

Transfer Admissions (Advanced Standing)

Because of a limited number of available positions, the Yale School of Medicine will consider transfer applications only if there are positions available at YSM. Transfer applicants will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee, with decisions based on academic credentials, supporting materials, interviews and the basis of the request to transfer.

Transfers will only be accepted into the clerkship period starting in January of the second year and will be contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the pre-clerkship curriculum of the school from which an applicant requests a transfer, the availability of positions in the class at Yale School of Medicine and the capacity of clinical clerkships to accommodate additional students.

The number of available positions in the second year class will be determined annually by the Deputy Dean for Education in the late spring of the year preceding the anticipated transfer. The Deputy Dean for Education is also responsible for ensuring both that there are available positions in the clinical clerkships and that resources are adequate to support the available number of transfer positions. Regardless of eligibility factors and qualifications, transfer into the second year class is contingent upon review of the comparability of the preclerkship curriculum of the school from which the student requests a transfer as reviewed by the Associate Dean for the Curriculum. This review will include comparability of the curriculum structure, program objectives, course objectives and assessments at the student's current institution.

Yale School of Medicine welcomes candidates from groups that are historically underrepresented in medicine. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, ancestry, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, citizenship status, disability, or age.

Inquiries regarding transfer applications should be addressed to the Office of Admissions, Yale School of Medicine, 367 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06510 or medical.admissions@yale.edu. Inquiries should specify reasons for requests to transfer and detail the exceptional circumstances surrounding the inquiry.

In all cases, in accordance with AAMC guidelines, the applicant's transfer request must be supported by the associate dean for student affairs (or comparable official) at the original medical school, and courses being taken at the original medical school must be passed. Overall qualifications are expected to be comparable to those of Yale School of Medicine students admitted through the regular admissions process.

Transfer Policies

All accepted applicants must matriculate in the year accepted. Transfer students must complete all required clinical clerkships and the thesis requirement at Yale School of Medicine.

Completed transfer applications consist of Yale School of Medicine application forms, the original AMCAS or OMSAS application, letters of recommendation, MCAT scores, college transcripts, a transcript from the current medical school, a letter from the dean for student affairs (or comparable official) at the current medical school and the application fee.

As with all other students matriculating at YSM, transfer students will undergo two interviews, and their applications, letter of reference and interview reports will be reviewed by the Admissions Executive Committee. All admissions decisions, including those for transfer applicants, are made by the Admissions Executive Committee.

Interested students will be notified by the Office of Admissions about their eligibility to apply. Eligible transfer applications, including all supporting credentials, must be submitted by April 1 prior to a January 1 matriculation date to begin clinical clerkships.