Competitive GPA’s for Various health professions

Overall national average GPA for Accepted Students into Health Professions Programs

- Medical:
  - Allopathic (M.D.): 3.68
  - Osteopathic (D.O.): 3.4
- Dental: 3.55
- Pharmacy: 3.38
- Optometry: 3.4
- Podiatry: 3.2
- Physician Assistant: 3.3*
- Veterinary: 3.6
- Physical Therapy: 3.32*

*These are national averages. Marquette University has higher average gpa’s for acceptance to both their PA and PT programs.

Science grades/gpa are usually calculated in addition to overall gpa. Although grades are very important, it is not the only factor in admissions and grades alone will not get you in.

Helpful websites for students interested in Health Professions:

- www.explorehealthcareers.org
- Association of American Medical Colleges, www.aamc.org
- Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, www.aacom.org
- American Dental Education Association, www.adea.org
- Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, www.opted.org
- Physician Assistant Education Association, www.paeaeonline.org
- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, www.aacp.org
- American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine, www.aacpm.org
- www.whatispublichealth.org