

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MS) - All Campuses

All applicants to the graduate programs in Biomedical Sciences must have successfully completed a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university prior to matriculation. They must also have completed all undergraduate pre-professional science requirements:

- Eight credit hours each of general biology and physics
- 16 semester hours of general chemistry coursework (including labs), four credits of which must be organic chemistry. Biochemistry is strongly recommended.

"General" coursework denotes the first two courses in the subject sequence for science majors. All courses must be completed at a regionally accredited institution.

The MS in Biomedical Sciences program will accept:

- credits completed at a community college
- courses completed online or on campus
- AP coursework, provided the course and credits appear on your official college transcript

The MS in Biomedical Sciences program will not accept:

- prerequisite coursework completed as an audit or graded pass/fail with the exception of coursework completed during the spring, summer, and fall 2020 terms which may be listed as Pass in a pass/fail grading scale.
- credits completed as CLEP courses
- international or foreign prerequisite coursework

Successful candidates must also show evidence of commitment to a career in the health professions and/or potential for admission to a professional school.

The online application will be available for Fall 2024 admission at <https://www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/>.

Once your application has been downloaded by the PCOM Office of Admissions, you will be contacted via email with a confirmation of its receipt including reminders of the appropriate steps to complete the application process.

An application will be processed and assessed by the Faculty Committee on Admissions only after the receipt of:

- A general autobiographical statement explaining your interest in this academic program as it relates to your career goals (in 500 words or less).
- One letter of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant in a professional capacity and can comment on one's character, work ethic, academic history, scientific acumen, empathy, compassion, resilience, emotional intelligence and commitment.

Admissions prefers letters from the following sources:

- A pre-health or academic advisor/committee (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate programs)

- Undergraduate, graduate or post-baccalaureate faculty (preferably those who delivered a candidate's completed science coursework), who can attest to academic performance and aptitude.

Candidates who may not have the ability to submit a letter from any of the above sources should select letter writers who know them in a professional capacity and can comment on the applicant's character, work ethic, academic history, scientific acumen, empathy, compassion, resilience, emotional intelligence and commitment to graduate education.

Letters of recommendation can be sent through the PCOM application portal or directly to PCOM Admissions in .pdf format at recommend@pcom.edu. Recommenders can view our For Recommenders (<https://www.pcom.edu/admissions/recommenders/>) page for guidance.

- Submit official reports of standardized test scores: MCAT, PCAT, DAT, OAT, or GRE **This requirement will be automatically waived for applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher on their bachelor's degree granting transcript.**
 - See the following webpage for details on test score submission and test score expiration dates: <https://www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/biomedical-sciences.html>
- Submit official college transcripts from all colleges/universities schools attended. We will accept electronic transcripts via email from Parchment Services and National Student Clearinghouse to admissions@pcom.edu directly from the college Registrar.

The graduate programs in biomedical sciences utilize a rolling admissions policy. Therefore, applications will be considered throughout the year as received until the desired enrollment has been achieved. Each campus (Philadelphia, Georgia and South Georgia) has a separate application for the biomedical sciences program. The Faculty Committee on Admissions screens the applications, evaluates the applicants and selects the new students. Following the completion of the admissions process, each applicant is notified of the Admission Committee's decision in writing, including any conditions that must be satisfied prior to or following enrollment. Classes begin in the Fall term.

All biomedical sciences graduate program students are accepted as degree candidates and may declare a degree concentration at any time after matriculation.