

## OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

### Applicant Pool and Acceptance Data

The period for receiving applications to the College of Medicine for the class entering August 21, 2000, opened June 1, 1999, and closed November 15, 1999. It is important to note that the College of Medicine is a participant in the Association of American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

During the above period of time, 829 applications were received. Three hundred eighty-eight (388) applications were received from residents of Alabama, 426 from other United States Citizens, and 15 from citizens of a foreign country. The Admissions Committee interviewed a total of 195 applicants (187 residents) and accepted 125 (122 residents) to fill a class of 64 (60 residents). Out of 11 black applicants who were offered acceptance, 7 matriculated ( 4 resident); 7 are BEAR students. This year, our records show a decrease in the total applicant pool over the previous year (829 in '00 vs. 996 in '99), and a slight decrease in the number of Alabama applications (388 in '00 vs. 426 in '99). (Table I)

The 1999 entering class has an exceptional "mix" of academically well-qualified students who graduated from 25 different colleges and universities. However, 56% of this year's class is made up of students from the four (4) largest universities in the state (Table II).

### Recruitment and Retention Efforts

1. Undergraduate campus recruiting visits and sophomore interviews were implemented by "teams" of faculty, administration, and medical students. The USACOM recruiting teams counseled over 700 premedical students at 15 colleges and universities.
2. The Director of Admissions served as the admissions counselor and advised prospective students on a daily basis. In addition, selected faculty members advised prospective applicants periodically.
3. Premedical visitation day programs were organized and conducted quarterly to provide prospective applicants with an opportunity to tour the College of Medicine facilities, learn about the application process, meet with medical students and faculty, and obtain information on financial aid, housing, and the community.
4. Informative health career related programs were organized and conducted upon request for high school students, community organizations, and premedical special interest groups.

5. The following publications were produced and distributed by the Office of Admissions:

The Admissions Policies and Procedure Manual  
The College of Medicine Bulletin

6. Special admissions reports and correspondence were produced and distributed monthly to in-state premedical advisors and selected out-of-state advisors.
7. A total of 15 Applicant Interview Day programs were conducted from September until early March. The interviewers, primarily College of Medicine basic science and clinical faculty, serve as members of the Committee on Admissions and/or ad hoc committee. These members interviewed 195 candidates; each interviewee was interviewed by three committee members, giving a total of 585 interviews.
8. The following Admissions Committee subcommittees were active in 1999-2000:

Alternate List Subcommittee  
Early Acceptance Program Subcommittee  
Scholarship Subcommittee

#### Early Acceptance Program

In 1990, the College of Medicine and the University's Health Preprofessions Program established an Early Acceptance Program (EAP) for qualified high school graduates interested in a career in medicine. Candidates selected for this program must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 and an ACT score of 28 (or comparable SAT). Candidates selected for this program receive early acceptances from the University of South Alabama and the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. The students enter the Health Preprofessions Program at the University of South Alabama, and their curriculum include the core requirements for their selected baccalaureate program and prerequisites for entering medical school. Students in this program must maintain a specific GPA during college, and are required to meet all other requirements for entering medical school. Students participate in a variety of activities selected to provide a broad exposure to medical education. Students are expected to enter the College of Medicine following completion of the baccalaureate degree.

In 2000, the EAP Subcommittee interviewed 37 applicants for the program and offered 15 acceptances.

**TABLE I**  
**University of South Alabama College of Medicine**  
**Admissions Report**

	1997	1998	1999	2000
	1241	1128	996	829
<b>Total Applicants</b>				
<b>Residence:</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>388</b>
Alabama	669	601	502	381
Out-of-State	62	31	42	45
Service Areas (FL & MS)	17	22	13	15
Foreign	470	444	416	373
Female	91	86	101	82
Alabama Rural	152	148	103	100
Black	237	222	210	195
<b>Total Applicants Interviewed</b>				
<b>Residence:</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>187</b>
Alabama	10	4	6	8
Out-of-State	2	4	4	2
Service Areas (FL & MS)	0	2	2	0
Foreign	93	92	99	87
Female	39	40	32	32
Rural	12	11	3	6
Black (excludes BEARs)	112	112	106	125
<b>Total Applicants Accepted</b>				
<b>Residence:</b>				
Alabama	98	103	96	117
Out-of-State	12	4	4	7
Service Areas (FL & MS)	2	3	4	1
Foreign	0	2	2	0
Female	49	45	60	57
Rural	19	20	20	22
TOTAL BLACK	8	12	11	11
BLACK REGULAR	5	7	3	4
BEAR Program	3	5	8	7
Early Decision Program	14	11	19	10
<b>Total Matriculants</b>	<b>65*</b>	<b>65*</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>
Average MCAT	30	30	29	29
Average GPA	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6
<b>Residence:</b>				
Alabama	58	62	59	60
Out-of-State	5	2	1	4
Service Areas (FL & MS)	2	1	4	0
Foreign	0	0	0	0
Female	26	24	38	25
Rural	11	12	9	10
Total Black	3	6	8	7
Black Regular Admissions	0	1	1	0
Black BEAR Program	3	5	7	7

\* Includes one Advanced Standing Student

**TABLE II**

**Distribution of Class Entering 2000  
Among Twenty-five (25) Colleges and Universities**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
Alabama A&M University	1
Alabama, University of	8
Alabama at Birmingham, University of	7
Alabama at Huntsville, University of	2
Alcorn State University	1
Auburn University	11
Berry College	1
Birmingham Southern College	2
California at Berkley, University of	1
Georgia, University of	1
Jackson State University	2
Emory University	1
Judson College	1
Louisiana State University	1
Mississippi State University	2
Montevallo, University of	2
North Alabama, University of	1
Rhodes College	1
Samford University	1
South Alabama, University of	10
Springhill College	1
Texas A&M University	1
Tulane University	3
Vanderbilt University	1
Xavier University	1

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**Total = 64**

## OFFICE OF GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Dr. Jeff Brandon, Vice Chair of Radiology and Chair of the GME Committee, has been appointed Assistant Dean for GME with responsibility for the Office of Graduate Medical Education. This Office oversees GME activities, policies, and procedures throughout the USA Hospitals and Clinics. During the 1999-2000 academic year, USA sponsored 10 residency programs, one combined residency program, and five medical subspecialty programs, comprised of over 200 residents and fellows.

All USA programs are currently fully accredited. One program underwent a routine site visit by its Residency Review Committees (RRC) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The report from this site visit is still pending.

The Graduate Medical Education Committee conducted an internal review (required by the ACGME half-way through the accreditation period) on eight programs, and received progress reports from two others. Internal review committees are composed of a chair, a faculty member from another specialty, a hospital administrator, a resident, and the coordinator for GME. This process allows for a program to address, prior to the time of the RRC Site Visit, any deficiencies noted by the internal review, and additionally forces self-review by the program.

A format for affiliation agreements for non-hospital resident experiences was developed and approved. While not required by the ACGME for private physicians, it is necessary for Medicare GME reimbursement.

An *ad hoc* subcommittee was formed to study the development of a Core Curriculum to address the residents' education in general competencies rather than having this accomplished by each program. In this connection, an Internal Medicine noon conference was used for a presentation from the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) to the residents utilizing the teleconferencing capabilities for those residents at other sites.

The *Housestaff Policy and Procedure Manual*, as well as the Resident's Contract of Appointment, were updated to comply with new ACGME Institutional Requirements.

Sections of the Institutional Review Document were presented when time allowed for approval by the Committee. This is in preparation for the Institutional Review by the ACGME scheduled for late 2001.