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Dermatology at Outset



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Explore medicine hands-on and see if the path to a career in **Dermatology is a good fit for you.**

Outset's Dermatology Program gives students an insightful first look at a specialty that blends science, patient care, and visual diagnostic skill. Throughout the week, participants explore what draws physicians to dermatology: helping patients feel confident in their skin, identifying conditions through close observation, and practicing medicine at the intersection of aesthetics, health, and prevention.

Students begin to understand not only what dermatologists do, but why this field requires academic rigor, curiosity, strong interpersonal skills, and a detail-oriented mindset.

Alongside this broader exploration, students take part in hands-on simulations and physician-led sessions that introduce the skills and training milestones involved in dermatology.

Combined with Outset's Path to Pre-Med curriculum, the program helps students evaluate whether this highly competitive specialty aligns with their interests and abilities. Participants leave with new confidence, deeper insight into specific medical career paths, and a clearer sense of where they may want to go next.

What to expect in a week of Dermatology

Hands-On Dermatology Simulations

Students get a firsthand look at what dermatologists practice, using medical-school-level tools, simulation models, and guided instruction. Dermatology emphasizes careful observation, diagnostic reasoning, and hands-on procedures used in clinical settings.

Interacting with Patient Actors:

Practice taking histories, assessing symptoms, and building patient comfort.

Skin Assessment & Early Cancer Detection:

Learn to identify common lesions and early warning signs using visual exam techniques.

Comedone Extraction:

Use dermatology tools to practice safe and effective extraction methods on simulation materials.

Cryotherapy Simulation:

Explore how dermatologists treat lesions using cold-based therapies in controlled scenarios.

Lectures and Q&A with Physicians

Students attend sessions led by physicians - including Dermatologists and specialists from other fields who share firsthand perspectives on medical careers. Example topics:

- What a Dermatologist actually does day to day
- How physicians choose their specialties
- Training milestones, from college to residency and beyond
- Real stories from the OR and clinic
- Student-driven Q&A about careers, school, challenges, and lifestyle

These sessions help students better understand whether Dermatology could be a good long-term fit.

Path to Pre-Med Course

All students participate in Outset's "Path to Pre-Med" curriculum. It is designed by pre-med advisors that demystifies the entire journey to becoming a doctor. Students learn:

- The full timeline from high school to college to medical school
- What pre-med classes to expect
- Strategies for succeeding in challenging courses
- How to choose the right college for their goals
- What the MCAT is, how, and when students prepare for it
- How to make smart choices about extracurriculars, gap years, etc
- What medical school applications look for

Note: Specific activities vary by campus and availability. Students receive final schedule closer to their program date.



Your Foundation for the Pre-Med Journey

Our **Path to Pre-Med** curriculum is designed by pre-med advisors to help students understand what it takes, before they start the path.

Map Your Medical Journey

See the full timeline and financial picture.

Pick the Perfect College

Find the school that sets you up for pre-med success.

Tackle Pre-Med Challenges

Learn how to handle the toughest college hurdles.

Plan Your Courses

Know what classes to take and in what order.

Ace Hard Classes

Master strategies for challenging pre-med courses.

Gap Year Options

Weigh pros and cons of a gap year before med school.

Conquer the MCAT

What it is, why it matters, and prep tips.

Master Med School Applications

Learn the process and how to stand out.

**Hear from students what they take away from the Path to
Pre-Med curriculum at the video on our home page:**

[**Learn More**](#)



What kind of student is a good fit for Dermatology?

Students who are curious, detail-oriented, and genuinely interested in skin health. Strong interpersonal skills and solid academic performance are helpful, as Dermatology is a competitive specialty that requires precision and thoughtful patient communication.

How competitive is the Dermatology program?

Dermatology is one of our more selective programs due to strong student interest and the competitiveness of the field. If you're unsure about your fit, we encourage you to speak with our Admissions team for guidance.

Are there grade limitations for Dermatology?

Yes, the Dermatology program is for rising 10th - 12th graders only. If you are a 9th grader, please see our [Programs page](#) for other specialty options.

Can I switch program specialty later?

You can switch programs up to 2 months before your start date if space is still available in other program on your campus. Space is not guaranteed, so please contact our Admissions Team ASAP if you have this request.

Can I do back to back programs in different specialties?

Yes. Back to back programs are a great way to meet more peers, explore other specialties, and reinforce core learning. Note that if you stay on the same campus, activities may repeat and you will be participating in the "Path to Pre-Med" course again along with your new week's student cohort.

What if I'm not sure this is the right program for me?

See our overview of other program specialties on the next page. You can also visit our [website](#) to explore other programs.

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Hear from our alumni

A Day at Outset

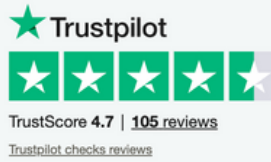


Educational & Fun

Perfect balance of fun and education. My daughter made some great friends here, and it really solidified her passion for and decision to go into medicine.

Priyanka Bansal, Outset Parent, 2025

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Not sure if **Dermatology** is the right program for you?
Check out some of our other MD path specialties:

Orthopedic Surgery Study musculoskeletal system care, bones, joints, and injuries.

General Medicine Explore the fundamentals of care, diagnosis, and treatment.

Cardiology Explore surgical care for the brain, spine, and nervous system.

Psychiatry Focus on mental health assessment and treatment.

Anesthesiology Learn how anesthesia supports surgeries and patient safety.

Pediatrics Focus on healthcare of children from infancy to adolescence.

Dentistry Study oral health, dental procedures, and patient care.

General Surgery Explore surgical principles and patient care for procedures.

Emergency Medicine Understand fast-paced care for urgent and acute conditions.

Dermatology Study skin health, conditions, and treatments.

Neurosurgery Explore surgical care for the brain, spine, and nervous system.

[See All Programs](#)

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Have questions or need to follow-up on your admissions process? Schedule time with our Admissions Team

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