

Policy Name: 10.02.1 Deferral Policy**Scope:**

Medical school candidates with a compelling reason may seek to defer medical school matriculation.

Policy:

Medical school candidates seeking to defer medical school matriculation by one academic year only for compelling reasons may submit this request to the Associate Dean of Admissions. Once approval is granted by the Executive Subcommittee of the Admissions Committee, the medical school candidate can enter medical school during the next academic year. A deferral may not be granted longer than one (1) academic year. Scholarships are only available based upon the donor's specifications.

Process:

1. Candidates must complete the entire TMDSAS application and acceptance process, including submitting their rank list by the published deadline.
2. After match, candidates may submit their request for deferral and justification to the Associate Dean of Admissions. All decisions will be determined by the Executive Subcommittee of the Admissions Committee.
3. If approved, the candidate will agree not to submit any medical school application(s) the next cycle.
4. Notification of decision will only be sent after match.

Prior to matriculation one (1) academic year after deferment is granted, candidate agrees nothing has occurred which would cause UT Tyler School of Medicine to refuse candidate a position in the incoming class as if candidate were applying for admission for the first time.

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