QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ALBANY MEDICAL COLLEGE EARLY ASSURANCE

To qualify for consideration for EAP, applicants must:

- Complete one year of general biology, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, and general physics (each of these courses must have at least one laboratory component) prior to matriculation at AMC. A minimum of two (2) of these four (4) sciences courses must be completed by the end of the sophomore year. Accepted applicants shall carry a full course load during their junior and senior years. To best prepare the student for medical school, it is recommended that students participate in upper-level science courses such as: biochemistry & genetics. We also recommend a math or statistics course.

- At the time of application, students must have at least a 3.50 grade point average in biology, chemistry, physics and math and a cumulative overall GPA of at least 3.50. Students must earn grades of B or better in all classes.

- At the time of application, students must have obtained standardized test scores with the following minimum requirements:
  - ACT >31
  - SAT >1400
  *We will consider candidates without test scores from test optional schools if the students are highly recommended by the pre-health advisor.

- Students are expected to participate in extracurricular activities and meaningful community service in order to gain experience in the areas of health care and/or research. These experiences are important to the development of qualities essential to a good medical professional such as compassion, patience, and attentiveness to patients, as well as a strong work ethic, dedication to patients and strong knowledge base. Qualities such as professionalism, courtesy, and humility in everyday practice are extremely important to learn.

Applicants who meet the above requirements for consideration must:

1. Express an interest and request from the Pre-Health Advisor for an outline of the requirements and expectations for the EAP.
2. Obtain either paid or volunteer exposure to the medical profession and participate in community/public service related to the medical profession.
3. Be on track to complete all major requirements including general education and other requirements for graduation by the end of senior year.
4. Obtain application materials from the Pre-Health Advisor and AMC and submit an application to the AMC Office of Admissions by June 15th following completion of sophomore year. All credentials and supporting documents must be submitted by no later than July 1st following the sophomore year.
Application materials will include:

1. A personal essay addressing the applicant’s motivation for a career in medicine.
2. A statement expressing the applicant’s reasons for wanting to participate in the EAP and outlining the applicant’s educational goals for junior and senior years.
3. A proposal for achieving the applicant’s goals and objectives through specific academic and extracurricular activities.
4. A plan to complete a hypothesis driven healthcare related investigative project that the applicant will work on during the remainder of their undergraduate career. Having a mentor for the project is highly valued.
5. A list of clinical experiences to-date and plans for obtaining additional hours including direct patient care experience.
6. Specific information about how the proposed activities for junior and senior years will enhance the applicant’s capacities as a future physician.
7. Letters of recommendation:
   a. A letter of support from the Pre-Medical Committee or Advisor
   b. Up to 4 letters of support (minimum 3) from the following:
      ● Two letters from professors (one must be a science professor)
      ● A letter from a supervisor from a substantial activity that you have done or are currently engaged in. For example, a research PI, supervisor of clinical or volunteer activity, or manager at work.
8. An official transcript.
9. Albany Medical College application fee ($130).