

UTHSC MEDICINE ADMISSIONS

ALTERNATE LIST FAQs

What is an Alternate?

An alternate is a candidate who has been selected for the ranked alternate list, waiting to see if a position opens after an accepted student withdraws or delays matriculation. As the class size falls below 170, these positions can be filled administratively in an expedient manner. Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict how many positions will be offered.

Do you inform an alternate of their position on the alternate list?

We do not inform alternates of their exact ranking or relative standing. As positions become available, notifications will be communicated via email/telephone, followed by an acceptance packet. Please be sure the most up-to-date contact information is available in your AMCAS profile. Click [here](#) for more information.

How many offers have been accepted each year?

In the past four (4) years, the average number of alternates accepted has been approximately sixty (60).

Does an alternate position guarantee an acceptance to this class or future classes?

An alternate position does not carry a guarantee of acceptance to this class or any future class.

Will I have the option to delay matriculation if offered an acceptance from the alternate list?

Yes, requests for delayed matriculation are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be granted for a period of one year upon written request. Address your written request to the Mary Ellen Hoehn, MD, Chair of the Admissions Committee, UTHSC College of Medicine, 910 Madison Avenue, Suite 1043, Memphis, TN 38163; or e-mail a PDF copy of your signed letter to comadmissions@uthsc.edu.

What happens if I am holding another acceptance?

Refer to the Association of American Medical Colleges **Choose Your Medical School** guidelines. If an alternate has indicated "Commit to Enroll" at another medical school, an offer of admission cannot be made.

How do I accept the offer?

Once you have received your acceptance packet, accept your admissions offer through the WebAdMIT Accept Offer action which will be extended via email. If you wish to decline your offer of admission, please notify our office via e-mail at comadmissions@uthsc.edu.

NO ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED

Will I be expected to provide the required immunizations before matriculation?

In the event you are offered an acceptance from the alternate list, you will be expected to provide the required immunizations before matriculation. Do not wait until you receive an offer to begin this process.

What else can I do besides wait?

You may contact the College of Medicine Office of Admissions for advising. If you are offered an acceptance from another medical school, you may consider taking that offer and notify us that you wish to withdraw your position on the alternate list.

When will alternates be notified that it is unlikely an offer will be made?

Most acceptances offered to alternates are made by June 15, although a small number may be made subsequent to this date. Typically, we keep the alternate list active until the first day of New Student Orientation. However, alternates will be notified no later than July 20 if an offer is not likely.

If you wish to reapply, what should you do?

You must submit your application to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). You must re-submit your pre-professional evaluation or letters of recommendation and your official transcript(s). Also, you should update your personal statement and activities.

Questions regarding the alternate list contact:

UTHSC College of Medicine Office of Admissions at comadmissions@uthsc.edu.