approved courses available on website

Biostatistics Calculus

Statistics (computational)

#### **Organic Chemistry:**

Bio-Organic Chemistry
Organic Chemistry

#### Physics:

Electricity & Light Magnetism Mechanical Heat Physics

Thermodynamics

#### Other Science:

Agricultural Science Astronomy Chiropractic Computer Science Dental Hygiene Electronics Engineering

Geology
Math (other than Calculus or Statistics)
Medical Technology **ONLY** if in the Biology

department Meteorology Nursing\* Nutrition

**Epidemiology** 

Occupational Therapy

Pharmacy

Physical Anthropology Physical Geography Physical Science Physical Therapy Physician Assistant

Radiology

Research seminars in Biology, Chemistry,

Physics, and Math Respiratory Therapy

\*For Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, Animal Husbandry, Forestry, and Public Health – determine whether a course is Other Science or

Non-Science by title of the course.

## Non-Science:

Acting
Archeology
Art
Astrology
Behavioral Science
Bioethics
Business
Communications

Cultural Geography Economics Education

**Emergency Med-Tech** 

Ethics First Aid

Foreign Language

Forestry
Geography
Government
Health
History
Humanities
Kinesiology
Law
Logic

Medical Terminology Military Science

Music
Philosophy
Physical Education
Political Science
Psychology
Public Health
Public Speaking
Religion



## **Transcript Grade**

- 1. Enter the grade **exactly** as it appears on the official transcript.
- 2. If narrative evaluations are used in your system in lieu of grades, list "Pass" if pass credit was awarded. Copies of narrative evaluations will be forwarded to your designated colleges.
- 3. As you enter your grades, the application system will convert the grade to a TMDSAS Grade. The TMDSAS grading system standardizes the grades to be used in the GPA calculation and to be reported to the medical, dental or vet schools. TMDSAS Grades include: A, B, C, D, F, Credit, Pass, Quit, Failed, Incomplete and Not Yet Reported (for future or planned coursework).

#### **Credit Hours**

- 1. Enter the credit hours as they appear on your official transcript. You can enter hours up to one decimal point (00.0).
- 2. All entries must be made in semester or quarter hours. You indicated which your school operates on when adding the terms in the [Terms Attended] section.

Note: all Texas schools report credit in semester hours.

Some institutions grant credits as course units. If your grades are reported in credits or units, you will need to convert them to either semester or quarter hours. The back of your transcript should have the conversion. If not, contact your Registrar for the conversion. You can enter hours up to one decimal point – 00.0

## Common conversion examples:

Austin College: 1 unit = 4 semester hours Duke University: 1 unit = 4 semester hours

Northwestern University: 1 unit = 4 quarter hours or 2.7 semester hours

#### **Last Time Taken**

Last Time Taken is asking "Was this the last time you took this course?" Most coursework will be answered as [Yes]. Courses repeated for additional credit, but not for a better grade, such as physical education, chorus, or thesis/research are not considered a repeat and should be answered [Yes].

Instances where you would answer [No]:

- 1. If you withdrew and re-took or plan to take the course again. For the first time you took the course enter [No]. When retaken, enter [Yes].
- 2. If you received a C, D, F, took a Pass/Fail or Credit/No-Credit course then re-took the course for a better grade, enter [No] for the first time taken and enter [Yes] for the last time taken.

Course Taken and Passed	Received C, D, F or took Pass/Fail or Credit/No-Credit Course and re-took for a better grade
Enter Yes ("Y")	Enter No ("N") first time course was taken
	Enter Yes ("Y") last time course was taken



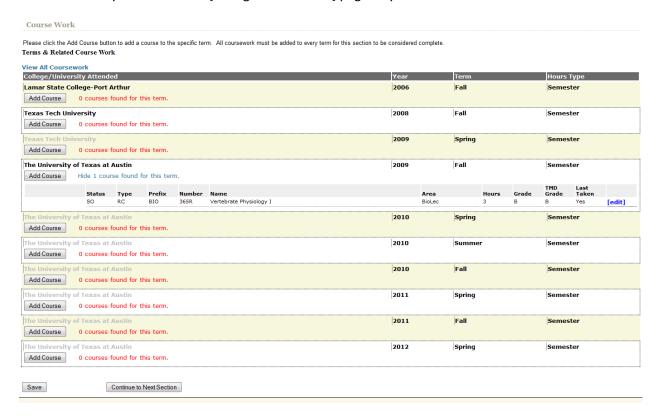
Click the [Add Course] button.



You can continue to add courses for the selected term by clicking [Add Another Course for this Term].

Once you have entered all courses for the selected term, click on the [Done for this Term] button.

This will return you to the main [College Coursework] page so you can select the next term to enter coursework for.



When you have finished adding all courses for all terms listed, click on the [Save] button. Then click the [Continue to Next Section] button to continue with the application.



#### **Military Credit**

Individuals in the U.S. Armed Services frequently receive credit for special courses that they have taken while in service. These courses are considered post-secondary, but do not appear on a college transcript. In other situations, information about these courses may be posted to a Joint Services Transcript. **TMDSAS does not consider these courses to be college courses and they should not be added to the application.** 

In certain situations, colleges/universities may award academic credit for these same military courses, or for experiences gained during military service. Such credit is usually considered "life experience credit" and is awarded as credit hours towards the completion of a degree. In situations such as this, the applicant should indicate the credit hours on the TMDSAS application, under the college/university granting the credit. Only the credit hours actually awarded by the college/university should be included in the TMDSAS application.

You can submit your JST to TMDSAS and we will forward it to the medical/dental/veterinary school for their review.

#### **Transcripts**

You must arrange for a sealed official transcript accompanied by a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form to be sent directly to TMDSAS. One official transcript is required from **every** regionally accredited U.S., U.S. Territorial or Canadian college attended.

#### This includes:

- Colleges at which you took a course, even if transfer credit was later accepted by another school
- College-level courses taken while in high school, even if they did not count toward a degree at any college

TMDSAS will accept a transcript sent by an applicant as long as it is in the official sealed envelope from the Registrar.

While TMDSAS will accept transcripts that are not attached to a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form, TMDSAS is not responsible for transcripts that cannot be matched to your application due to the absence of a TMDSAS Transcript Request Form. You are strongly encouraged to utilize these forms. Be sure to inform the registrars that this form should be attached to the transcript when it is sent to TMDSAS.

TMDSAS recommends that you obtain an official copy of each transcript for your records to help you properly complete the [College Coursework] section of your application.

It is your responsibility to verify and ensure that TMDSAS has received all of your official transcripts. Check the status of your transcripts regularly by logging into your application and viewing the [Status] page. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page until you reach the [Supporting Documents] heading. If a document has been received, the receive date will appear next to the document name.

#### **Transcript Request Form**

- 1. Print the Transcript Request Form from the TMDSAS website.
- 2. Fill out the Transcript Request Form.
- 3. Submit to the Registrar's office of every accredited U.S. and Canadian college/university you have attended.
- 4. Be sure to advise the Registrar's office to enclose the Transcript Request Form with your official sealed transcript and mail it directly to TMDSAS. Transcripts that are not accompanied by the Transcript Request Form can result in a delay in processing the document.



## **Canadian Transcripts**

Follow steps 1 – 4 above to have your English-speaking Canadian transcripts to be sent to TMDSAS.

#### Study Abroad

If you participated in a Study Abroad program under the sponsorship of a U.S. or Canadian institution and the international coursework appears on the U.S./Canadian transcript as regular itemized credit, only list the U.S. or Canadian institution on your TMDSAS application. DO NOT list the foreign institution. Arrange for only the U.S. or Canadian transcript to be sent to TMDSAS. TMDSAS processes study-abroad coursework in the same manner as U.S. and Canadian coursework.

#### Overseas U.S. Institutions

Overseas U.S. institutions are:

- 1. Located outside U.S. borders,
- 2. Accredited by a regional institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and
- 3. Use English as the primary language of instruction and documentation.

If you attended an overseas U.S. institution, report it to TMDSAS in the same manner as your U.S. and (English-speaking) Canadian institutions and arrange for an official transcript to be forwarded to TMDSAS. List all coursework on your TMDSAS application. U.S. institutions with campuses overseas are also considered U.S. colleges for which transcripts are required and all coursework must be listed.

#### **International Transcripts**

Enter coursework taken at all international colleges/universities in the [College Coursework] section. Although TMDSAS permits you to list foreign coursework in your application, TMDSAS does not verify this coursework for authenticity and does not use grades from international transcripts in computing TMDSAS GPA's.

You are required to submit one transcript from every international college/university you have attended. TMDSAS also encourages international applicants to submit a copy of any evaluation of international coursework that has been completed by an official credential evaluation service. TMDSAS will forward a photocopy of your international transcript and evaluation to your designated medical/dental/veterinary schools.

If you have difficulty obtaining an official transcript from your foreign institution, TMDSAS will accept a copy from your personal record.

#### **PLANNED ENROLLMENT:**

\*You may make revisions to this section any time during the application process.\*

Indicate if you plan to take any future coursework between the time of application and Summer 2015. You will indicate the college, term and year for all future coursework. You will still need to list future terms in the [Terms Attended] section AND the planned courses in the [College Coursework] section.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

You will answer questions concerning your education. Below are the questions:

Has your education or vocation ever been interrupted for any reason?



- Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college or professional school for unacceptable academic performance (e. g. academic probation, suspension, dismissal, etc.)?
- Were you ever the recipient of any action by any college or professional school for conduct violations?
- Have you ever been sanctioned or received disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board of any kind (e.g. nursing, pharmacy, legal, etc.)?

If you become the subject of an institutional action or state licensure board action after the date of original application submission you must notify TMDSAS as well as the admissions office at each school at which you have applied. This communication must occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. Failure to do so is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

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## [QUESTIONS] SECTION - EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITIES

\*You will not be able to make any changes to these sections once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

If you have activities that fit into more than one of the categories below, you should list the activity in each section. We recommend that you list activities in multiple sections if they meet the criteria in more than one category.

Keep in mind that your [Chronology of Activities] will be automatically built from the information you enter in all other sections of the application. Your chronology MUST account for all time between high school graduation and August 2015; therefore, you must account for this time period in all the sub-sections of the [Employment & Activities] section.

#### **ACADEMIC RECOGNITION:**

List academic honors, awards and other recognitions received since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Award Title, date received, city, country, state and a brief description of the award. Click on [Submit] to save the record. Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add An Award] link.

#### **NON-ACADEMIC RECOGNITION:**

List non-academic honors, awards and other recognitions received since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Award Title, date received, city, country, state and a brief description of the award. Click on [Submit] to save the record. Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add An Award] link.

## **LEADERSHIP:**

List any leadership roles or positions of responsibility held since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Role Title, start date, end date, city, country, state and a brief description of the position. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Leadership Role] link.

#### **EMPLOYMENT:**

List all jobs (paid work experience) held since graduating from high school to the present, including military service. Indicate the employer, job title, when the job was held, start date, end date, city, hours worked per week, country, state and a brief description of the job. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

If you held a job every summer, enter each time period as a separate record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Employment Activity] link.



#### **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

List any significant research activities (paid or volunteer) you have participated in since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Research Activity Name, start date, end date, city, approximate hours worked per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the research. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Research Activity] link.

#### **HEALTHCARE ACTIVITIES:**

List any healthcare related community service, volunteer, employment OR shadowing experience you have participated in since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Activity Name, start date, end date, city, hours worked per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Healthcare Activity] link.

#### **VETERINARY SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE: - VETERINARY APPLICANTS ONLY**

List all veterinary supervised experience you have participated in since beginning college to the present. Experiences may include clinical, research, on-call as well as any other experiences that were under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Indicate the Activity Name, whether it is volunteer experience or paid experience, location, supervisor name and credentials, start date, end date, city, total cumulative hours worked, country, state and a brief description of the experience. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Veterinary Supervised Activity] link.

#### ANIMAL EXPERIENCE: - VETERINARY APPLICANTS ONLY

List any animal experiences not supervised by a veterinarian or any other general animal experiences. This may include FFA, 4-H projects, animal shelter, SPCA, ranch/farm animal experience and research work. *Only 100 hours of pet ownership will count towards overall animal experience*.

Indicate the Activity Name, whether it is volunteer experience or paid experience, location, supervisor name and credentials, start date, end date, city, total cumulative hours worked, country, state and a brief description of the experience. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Animal Experience Activity] link.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

List any non-healthcare related community service or volunteer activities you have participated in since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Activity Name, start date, end date, city, approximate hours per week, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Community Service Activity] link.

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES:**

List any significant extracurricular, leisure activities or hobbies you have participated in since beginning college to the present. Indicate the Type of Activity, start date, end date, city, approximate hours per month, total cumulative hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add an Extracurricular/Leisure Activity] link.



#### **PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

Indicate future activities you plan on participating in between now and **August 2015**. This should include any future employment as well as any future research, healthcare, community service, or extracurricular activities. Indicate the Activity Type, start date, planned end date, city, total projected hours, country, state and a brief description of the activity. Click on [Submit] to save the record.

Additional records can be added by clicking the [Add a Planned Activity] link.

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## [QUESTIONS] SECTION - ESSAYS

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

To avoid formatting issues, we recommend typing your essay directly into the TMDSAS application rather than cutting and pasting your essay from other software. Copying formatted text into the application may result in formatting issues that cannot be edited once your application has been submitted. Be sure to proofread carefully. No changes to your essay(s) will be permitted after the application has been submitted.

#### **Dental Applicant Personal Statement**

The personal essay asks you to explain your motivation to seek a career in dentistry. You are asked to discuss your philosophy of the dental profession and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

#### **Medical Applicant Personal Statement**

The personal essay asks you to explain your motivation to seek a career in medicine. You are asked to include the value of your experiences that prepare you to be a physician.

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

## **Veterinary Applicant Personal Statement**

The personal essay asks you to discuss why you would like to be a veterinarian and indicate your goals relevant to the profession.

The essay is limited to 5000 characters, including spaces.

## Optional Essays – There are two optional essays available to all applicants

The optional essays are an opportunity to provide the admissions committee(s) with a broader picture of who you are as an applicant. The essays are optional; however, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

#### Optional Essay 1:

Briefly state any unique circumstances or life experiences that are relevant to your application.

This is not an area to continue your essay or reiterate what you have previously stated: this area is provided to address any issues which have not previously been addressed.

Optional Essay 1 is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.



#### Optional Essay 2:

Describe any personal characteristics and/or important or challenging experiences you have had that will contribute to the diversity (broadly defined) of or provide educational benefits to the student body.

Optional Essay 2 is limited to 2500 characters, including spaces.

## **DO/PhD Program Essays**

5000 character limit for each essay

- 1. Explain your motivation to seek a MD/PhD or DO/PhD dual degree. Discuss your research interests and career goals as an applicant to a dual degree program.
- 2. Describe your significant research experiences. Include the name and title of your research mentor as well as your contributions to the project. List any publications which have resulted from your work.

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## [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS] SECTION

\*You will be able to make changes to this section once you have submitted your application. You will be able to add or remove planned test dates.\*

#### **UPLOAD PHOTO:**

As part of your application, you are required to upload a digital photo of yourself. It must be smaller than 100 KB and be in one of the following file formats: jpg, gif, png or bmp. If you don't have access to a digital photo of yourself, many print shops such as Kinko's can provide you with one.

#### **TEST DATES:**

\* <u>Important</u>: Any change in planned test dates MUST be immediately reported to TMDSAS. You can update this information by logging into your application. Failure to do so will cause your application to be incomplete which could affect your evaluation at one or more of the participating schools.

## **DAT Scores - Dental Applicants Only**

The Dental Admission Test, DAT, is required for admission to dental school. The DAT must be taken within the last five years. A test score from a DAT taken before 2010 will not be considered for the 2015 entry year application. The DAT must be taken for the first time before December 1 of the application year to be considered for the current application cycle. Dental schools begin making offers of admission December 1st; therefore, waiting to take the DAT until that late date will delay any consideration for admission until after your test scores are released. It is recommended that you take the DAT in the spring or summer prior to applying.

Applicants are required to request their DAT scores be released to each of the dental schools they are applying to. All DAT scores released to the three Texas dental schools will automatically be sent to TMDSAS.

- 1. DENT PIN Enter your DENT PIN given to you by the ADA.
  - The DENT PIN is a unique identifier for applicants and students involved with the U.S. dental education system and standardized testing programs. You must register to retrieve a DENT PIN from the ADA site and use it to proceed with your application. If you do not know your DENT PIN, please go to the ADA website and follow instructions there to create or retrieve it.
- 2. <u>DATs Taken</u> Enter all dates you have taken the DAT.
- 3. <u>DATs Planned</u> Enter all dates you PLAN to take the DAT between the time of application and December 1, 2014.



#### **MCAT Scores – Medical Applicants Only**

All admission test score(s) MUST be reported directly to TMDSAS by AAMC. Scores submitted from your personal score report will not be accepted.

The MCAT is required for admission to medical school. The exam must have been taken no earlier than 2010 and no later than September of the year preceding enrollment into medical school (e.g. if you are applying for entry year 2015, September 2014 is the last month you can take the MCAT). No score from a test taken within the year of enrollment will be accepted. MCAT scores can be no more than five years old.

We strongly encourage taking the MCAT exam in January, March, April or May so that your application will be completed and in the pool for the start of the interview season. The interview season generally begins at the end of July or early August and closes sometime in early December. Applicants who wait to take the examination for the first time in July, August or September find action on their application delayed until late in the admission season.

Applicants MUST release their MCAT scores to TMDSAS by using the MCAT Testing History (THx) Report System. Applicants must request the release of their scores to TMDSAS as soon as they become available to the applicant. From the MCAT Testing History Report System, select [Send All of My Scores], then select [Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service] (6th on the list under [Application Services] - the last service in the first box). Applicants MUST request that the scores of ALL tests taken be released to TMDSAS.

- 1. <u>AAMC ID</u> Enter your AAMC ID given to you by the AAMC. This is the 8-digit number assigned to you by AAMC for all correspondence.
- 2. <u>MCATs Taken</u> Enter all dates you have taken the MCAT. (You do **not** need to list test dates if you had the score voided)
- 3. MCATs Planned Enter all dates you PLAN to take the MCAT between the time of application and September 2014.

It is critical that you enter your AAMC ID, test dates, and DOB correctly. Your MCAT score(s) will match to your application based on this information. If the information is entered incorrectly your MCAT score(s) will not match to your application. You should also verify that AAMC has the correct data on file.

#### **GRE Scores – Veterinary Applicants Only**

The Graduate Record Exam, GRE, is required for admission to veterinary school. Texas A&M University considers scores on the verbal, quantitative and analytical writing sections.

Applicants must take the GRE between August 1, 2011 and September 30, 2014 to be considered for the entering class of 2015.

Scores must be submitted directly to Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine using the institution code #6812. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the applicant's file.

- 1. GREs Taken Enter all dates you have taken the GRE.
- 2. <u>GREs Planned</u> Enter all dates you PLAN to take the GRE between time of application and September 30, 2014.



#### **LETTERS OF EVALUATION:**

Applicants may submit the following <u>plus</u> the option of one extra individual letter. Look below to determine how many letters are required based on what type of applicant you are – dental, medical or veterinary.

Evaluators should know an applicant well enough to evaluate him/her both academically and personally. It is recommended that your evaluators be current/former professors that can speak to your academic ability in the sciences.

## **Dental School Applicants:**

- 1. Two individual letters of evaluation OR one Health Professions Committee Letter/Packet
- 2. Baylor College of Dentistry and UT Dental Branch at Houston applicants must submit an additional evaluation letter from a practicing dentist.

## **Medical School Applicants:**

1. Two individual letters of evaluation OR one Health Professions Committee Letter/Packet

#### **Veterinary School Applicants**:

Three individual TAMU Veterinary Applicant Evaluation Forms submitted directly to TMDSAS.
 Please note, only the TAMU College of Veterinary Medicine Evaluation Form is required from your evaluators.
 No accompanying letter is required or desired by the vet school. Any letter received without the evaluation form will not be accepted. Please have your evaluators submit only the TAMU CVM Evaluation Form.

Indicate which type of evaluation you will submit:

- 1. HP Committee Packet
- 2. Individual Letters

#### If Submitting a Health Professions Committee Packet

If you are submitting a HP Committee Packet, you will need to select the institution that will provide your HP Committee Packet. To do this, you must have first completed the [Colleges Attended] section.

#### What is a Health Professions Committee Packet?

Many institutions utilize a Health Professions Committee Packet for their professional school applicants. These packets come in three basic formats:

- 1. Committee letter with supporting letters attached.
- 2. Committee letter that is composed and uses quotes from various evaluators but may or may not have supporting letters attached.
- 3. Collection of individual evaluation letters which may also include a cover letter from an advising office or school letter service. The advising office or school letter service serves as a central collection service for the applicant, but does not make additional assessments of the candidate.

All three types of HP Committee Packets are acceptable to TMDSAS, regardless of the number of evaluations that may be contained within the document. TMDSAS respects the varying philosophies of colleges and universities as to how best to provide a HP Committee Packet and therefore does not limit the number of evaluations included. If you are having an HP Committee Packet submitted on your behalf, indicate the name of the school that will be submitting the packet.



#### **Delivering HP Committee Packets to TMDSAS**

Your HP office can deliver your committee packet several ways:

- 1. They can upload the packet directly to your application using the TMDSAS Advisor Portal.
  - You must have answered "Yes" to the following question in the [Colleges Attended Questions] section: "Would you like to release your information to the health professions advisor at any school(s)?" and indicate the school which will be uploading your committee packet.
- 2. They can deliver the packet to us electronically using either Virtual Evals or Interfolio.
- 3. They can mail the packet to TMDSAS.

## If Submitting Individual Letters of Evaluation

If you are submitting individual letters, placeholders for the required letters will be shown. Click the edit button to fill out and complete a letter placeholder.

#### Salutation

Indicate the appropriate salutation of your evaluator (e.g. Dr., Mr., Mrs. Ms., etc.).

#### First Name

Enter the first name of your evaluator.

#### Last Name

Enter the last name of your evaluator.

• Suffix (if applicable)

Indicate the appropriate suffix of your evaluator (e.g. I, II, Jr, Sr, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.).

#### Relationship to you

Indicate the evaluator's relationship to you (e.g. Academic Advisor, HP Advisor, Professor, Supervisor, Business Associate, etc.).

#### Indicate how your evaluator will send your letter to TMDSAS

- Upload directly to TMDSAS via Evaluator Portal (preferred method)
- o Send through Interfolio
- o Send through regular mail

#### Evaluator's Email

Enter the email address of the evaluator (only if uploading letter directly to TMDSAS). Contact the evaluator for the correct email address.

#### Waiver

Indicate whether you will or will not waive your right of access to the letters of evaluation sent on your behalf

You will not be able to save this section until you have completed every REQUIRED letter placeholder.



## **Delivering Individual Letters to TMDSAS**

- 1. Evaluator can upload the letter directly to TMDSAS via TMDSAS Evaluator Portal:
  - Applicant provides evaluator's name and email address in the [Letters of Evaluation] section.
  - Once evaluator's name and email are provided, the evaluator receives an email from TMDSAS directing him or her to the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal.
  - Evaluator will follow instructions provided for submitting the letter of evaluation.
- 2. You may deliver letters electronically through Interfolio:
  - Applicant contacts evaluator and requests that he or she upload their letter of evaluation to applicant's Interfolio account. Make sure your TMDSAS ID is on your letter(s) so that they are matched to your application properly.
  - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
  - Applicant initiates letter delivery from Interfolio to TMDSAS
- 3. Evaluator can mail the letter to TMDSAS through regular mail:
  - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
  - Applicant notifies evaluator to mail in letter to TMDSAS. *Make sure your TMDSAS ID is on your letter(s)* so that they are matched to your application properly.

## **Delivering Veterinary Evaluations to TMDSAS**

Your evaluators can deliver your TAMU Veterinary Applicant Evaluation form in two ways:

- 1. Evaluator can complete the evaluation online via the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal:
  - Applicant provides evaluator's name and email address in the [Letters of Evaluation] section.
  - Once evaluator's name and email are provided, the evaluator receives an email from TMDSAS directing him or her to the TMDSAS Evaluator Portal.
  - Evaluator will follow instructions provided for completing the evaluation form online.
- 2. Evaluator can mail the evaluation form to TMDSAS through regular mail:
  - Applicant enters evaluator name in [Letters of Evaluation] section.
  - Applicant sends evaluation form to evaluator and notifies him/her to mail in evaluation form to TMDSAS. Make sure your TMDSAS ID is on your evaluation form(s) so that they are matched to your application properly.

## [CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES] SECTION

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

Your Chronology of Activities MUST account for all time between high school graduation and August 2015.

Your Chronology of Activities will be automatically built from the information you enter in all other sections of the application. This is done for your convenience; therefore, it is to your advantage to complete <u>all</u> other sections before completing this section. The compiling of this data will be done only once – if you delete or change items in other sections after your Chronology is compiled, you will have to retype that information in your Chronology – you cannot reimport the data. You can edit or delete items from the Chronology – doing so <u>will not</u> change what you have entered elsewhere in the application.



Once the import of your data has been done, a [Show Activities Calendar] link appears. Click on the link to see a calendar displaying any gaps in your chronology. Gaps will be indicated by a blank box on the calendar. All gaps greater than 3 months must have a record. You will be able to add records to fill any gaps in time.

**NOTE**: this page only imports the first 50 characters of previously entered descriptions. If you do not want your description to be truncated, be sure to edit your activity descriptions appropriately after import to fit within 50 characters. The schools will see the full description within each [Employment & Activities] section.

## [PROOF OF RESIDENCY] SECTION

\*You will not be able to make any changes to this section once you have submitted your application. Review your entries carefully before submitting\*

This section contains questions regarding your citizenship, state of legal residence, etc. These questions will determine whether you are classified as a Texas resident or a non-resident.

Applicants who are not U.S. citizens **MUST** provide TMDSAS with a copy of both sides of their Permanent Resident card or Visa stamp in their passport. An application will NOT be processed without this documentation. The documentation can be uploaded directly to the application or mailed to TMDSAS.

A non-U.S. citizen must indicate his/her country of citizenship and complete the required information regarding his/her Visa. If your Permanent Resident card has no expiration date, enter the expiration date as ten years from the issue date.

## [PAY & SUBMIT] SECTION

#### **Certification:**

In order to submit your application, you must certify the statements listed below. Your certification of this takes place of your legal signature and is binding. By electronically signing these statements, you signify that you have read this information as well as all other instructions throughout the application.

- \* I understand that application irregularities are documented by The Texas Medical and Dental School Application Service (TMDSAS) and member schools and are reported to the Association of American Medical Colleges, American Dental Education Association, American Association of Osteopathic Medicine, Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges, and other appropriate professional organizations.
- \* I further understand that all actions on admission to a professional program are the prerogative of each individual professional school.
- \* I further understand that, in accordance with the individual school's policy, some or all TMDSAS participating schools require a criminal background check on applicants as a condition of admission or matriculation.
- \* I certify that the information in this application and all attachments are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize TMDSAS and any medical, dental, or veterinary school to which I am applying to verify the information I have provided. I further understand that this information will be relied upon by TMDSAS and officials of the medical, dental, and veterinary schools in determining my residence status for admission and later for tuition purposes and that submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.
- \* I further certify that I will report to TMDSAS any event which occurs subsequent to filing this application but prior to matriculation that would alter any answer provided on my application. I understand that failure to do so is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.
- \* I understand that I am required to notify TMDSAS and the Admissions Office of each school to which I apply if I am charged, convicted of, plead guilty, or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime after the date of my original application submission. I understand that this notification must be in writing and occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the criminal charge or conviction. Failure to do



so is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.

- \* I understand that I am required to notify TMDSAS and the Admissions Office of each school to which I apply if I become the subject of an institutional action or disciplinary action by a State Licensure Board after the date of my original application submission. I understand that this notification must be in writing and occur within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of the institutional action. Failure to do so is grounds for rejection of your application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, dismissal after enrollment, or rescission of any degrees granted.
- \* I certify that all written passages, such as the personal statement, optional essays, dual-degree essays, and descriptions of employment/activities, are my own and have not been written, in part or in whole, by a third party. Quotations are permitted if the source is cited.
- \* I have read, understand and agree to comply with TMDSAS Instructions, including the statements that I am responsible for monitoring and ensuring the progress of my application process, by frequently checking the [Status] page of my application. I also understand that I am responsible for knowing and understanding the admissions requirements for each school to which I am applying, and that I am not eligible for a refund of TMDSAS fees if I do not meet the admissions requirements of the schools.

#### Payment:

At the time of submission, you must provide payment for any application fees.

You can pay the application fee by credit card, electronic funds transfer/ACH or by mailing in a money order/cashier's check drawn on a U.S. bank.

## Application fee is non-refundable.

TMDSAS considers your application complete and begins processing after the following are received:

- 1. Complete TMDSAS application that has been submitted online.
- 2. Application fee.
- 3. Copy of Visa or Permanent Resident card (if applicable).

TMDSAS does <u>not</u> hold up the processing of your application if your letters of evaluation, transcripts and/or test scores have not arrived.

TMDSAS Application Fee

\$140.00

Flat fee for all applicants regardless of the number of schools applying to.



## **After Submitting Your TMDSAS Application**

#### **Monitoring the Status of Your TMDSAS Application**

Checking the status of your application online allows you to follow the progress of your application and the supporting documents and test scores received on your behalf.

To check your status, all you have to do is sign in to your application. Click on the [Status] status link from the menu on the right-hand side of the application. The [Status] link is the first option under the [Application Info] heading.

The top portion titled [Section Status] shows the date each section of the application was completed/last saved. To see the status of your supporting documents, scroll down towards the bottom of the page until you reach the [Supporting Documents] heading. If a document has been received, the receive date will appear next to the document name.

Be sure to keep track of your username and password. You won't be able to access your application or status without them. Also keep track of your TMDSAS ID. You will need to include your ID on all correspondence with TMDSAS.

## **Communication After Submitting Your Application**

Important messages will be sent to you by TMDSAS either through email or through the internal message system within your application. If you have questions that cannot be answered by reading the TMDSAS website or by monitoring your application status online, you can contact TMDSAS either by email, sending a message through the application or by phone 512-499-4785.

## **Updating Your Coursework – Academic Update**

After initially submitting your application, you may want to update your college coursework history to reflect newly completed courses or planned/in progress courses following the Spring 2014 term. Remember, you cannot submit your application until you have entered your Spring 2014 grades (or Winter 2014 if on a quarter system).

TMDSAS provides the opportunity to update coursework online. To do so, you must first add the term to the [Terms Attended] section and then add the planned coursework to the [College Coursework] section. Indicate "Not Yet Reported" as the grade for future/planned coursework.

Be sure to submit an official transcript reflecting new grades between the application deadline and planned entry date – Summer 2015. All new grades will be verified and new TMDSAS GPA's will be computed and made available to your designated schools.

#### **TMDSAS GPA**

Beginning with the entry year 2015 application, TMDSAS will calculate a Biology-Chemistry-Physics-Math (BCPM) GPA in place of a science GPA.

TMDSAS calculates the following GPA's:

Overall GPA	Comprised of all coursework (undergraduate and graduate level).
Overall Biology-Chemistry-Physics-Math (BCPM) GPA	Comprised of all biology, chemistry, physics and math coursework.
Overall Non-BCPM GPA	Comprised of all other coursework not included in BCPM GPA.
Undergraduate GPA	Comprised of all undergraduate coursework.



Undergraduate BCPM GPA	Comprised of all undergraduate biology, chemistry, physics and math coursework.
Undergraduate Non-BCPM GPA	Comprised of all other undergraduate coursework not included in BCPM GPA.
Graduate GPA	Comprised of all graduate coursework.
Graduate BCPM GPA	Comprised of all graduate biology, chemistry, physics and math coursework.
Graduate Non-BCPM GPA	Comprised of all other graduate coursework not included in BCPM GPA.

#### **GPA Calculation Rules**

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board determines the procedures for calculating the GPA for students seeking admission to graduate or professional school in Texas. All institutions must follow these guidelines. The guidelines are as follows:

- 1. Only official transcripts from regionally accredited institutions of higher education shall be accepted by the graduate and professional schools of an institution of higher education for evaluation and grade point calculation.
- 2. All academic work undertaken and grades or symbols assigned at each institution shall be reflected on the student's official transcript(s). No grade may be expunged from a student's record.
- 3. All grades assigned for academic coursework shall be used in calculating the GPA.
- 4. A 4.0 scale shall be used in computing the GPA. (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, F=0.0)
- 5. A grade or symbol indicating failure (F, WF, NC, or in a pass/fail system, FL equals F) shall count as hours undertaken, but no grade points shall be earned.
- 6. Excluded from the GPA shall be any credit by examination (CR), quit (Q), withdrew (W), withdrew passing (WP), incomplete (I or X), and a pass grade within a pass/fail system.
- 7. The GPA shall be computed by multiplying each grade point (see 4 and 5) by the semester or quarter credit hours earned per course and totaling the products. The semester or quarter hours of courses undertaken shall then be totaled. The total of the products shall be divided by the total semester or quarter hours. The result is to be calculated to the hundredth place, giving the official cumulative GPA.
- 8. Academic work at foreign colleges, universities or prep schools shall be excluded from the calculation. In such cases, the GPA and credit shall be evaluated and computed as determined by the graduate or professional school to which the student is applying.

<sup>\*</sup>Last updated 2/10/2014



# Entry Year 2015 Application Checklist

## Application opens May 1

The Application	Submit your completed TMDSAS Application by 5:00 pm CT on October 1, 2014 <a href="https://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas">www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas</a> No exceptions will be made if you miss the deadline.
Application Fee	Application fee can be paid online by credit card or electronic funds transfer/ACH. Fee can also be paid by mailing in a money order or cashier's check drawn on a US bank. If paying by credit card or electronic funds transfer, payment section <b>must be completed</b> in order to submit your application by the deadline. If paying by money order/cashier's check, fee <b>must be received</b> in our office by 5:00 pm CT on October 8, 2014. Any fees received after October 8 will be returned – no exceptions.
Official Transcripts	<ul> <li>Mail in official transcripts from each college/university you have attended, including:         <ul> <li>Colleges/universities through which you earned dual credit coursework while in high school.</li> <li>Colleges/universities through which you earned credit that was then transferred to your home institution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Transcripts should be accompanied by the TMDSAS Transcript Request Form. Form can be downloaded from [Transcript Request Form] page on website or from [Colleges Attended] section in the application.</li> <li>Spring 2014 grades (or Winter 2014 for those on a quarter system) must be recorded on your transcript before delivered to TMDSAS.</li> <li>Transcripts for future coursework are not required until the course has been completed and a grade has been recorded.</li> <li>You must send updated transcripts to TMDSAS at the end of each term that coursework is completed between the time of application and expected date of matriculation.</li> <li>You can mail the transcript yourself as long as it remains in a sealed envelope from the registrar.</li> </ul>
Letters of Recommendation	Do not have letters of evaluation delivered to TMDSAS until you have completed the [Letters of Evaluation] section of the application.
Test Scores	To release MCAT scores: from the MCAT Testing History (THx) System, select [Send All of My Scores], then select [Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service] - 6th on the list under [Application Services].  To release DAT scores: request that all of your DAT scores be released to each of the dental schools to which you are applying. All DAT scores released to the three Texas dental schools will automatically be sent to TMDSAS.
Additional Info	TMDSAS will begin to process your application once the online application has been submitted and your application fee has been received. <b>We do not wait on supporting documents</b> (letters, transcripts). We will update the schools with these materials as they are received.