



Academic Standards and Requirements

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Applicants are strongly advised to provide evidence of a solid foundation and to demonstrate proficiency in the biological and physical sciences. A baccalaureate degree earned from a regionally accredited college or university is required.

The preferred minimum academic requirements for admission to Noorda-COM are the following:

- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
 - Total score of 500 or higher is preferred.
 - MCAT scores are required and will not be waived. Applications will not be reviewed without official MCAT scores. Applications submitted without MCAT scores will be placed on hold until official MCAT scores are received. For the 2021-22 application cycle, MCAT scores from exams taken prior to January 2018 will not be accepted. We will accept MCAT scores for exams taken through September 2021.
- GPA
 - Minimum cumulative and science GPAs of 3.0 are preferred.
- Prerequisite Coursework - Complete the following courses with a grade of C or higher:
- 8 semester credits of:
 - Biology/Zoology with lab (1)
 - Inorganic Chemistry with lab
 - Organic Chemistry with lab

* 4 semester credits of Biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of Organic Chemistry

- Physics with lab
- 6 semester credits of:
 - English Composition and/or Literature (1)
 - Behavioral Sciences (2)

* Psychology and sociology highly recommended

- Math/Statistics

The following courses are not required but are recommended as additional preparation:

- Anatomy (3)
- Physiology (3)
- Immunology
- Histology
- Embryology
- Philosophy
- Medical Terminology 1 AP Credit acceptable

Please see AACOMAS Course Subjects for courses classified as behavioral sciences

Completion of courses in anatomy and physiology is highly preferred and will give applicants a competitive advantage. Accepted students who have not completed these courses at enrollment will need to complete additional content prior to matriculation. All the above are required to be recorded as “taken” or as “not yet taken/to be completed” (NY) on the Academic Record section of the AACOMAS application (see AACOMAS application instructions). The course name, number, and semester in which the prerequisite will be completed must be included.