Modifications for the Current Application Cycle

The AACPM, and the nine colleges of podiatric medicine it represents, have additional guidance to share with you this morning regarding COVID-19 related disruptions to students’ educational trajectory during this extraordinary COVID-19 pandemic. We are taking action to offer entry year 2020 applicants the appropriate accommodations to alleviate fears and concerns during this application cycle. We are all in this together.

Regarding canceled spring 2020 MCAT examinations:

The AACPM is suspending, in part, its current Traffic Rules to mitigate requirements for the following:

1. **Official MCAT.** The colleges have agreed to temporarily waive Item II.5 of the AACPMAS Traffic Rules for the remainder of the application cycle, which states “Schools and colleges will not take final admissions action, including a request for deposit or a matriculation agreement, prior to the receipt of an official MCAT (or DAT) standardized test score. An official score is accepted only through the AACPMAS program.”

If your student’s spring MCAT (or DAT) has been canceled, this means the school or college now has the prerogative to modify testing requirements for them. Each school or college will provide applicants with their specific modifications.

Additionally, the AACPM, and its colleges of podiatric medicine, wish to confirm the following:

1. **Acceptance of online and/or distance learning prerequisites:** all schools and colleges will accept Spring 2020 prerequisites that are delivered via online or distance learning.
2. **Courses taken as Pass/No Pass:** all schools and colleges will accept Spring 2020 prerequisites that are graded Pass/No Pass
3. **In-person Interviews.** Interviews may now be conducted via video-conference technology or other acceptable means.

While the AACPM is a resource for applicants during the application process, we do encourage them to reach out to the schools and colleges of podiatric medicines’ offices of admissions for additional guidance on starting or completing an application. **Our application due date remains June 30, 2020 for fall 2020 entry.** Contact information for each school and college can be found here: [www.aacpm.org/colleges](http://www.aacpm.org/colleges).

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