Post-Baccalaureate Programs

What is a post-baccalaureate program?  The post-bac program offers you an opportunity for specific course study to advance your career or prepare you for graduate or professional school. Some programs will also offer internships and preceptorship experiences, preparation for admission tests, or volunteer hours.

There are various programs in the state of Texas and throughout the nation. The most common is an accelerated, one-year program, for students who have completed their undergraduate pre-med preparations and want to enhance their qualifications for entrance into medical or dental school. Programs range from 12 – 24 months and are designed to prepare students for acceptance into medical and dental schools, but at a slightly less rigorous pace.

Selection Criteria:  This varies for each program, but most require a minimum 3.0 GPA and a 20 MCAT score (17 DAT). These programs are very selective and many have class sizes of less than 50 students each year. Most programs require a bachelor’s degree, but all require that you have demonstrated academic excellence, proof of care giving experience (such as volunteer work), and you’ll need to provide letters of recommendation.

After successful completion of the program, you will then be able to apply to professional schools.

Financial aid:  These schools do not provide financial aid scholarships, only federal loans. They are also very costly and that should be a factor in your decision to apply.

Various programs in Texas:

**University of North Texas Health Science Center**
*Receive a M.S. in Medical Sciences*
Location: Ft. Worth
817.735.2789
[https://www.unthsc.edu/](https://www.unthsc.edu/)
Min overall GPA:  3.0
Min MCAT:  20 (will also accept DAT and GRE)
Enrollment:  50-ish students
Time to complete:  12 months
Tuition:  $6,500/yr
Application Opens:  early November
Application Fee:  $40
Application Deadline:  mid-March
Acceptance Notification:  mid-April
Letters of Recommendation:  2
Program begins:  Summer

**Texas Tech University Health Science Center**
*Receive a M.S. in Biomedical Sciences*
Location: Lubbock
806.743.2770
[http://www.ttuhsc.edu/](http://www.ttuhsc.edu/)
Min overall GPA:  3.0
Min MCAT:  None
Enrollment:  1-10 students
Time to complete:  2 years
Tuition:  $5,000/yr
Application Opens:  early September
Application Fee:  $45
Application Deadline:  Early May
Acceptance Notification:  ?
Letters of Recommendation:  2
Program begins:  Fall
UT – Dallas
Receive a Certificate in Biomedical Sciences
Location: Richardson
972.883.6767
http://www.utdallas.edu/pre-health
Min overall GPA: 2.75
Min MCAT: None
Enrollment: 30-ish students
Time to complete: 12 months
Tuition: $5,500/yr
Application Opens: Applytexas.org
Application Fee: $50
Application Deadline: Early March

Acceptance Notification: ?
Letters of Recommendation: 3
Program begins: Summer or Fall

Texas A&M University
Receive a M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
Location: College Station
979.845.6161
https://www.tamhsc.edu/
Min overall GPA: 3.0
Min MCAT: None
Enrollment: 50-ish students
Time to complete: 2 years
Tuition:
Application Opens: Applytexas.org
Application Fee: $50
Application Deadline: March 1/summer; June 1st/fall; November 1/spring
Acceptance Notification: Varies
Letters of Recommendation: 3
Program begins: Summer, Fall, Spring

University of Incarnate Word
Receive a M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
Location: San Antonio
210.283.6971
http://www.uiw.edu/mbs/
Min overall GPA: 3.0
Min MCAT: None
Enrollment: 60 – 65
Time to complete: 12 months
Tuition: $36,000/yr
Application Opens: Early November
Application Fee: $50
Application Deadline: mid-April
Acceptance Notification: early May
Letters of Recommendation: 3
Program begins: Fall

For out of state medical programs go to: https://www.aamc.org/

For out of state dental programs go to: https://explorehealthcareers.org/

Mississippi College
http://www.mc.edu/ (search biomedical)

Please note: All information is subject to change at any time without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain up-to-date on all requirements.