

Admissions

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Biomedical Sciences Program, an applicant must have:

1. A bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.
3. One letter of recommendation from a prehealth advisor or committee, science professor, or health professional.
4. Copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. Official transcripts must be submitted prior to matriculation.
5. Commitment to abide by the Northwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.
6. Passage of the Northwestern University criminal background check.

Test scores from one the following are optional: MCAT, PCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE.

Application Process and Deadlines

To be considered for admission into the Master of Biomedical Sciences Program, applicants must submit their application:

Apply through the Post Baccalaureate Centralized Application Service (PostBacCAS; <https://postbaccas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>). PostBacCAS allows students to learn about, compare, and apply to a number of post baccalaureate programs through one centralized application.

Requirements for application include:

1. One letter of recommendation.
2. Copies of transcripts from each college or university attended. Official transcripts must be submitted prior to matriculation from every undergraduate, graduate, or professional school that they have attended or are currently attending.
3. The deadline for submitting a completed application is July 15. Applications received after July 15 may not be reviewed.

Send application materials to:

Northeastern University
Office of Admissions
555 31st Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515
800/458-6253
admissil@northeastern.edu

Please Note: Applicants are responsible for notifying the Office of Admissions of any changes in their mailing address or e-mail address. All requests for applications withdrawal must be made in writing.

Selection Process

The Master of Biomedical Sciences Program uses a rolling admission process in which completed applications are reviewed and decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. The Master of Biomedical Sciences Program begins in the Fall Quarter. Multiple criteria are used to select the most qualified candidates, including selection of those students the Admissions Committee feels would benefit the most from the Program. Selection decisions for the Program are made by the Biomedical Sciences Program Admissions Committee with the approval of the Program Director and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies until the class is filled. To maximize their competitiveness within the rolling admission process, candidates are advised to submit their completed applications early in the admission cycle.

After receiving completed application packets, the information provided is verified, including the cumulative GPAs for applicants for all completed courses. Completed applications are forwarded to the Biomedical Sciences Program Admissions Committee. Applicants will receive notification in writing of admissions decisions.

Please Note: Applicants may track the receipt of their application materials and the status of their files on the University's website. Instructions for accessing account information will be sent to the applicant by the Office of Admissions after receipt of the application. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Office of Admissions of any changes in their telephone number, mailing address or e-mail address.

Articulation Agreements

Biomedical Sciences students may also qualify for specialized articulation agreements with other Midwestern University programs. Please contact the Office of Admissions for specific information and deadlines regarding articulation agreements that are in place for the professional program(s) in which you might be interested.

Technical Standards

The Technical Standards set forth the nonacademic abilities considered essential for students to achieve the level of competence required by the faculty to obtain the academic degree awarded by the college.

Candidates must be able to perform the following abilities and skills:

1. **Observation:** The candidate must be able to accurately make observations at a distance and close at hand, including those on a computer screen or electronic device. Observation necessitates the functional use of vision and sense of touch and is enhanced by the functional use of all of the other senses.
2. **Communication:** The candidate must be able to communicate in English, proficiently and sensitively, in verbal and written form, and be able to perceive nonverbal communication.
3. **Motor:** Candidates must be able to coordinate both gross and fine motor movements, maintain equilibrium and have functional use of the senses of touch and vision. The candidate must possess sufficient postural control, neuromuscular control and eye-to-hand coordination to perform profession-specific skills and tasks.
4. **Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities:** The candidate must be able to problem solve, measure, calculate, reason, analyze, record and synthesize large amounts of information in a timely manner. The candidate must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships.
5. **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** The candidate must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the candidate's intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the consistent, prompt

completion of all responsibilities, and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships. Candidate must be able to tolerate physically, mentally and emotionally taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. The candidate must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, effective interpersonal skills, willingness and ability to function as an effective team player, interest and motivation to learn are all personal qualities required during the educational process.

Candidates are required to verify that they understand and are able to meet these Technical Standards at least 4 weeks prior to matriculation (or if admitted later, within 1 week of deposit). Candidates who may only meet Technical Standards with accommodation, must contact the Office of Student Services to make a formal request for accommodation. The Dean of Students, in consultation with the College Dean/Program Director, will determine what reasonable accommodations can be provided. The College is not able to grant accommodations that alter the educational standards of the curriculum.

Students must meet the Technical Standards for the duration of enrollment at the College. After matriculation, if a student fails to continue to meet the Technical Standards during subsequent enrollment, the student may apply for accommodation by contacting the Office of Student Services. If the accommodation needed to meet the Technical Standards alters the educational standards of the curriculum, the student's ability to satisfactorily progress in the curriculum will be evaluated by the appropriate College's Student Graduation and Promotion Committee.