

Master of Science (ScM) in Medical Sciences

TECHNICAL STANDARDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Students applying to the medical degree-granting program at The Warren Alpert School of Brown University are selected on the basis of academic achievement, faculty evaluations, evidence of maturity, motivation, leadership, integrity, and compassion. They must be capable of meeting the competency requirements expected of all graduates described in the Student Policies Handbook. Technological compensation can be made for some disabilities in certain areas of these competency requirements.

Candidates accepted for admission who will need special accommodations cannot be admitted unless those supportive services are available, as determined by the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences. The process for assessing whether applicants will be able to meet the competency requirements for the Masters in Medical Sciences degree (ScM), with reasonable accommodation, is described below.

A student requesting accommodation is responsible for providing the school with documentation supporting the need for the accommodation. The documentation must be sufficient to establish that (1) the student is disabled as defined by the ADA and Section 504 regulations, and (2) the requested accommodation is appropriate for the student's condition. The documentation must provide enough information for school administrators to understand the nature of the disability and determine what accommodations, if any, are necessary. Moreover, the student is responsible for any costs or fees associated with obtaining the necessary documentation to support his/her claim.

Process for Assessing Whether Applicants Meet Technical Standards for ScM in Medical Sciences:

1. No inquiry will be made on the application forms concerning disability. Brown's policies regarding technical abilities and skills necessary to meet the competency requirements are included with the letter of admission, and students are asked at that time to contact the Associate Dean for Medical Education if they have any concerns about their ability to meet these standards.
2. Applicants who are identified as having a disability through volunteered information, supporting credentials, or interviews will have an assessment of their ability to meet the competency requirements only after a determination is made of their admissibility to the Master of Science in Medical Sciences program.
3. Those applicants with disabilities deemed admissible to the ScM in Medical Sciences program will be requested to have submitted on their behalf appropriate documentation in regard to the disability from a qualified health professional. The health professional will be asked to provide an opinion on the candidate's ability to meet the competency requirements for the ScM degree. The applicant may also be requested to respond to that question.

4. The responses will be submitted to a committee appointed by the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences. This committee may ask for a review of the supporting documentation by appropriate members of the faculty in regard to the applicant's meeting the competency requirements. The committee will ascertain what accommodations, if any, the ScM program would need to make in order that the applicant might be able to meet the competency requirements, and assess the feasibility of any needed accommodations.
5. The committee will review the information received to determine if the applicant will be able to meet the competency requirements, with reasonable accommodations on the part of the medical program, if necessary.
6. The committee will recommend to the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences acceptance of applicants who can meet the competency requirements or will recommend rejection of those applicants who cannot meet the competency requirements.

Gateways Admissions Telephone: (401) 863-5777 Email: MMS@brown.edu

I have read the Masters of Science in Medical Sciences Technical Standards

Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Please sign and return to MMS@brown.edu before your 3 week deadline.