

## **Admissions Policy Statement**

The LSUHSC School of Medicine in New Orleans is dedicated to providing the opportunity for an excellent medical education to all Louisiana applicants who are prepared to benefit from its curriculum and instruction. To this end, the Admissions Committee will strive to recruit and admit applicants from every geographic, economic, social and cultural dimension of the State of Louisiana or other states within the country. The primary goal of the School of Medicine in New Orleans is to produce competent, humanistic physicians. Those accepted applicants who are not legal residents of Louisiana, will be responsible for out-of-state tuition. In order to achieve this goal, the School of Medicine finds that having a diverse student body is essential. Diversity in all its forms benefits students by creating a dynamic, productive and positive learning environment that promotes better cross-cultural and cross-racial understanding. Ultimately the benefit of classroom diversity will help the School of Medicine produce individuals who are able to be effective clinicians within a multicultural environment.

The Committee on Admissions will strive to evaluate all applicants in three major areas: humanitarian qualities, overall excellence, and diversity of experience. As part of this process, any or all of the following criteria will be evaluated:

- Academic factors such as recent grades and test scores within the last three years
- The strength of the letters of evaluation from faculty from previous academic institutions of higher education
- Impressions gained from personal interviews with members of the Admissions Committee
- Employment history of the applicant and whether or not he/she had to work to attend college
- Demonstrated history of leadership
- Demonstrated history of community service
- A qualitative and quantitative assessment of the extracurricular activities in which the applicant participated
- Special honors that have been awarded to the applicant
- Unique personal attributes of the applicant
- Hobbies and other interests of the applicant