



NOSM Application Scoring

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All applications for admission to the six Ontario medical schools are submitted through the Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS). To apply to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, applicants must register and create an account with OMSAS. The OMSAS application opens in mid-July. The application deadline is the first week of October for admission the following September.

All applications to NOSM are initially screened and scored based on three (3) components:

1. *Grade Point Average (GPA)*
2. *Autobiographical Sketch and School Submission Questions*
3. *Context Score*



The scoring weight of each component is approximately 1/3. The combination of the scores from these 3 components will determine if you are offered an interview. Approximately 300 of the top-ranked applicants are invited to participate in the admissions interviews.

The final selection of applicants receiving an offer of admission is based on a combination of the pre-interview (50%) and the interview (50%) scores and a complete file review by the Admissions Selection Committee.

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA)

The minimum GPA with which to apply is 3.0 on the 4.0 scale. The GPA is calculated on *all converted undergraduate course grades* completed at a recognized institution as of the application deadline.

Autobiographical Sketch (ABS) & Supplementary Questions

Considering our mission and values and the self-directed, small group, distributed learning environment, you are required to select 3 of the entries you listed in your ABS and explain how they have specifically prepared you to be a medical student at NOSM. In addition to the ABS, you will be required to answer 4 supplementary questions. The Autobiographical Sketch is a detailed and comprehensive list of your activities since age 16, within any of the following categories: (E: Employment, V: Volunteer Activities, X: Extracurricular Activities, A: Awards & Accomplishments, R: Research, O: Other).



NOSM aims to admit a class whose profile reflects the demographics of the population of Northern Ontario, which includes the commitment to recruiting Indigenous/Francophone and Franco-Ontarian students. Context is a score that's based on each of the following geographic or cultural criteria:

1. Rural background based on years lived in a rural community anywhere in Canada that is defined using the Statistics Canada classification of communities
2. Northern background based on years lived in Northern Ontario or another Canadian northern region
3. Indigenous applicants who apply through the Indigenous Admission Stream and provide the required documentation
4. Francophone applicants who apply through the Francophone Admissions Stream and provide the required documentation