Pre-Med Glossary

AACOM: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
AACOMAS: American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service
AAMC: Association of American Medical Colleges
ACGME: Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, accredits residency programs
AHMA: American Holistic Medical Association
AMA: American Medical Association
AMA-MSS: Medical Student Section of the AMA (conservative)
AMCAS: American Medical College Application Service
AMSA: American Medical Student Association (liberal), publishes the New Physician
AMWA: American Medical Women’s Association
AOA: American Osteopathic Association
AP: Advanced Placement
BCPM: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics
CSS: College Scholarship Service
DO: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
EDP: Early Decision Program
ECFMG: Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
FAF: Financial Aid Form
FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
GPA: Grade Point Average; BCPM is the science GPA; AO is the GPA for all other courses
GRE: Graduate Record Examination
IRS: Internal Revenue Service
JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association
LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education, accredits medical schools
MCAT: Medical College Aptitude Test
MD: Doctor of (allopathic) Medicine
MPH: Master of Public Health
MSAR: Medical School Admission Requirements
MSTP: Medical Scientist Training Program
NAAHP: National Association of Advisers for the Health Professions
NBME: National Board of Medical Examiners, administers the USMLE’s
NBOME: National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners
NRMP: National Resident Matching Program
PA: Physician’s Assistant
Ph.D.: Doctor of Philosophy
SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test
TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language
USMLE: United States Medical Licensing Examination, Steps 1, 2, & 3
WAMI: A program for medical students from Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho
WICHE: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. WICHE provides a program for medical students from Alaska, Montana and Wyoming