

27th Annual Premedical Student Conference

KU School of Medicine

Breakout Session Topics

Calculating the Cost: Medical School Financial Aid and Debt Management

The director of financial aid from the KU Medical Center Office of Student Financial Aid will address the question, "How will I pay for my medical education?" Learn how you can begin preparing today.

Getting Prepared for the MCAT

Learn preparation strategies for the MCAT exam and hear from a panel of students who found success with the MCAT exam.

Interviewing Insight – Sharing Your Story

A faculty panel provides insight into interviewing and takes your questions.

KU Department of Population Health: Graduate Opportunities in Public Health and Health Administration

Learn about these nationally-accredited and ranked graduate degree programs in public health and healthcare administration, as well as our dual MD/MPH and MD/MHSA degree options! Our community of faculty, researchers and students believe that the health of our communities is best served by integrating our efforts to improve public health with efforts to improve health systems, health policies, and health care delivery.

Maximizing Your Patient Care and Shadowing Experiences

A very important part of preparing for medical school is finding physician mentors and observing quality patient-physician interactions. This presentation will include tips on getting the most of these experiences.

Medicine + Science = MD/PhD

The School of Medicine's MD/PhD program prepares highly-motivated students for careers as physician-scientists in academic medicine and biomedical research.

Medicine as a Career: What Does It Take and What Does It Mean?

Choosing to spend one's life as a physician is an important decision. This session provides a forum to discuss reasons to choose medicine as a profession and discuss non-academic skills, characteristics, and attitudes that will enable you to find success in medical school.

Physician Panel

A panel of physicians will inform and encourage you as they offer insight into their daily activities as physicians and community leaders.

Rural Medical Education Opportunities, Premed through Residency

A presentation on rural medicine opportunities available to premedical students and beyond. Learn about the early assurance program, Scholars in Rural Health.

The Components of a Competitive Application

Most pre-medical students know they need good grades and MCAT scores to successfully compete for a seat in a medical school class. Good numbers, while important, are not enough to be a competitive applicant. Every year students with great grades and test scores are denied admission. This session will focus on the components of a competitive application to medical school, their importance, their interrelationships, and some strategies for success.

The Power of the Personal Statement

This presentation will overview the basics of writing an engaging personal statement for medical school admission. We will explore the basic structure and content of a good personal statement; discuss the importance of providing anecdotal detail for the reader; and consider the kind of traits, motivations and experiences that applicants might seek to effectively demonstrate in their personal statement. Some common mistakes will also be discussed.

The School of Medicine's Office of Student Engagement

Meet the staff of the Office of Student Engagement and discuss premedical and pathway programs offered by the department. Learn about the early assurance program, Scholars in Urban Health, and summer programs available to premedical college students.

What is Medical School Really Like?

Bring your questions to this session, during which a panel of KU medical students will offer their experiences and perspectives.