

So What If You Don't Get Into an "MD" Med School? Plan "B" options

- Osteopathic medical schools
- Physician Assistant programs
- Podiatry
- Chiropractic medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- PhD programs in the biomedical sciences
- PhD programs in biology, chemistry, etc.
- Pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Optometry
- Medical Technology
- Nursing
- Radiologic Technology
- Dental Hygiene

Of course the first option if your goal is an MD School is a DO school. Osteopathic medical schools are the equivalent of MD schools but do have a slightly different focus and are a little easier to get into.

Next would be schools such as chiropractic medicine, podiatry, and physician assistant programs. We have several PA programs in TN. Some students actually decide that their real passion is working on animals and apply to veterinarian schools.

Some of our students elect to go to graduate school for a research PhD degree in biology, chemistry, the biomedical sciences or other areas. If you enjoy the lab and want to do research or "cure cancer" this may be a good option for you.

Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Optometry are other good options. They require less time for completion than MD/DO schools, have good salaries, and good working hours.

Maybe you are tired of school and can't see yourself going 4 more years to medical school and then another 4 or more for internship and residency. Four year degrees at APSU in Medical Technology and Nursing allow you to get into the health care profession right out of APSU. APSU also has a 4 year Radiologic Technology program, part of which is in cooperation with Vanderbilt, that you might want to investigate. You might also consider a career in Dental Hygiene. Two years at APSU and 2 more at Dental Hygiene school puts you into a dentist's office.

Finally a 4 year degree in biology, chemistry, physics, psychology or whatever else you have majored in of course prepares you for all sorts of jobs in those fields.

There are links on my web site for many of the above fields. Explore!