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Eligibility

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The minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) is 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. The GPA will be calculated with the grades of courses taken as of the application deadline for the year in which they apply Only grades

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Applicants who have completed Graduate Degrees by the application deadline for the year in which they apply will be required to have met the GPA cut-off with their undergraduate grades but for the purposes of further screening will have 0.2 added to the overall GPA determined from their undergraduate grades. Graduate students enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application must provide a letter from their supervisor or Department Chair, addressed to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, indicating that the applicant's Department is aware of the application. This letter must be received at OMSAS by the application deadline date. Applicants in Graduate degree programs not completed by the application deadline for the year in which they apply will have the overall GPA determined from their undergraduate degree. There will be no additional score added to the GPA or other credit given for applicants who have not completed a Graduate degree.

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