



ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DEGREES CONFERRED

- **ASMPH confers a dual-degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Business Administration (MD-MBA). The student must complete both degrees.**
- All the students must pass ALL medical and management subjects to proceed or be promoted to the next year level, and to graduate.
- All students must take both the MD and MBA. It is not possible to take only the MD component. To those who wish to take the MBA component only, you may inquire from the Ateneo Graduate School of Business <http://gsb.ateneo.edu/>.
- The ASMPH MD-MBA program is **five (5) years including internship**. The management subjects are integrated in the curriculum from First Year to Fourth Year.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

- **Students who have graduated or are graduating 2nd Semester of the current school year with a BS or an AB Degree can apply to ASMPH.** No required undergraduate degree. However, there are required subjects.

REQUIRED SUBJECTS

- ASMPH requires satisfactory performance in the following required subjects/courses:
 1. General Biology or General Zoology or General Botany (3 units lecture and 1-2 units laboratory)
 2. Cell and Molecular Biology (3 units lecture)
 3. Biochemistry (3 units lecture)
 4. General Physics (4-5 units lecture and laboratory)
- The applicant, if unsure of subject equivalents, may send his/her Transcript of Records for evaluation. Course descriptions/subject outlines should be attached as supporting documents. The applicant's contact information should also appear in the request for evaluation for easy correspondence. Simple transcript/subject evaluations can be done in 3-5 working days by the Admissions Officer. In-depth evaluations will be done by a special team in scheduled times throughout the Admissions Period.
- Upon application, the applicant takes full responsibility in completing the required subjects. The applicant can still complete the required subject/s until the Intersession prior to the start of the academic year (parallel to the Transition Program which will run before the 1st Semester). Grades of the required subjects must be submitted prior to enrollment for the First Semester. The pre-requisite subjects, schedule of completion and grade issuance, as well as the schedule of the ASMPH Transition Program, should all be considered prior to enrolling in a course/subject.
- The applicant may take the required subjects at the Ateneo De Manila University - Loyola Schools as a non-degree student. He/She will have to coordinate with the Loyola Schools Office of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The ADMU Katipunan, Quezon City Campus trunkline is +632 4266001.
- The applicant can also opt to enroll in another school/college/university to complete his/her required subjects. However, it is advisable that he/she first submits the course

description/outline of the subject/s to be taken in order to make sure that it will be credited by the ASMPH.

- **Please note that completing the required subjects does not guarantee admission to ASMPH.**

RE-APPLICATIONS

- An unsuccessful applicant (did not qualify for panel interview, or, interviewed, but was not accepted, or those who were accepted but did not confirm) from the previous admissions year can re-apply. He/She has to write a letter of intent for re-application, addressed to the Admissions Committee.
- If the applicant last applied the previous, the applicant must create an online application account and attach a new essay and a new photo. He/she also has to submit requirements that need to be updated (e.g. Transcript of Records, Certifications, etc.). Otherwise, requirements submitted the previous year will be used for admissions evaluation.
- If the applicant last applied more than a year ago, he/she should create an entirely new online application for the new admissions year, and submit a new set of application requirements.

SENDING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO ASMPH

- After submission of your online application, please wait for advice from the Admissions team regarding the submission of the original application requirements.
- The ASMPH Admissions Office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm, except holidays (school, local and national holidays) to address Admissions inquiries.

GENERAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE / QUALITY POINT INDEX

- There is no identified cut-off for the GWA/QPI.
- All applicants will compete with the GWA's of the entire applicant pool.

NATIONAL MEDICAL ADMISSION TEST (NMAT)

- **To apply, preferred NMAT score is 90th percentile rank or higher.**
- **ASMPH does not recognize any exam other than the NMAT. It is the only medical school admissions exam we consider for application.**
- Although the NMAT cut-off is 90, an applicant who did not meet the cut-off score may still opt to submit his application. He/She has to submit with his/her application requirements a reconsideration/appeal letter.
- On a case-to-case basis, the Admissions Committee considers an application with below the cut-off NMAT score, especially when the applicant shows excellent academic performance.
- The NMAT score is valid only for two years. Thus, ASMPH will only accept NMAT scores from exams taken within the last two years.
- NMAT results can follow for an applicant taking/took the test last October. However, the review of his/her application will only start after official NMAT results are submitted.

BASIS FOR SELECTION OF ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

- Applicants are ranked according to their ASMPH Admissions Score based on the GWA/QPI, NMAT Score, Interview, essay, and other credentials.
- **We do not disclose the weights of the criteria for admissions.**

INTERVIEW PHASE

- Only applicants who satisfactorily pass the document review will be scheduled for an interview. **ASMPH will inform the qualified applicants for the interview via the online application system.**
- Interviews are normally scheduled JANUARY of each year.
- **Only students considered for the interview phase will be deliberated for admission.**
- On the day of the interview, the applicant must be at the venue at least 15 minutes before the assigned schedule. Come in business/semi-formal attire. **Late interviewees will not be accommodated.**
- Students residing abroad or areas far from Metro Manila can opt to have their interviews done thru Skype. The applicant should inform the ASMPH Admissions Officer of their preference for the interview during the submission of application requirements.
- Rescheduling of Interview is strongly discouraged, but can be accommodated with valid reasons, such as:
 - Emergency situation, or demise of a family member, wherein a letter of explanation should be submitted,
 - Sickness of the applicant, wherein a medical certificate is required, or
 - An academic exam with no make-up test/activity, wherein a certification from the professor is required.

TRANSITION PROGRAM

- **ALL incoming first year ASMPH students are REQUIRED to attend the Transition Program prior to enrollment for the 1st Semester.**
- The ASMPH Transition Program, is a summer-bridging program that provides incoming Year Level 5 students with an in-depth orientation to ASMPH as a Jesuit educational institution and an appreciation of Student Life and Support Services. It seeks to prepare incoming students for their Medical and Management graduate degree education. The Transition Program also initiates the incoming YL5 students to the curriculum and its unique roll out.
- Any student who will obtain a failing grade in any of the modules will automatically be dropped from the program and will no longer be allowed to enroll for the First Semester.
- **Non-attendance and unnecessary absences in the Transition Program may also mean disqualification for enrollment for the first semester.**
- The schedule of the Transition Program will be announced once finalized.

TUITION FEE

- The current tuition fee is Php 151,000++ per semester. This includes tuition, basic, laboratory, and miscellaneous fees. The annual increase in fees is approximately 5%.
- Apart from full payment, there are provisions for installment payments (e.g. 2 installments and 4 installments).
- Uniforms, books, supplies, and lodging are not covered by the tuition and fees.
- The estimated cost of required books are as follows:
 - YL5: Php 21,000.00
 - YL6: Php 21,000.00
 - YL7: Php 16,000.00
- Purchasing of books is optional. Books and online resources are also available in the ASMPH Library.

SCHOLARSHIP / FINANCIAL AID

- Financial Aid in ASMPH is not guaranteed/fixed since the scholarship funds are dependent on contributions/donations of our benefactors. As such, financial aid slots will only be opened if there are sufficient funds.
- There is a separate committee that handles the scholarship applications. They base the scholarship percentage on need, as well as the student's holistic performance.
- The applicants who applied for Financial Aid will be shortlisted according to their ASMPH Admissions ranking. Shortlisted applicants MAY be called for an interview with the representatives of the Scholarship Committee.
- At the moment, ASMPH does not have merit scholarships for Latin honor recipients or recipients of other academic honors.
- The scholarship application form is downloadable from the online application portal. The form will include a list of the documents/requirements that have to be submitted with the Financial Aid application form.
- The accomplished Financial Aid Application Form with supporting documents must be submitted together with the Admissions Application requirements.

HOW MANY STUDENTS IS ASMPH ACCEPTING?

- We will be accepting 180 students for Year Level 5 (First Year Medicine Proper).

CAN A TRANSFEREE/STUDENT FROM ANOTHER MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLY TO ASMPH?

- Yes, if he/she is willing to undergo the same admissions process as other applicants.
- Also, once accepted, he/she will start again as a First Year student. This is mainly because ASMPH's curriculum is dual-degree. MD and MBA are in one integrated curriculum. It will not be possible for a student to catch up on the Management subjects if they do not start at the first level.

POSTING OF ADMISSIONS RESULTS

- **The list of ACCEPTED and WAITLISTED applicants will be available on or before the first week of MARCH the following year.**
- Results will be available through the individual online application accounts.
- Telephone, text, or email inquiries regarding the results will not be entertained.

CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

- A Conditionally Accepted applicant is already considered accepted, thus, he/she can already confirm his/her slot. However, he/she will have to comply with the condition/s that is/are stipulated on his admissions letter (e.g. submission of final grade of a required subject, other lacking requirements).

WAITING LIST

- In the event that the 180 slots are not filled up after the confirmation of accepted and conditionally accepted applicants, waitlisted applicants will be considered.
- ASMPH Final Admissions Ranking will be used in prioritizing waitlisted applicants.
- Waitlisted Applicants who are considered for admissions to the ASMPH are personally informed of their change in status, and will also be informed through their online application account.
- Waitlisted Applicants who are not considered for admissions will only be informed through their online application account.

DEFERRING ADMISSION

- If for some reason, an accepted applicant decides not to confirm his/her slot for the coming School Year, he/she can request for a deferment of his/her application. The applicant must write a formal letter of request for deferment, addressed to the Admissions Committee. It should be submitted on or before the end of the Confirmation Period.
- A deferred applicant is **only** assured of an interview. ASMPH will not guarantee a slot for the applicant in the succeeding school year. He/She will be ranked again with the rest of the applicant pool.
- On the application period of the school year that the deferred applicant will pursue his application, he/she should submit a letter stating his/her intent to pursue his/her application for that year.
- ASMPH will reactivate his/her online application, but he/she has to attach a new essay and a new photo, and resubmit it again to generate a new applicant ID. He/She also has to submit requirements that need to be updated (e.g. Transcript of Records, Certifications, etc.). Otherwise, requirements submitted the previous year will be used for admissions evaluation.
- Deferred applications should be pursued not later than the immediately following school year.

APPEALS

- Unsuccessful applicants (those who did not qualify for interview and, those who were interviewed but were not accepted) may write a letter of appeal. The letter of appeal should be addressed to the Admissions Committee.
- **WRITING AN APPEAL DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSIONS.**
- Appeals Period for the Interview Phase is until 31 January only. **No appeals for the interview phase will be accepted beyond this period.**
- Appeals Period for Admissions is from the day the results are posted until 31 MARCH. **No appeals for admissions will be accepted beyond this period.**

MEDICAL BOARD PERFORMANCE

- The ASMPH has been consistently above 95% passing rate in the PLE since its first batch of board-takers in 2012.
- Furthermore, since 2012, the ASMPH is recognized during the Physicians Oath-taking Ceremony as part of the top 5 performing schools in the Philippines with 50 or more board-takers.

DORMS / ACCOMMODATIONS

- There is no available dorm with the ASMPH Campus.
- There are nearby condominiums where a number of our students are solo-renting, or co-renting with their classmates.
- There are also houses, townhouses, and apartments for rent in the nearby villages and subdivisions (e.g. Valle Verde, Luntala, Greenmeadows, Brgy. San Antonio).

PARTNER HOSPITALS

- The main partner hospital of ASMPH is The Medical City. However, to ensure the optimum learning experience on both private and public health facilities, ASMPH also partnered with other private, public and charity hospitals: (but not limited to)
 - Ospital ng Makati
 - East Avenue Medical Center
 - Philippine Children's Medical Center

- Quirino Memorial Medical Center
- Philippine Orthopedic Center
- St. Martin de Porres Charity Hospital.

ACCREDITATIONS / AFFILIATIONS

- ASMPH is recognized by the Philippine Government thru the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).
- ASMPH is listed at the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) of the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER).
- ASMPH is listed at the World Health Organization (WHO) Directory.
- ASMPH is a participating school in the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG).

INVITATION FOR CAMPUS TOUR / MED TALK / MED FORUM

- Interested organizations or schools should fax or email a formal letter of request addressed to the Admissions Officer of the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health.
- The letter should bear the letterhead of the school/organization, and, details of the event/talk (date, time, contact person/s with contact details).

FOREIGN/NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

- **ASMPH Policy on Foreign Students**

As per university policy, applicants who are not Filipinos, or Filipinos but are living and/or studying outside the Philippines are considered foreign/non-resident applicants.

A one-time “foreign/non-resident fee” of US \$10,000.00 will be collected from accepted foreign applicants/non-resident Filipinos. Fifty percent (50%) is payable during confirmation and the remaining fifty percent (50%) upon first year, first semester enrollment.

A Filipino is considered a non-resident if he or she has not met the residency requirement of three consecutive years of schooling/living in the Philippines immediately prior to entry into ASMPH.

Exemptions may be granted to missionaries and religious, Filipinos who are children of Overseas Filipino Workers, and children of returning Filipino expatriates. A letter of request for exemption and supporting papers must be submitted upon confirmation.

- Foreign students must also be informed of the following:
 - Additional requirements may be requested during the application (additional requirements pending review of the Admissions Committee Chair).
 - While the ASMPH accepts foreign students, the existing Philippine Laws do not provide for foreign nationals to take the Physicians Licensure Exams administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). They may apply for dual citizenship, recognition or naturalization while they are enrolled in the Medical School.
 - In the event that there is a need to have the MD and/or MBA degree program recognized in the country of origin of the foreign student, the ASMPH will provide all the necessary documentary requirements. However, the student will be in-charge of processing the documents in his/her country of origin.
 - If accepted, a waiver will be signed during confirmation as proof that the incoming student fully understands the above mentioned terms.

OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

- The Open House and Information Sessions are conducted by members of the Admissions Office to offer prospective students the opportunity to learn more about the MD-MBA Dual Degree Program of the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health. Each session will provide a detailed orientation about the curriculum, extracurricular activities, financial aid, and requirements for admission. This is also open to parent/s and guardians.
- You may contact ASMPH Admissions or follow the ASMPH social media accounts for the schedules of the Open House and Information Sessions.

ADMISSIONS HOTLINE AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- Trunkline (+63 2) 706 3085 to 89, local 3010
- Direct Line (+63 2) 668 6961
- Email admissions.asmph@ateneo.edu
- Website <http://www.ateneo.edu/aps/asmph/application-requirements>

OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/theasmph/>
 - Instagram: **theasmph**
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