

~~MINIMUM OF REQUIREMENTS ENTITLING COLLEGES TO MEMBERSHIP~~  
IN THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES  
~~OF THE UNITED STATES.~~

In order to become matriculates of any of the Colleges herein represented, students shall be required to prove their fitness to commence the study of Medicine by undergoing a preliminary entrance examination, as follows:

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- 1st, By writing legibly and correctly (an English composition of not less than Two Hundred words.
  - 2nd, By the (translation of easy Latin prose.
  - 3rd, By passing an examination in the (elements of Algebra or Higher Arithmetic.
  - 4th, By passing an examination in (Elementary Physics.

I It is provided, however, that students, matriculates or graduates of reputable Colleges of Literature, Science and the Arts or graduates of High Schools of the first grade, or Normal Schools, directly supported by the State, shall be exempt from the provisions of this examination.

It is furthermore provided that students passing the entrance examination as provided by the Statute of the State of New York, be exempt from the provisions of this examination.



It is furthermore provided that students conditioned or unable to undergo the examination in Latin, as herein provided, shall be afforded a course of instruction during the Freshman year in the elements of the Latin language; said course to afford a knowledge, so far as practicable, of the derivation of Medical terms and Medical and Pharmaceutical Terminology.

It is suggested that the work of Robinson on the derivation of Medical terms be recommended as a suitable text book for instruction and reference on Medical derivation and Terminology.

It is furthermore provided that before entering upon the Junior year studies, students shall be required to pass a satisfactory examination on the above branches.

## SECTION II.

ARTICLE II, Before receiving the degree of M. D., students shall be required to have attended three full graded courses of lectures of not less than six months duration each, no two courses to have been taken in the same year.

It is provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to students matriculates previous to the First day of July, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-two.

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Dear Doctor:

The Third Annual session of the Association of American Medical Colleges will be held at Detroit in June, 1892. The meeting will be concurrent with the session of the American Medical Association. By provision of the by-laws, as permanently adopted at the meeting held in Washington, in May, 1891, each College is entitled to but one delegate instead of two as heretofore. It is the sincere desire of the officers of this Association that every reputable Medical College in the United States be represented at the forthcoming session. At no time in the history of medical education in this country has the demand been so imperative for concerted and uniformity of action among the different Medical Colleges; it is pre-eminently a period of transition in the methods of imparting instruction to students of Medicine.

As the result of the present and past agitation of the question of medical instruction in this country, we observe, with a high sense of gratification that nearly every reputable Medical College in the United States now requires three regular courses of Medical instruction, of not less than six months duration each, before conferring the degree of M. D. As there is certain to be quite an interchange of students between Colleges, uniformity of grade and methods of instruction is most imperative.



In our opinion the best interest of the student will be subserved by a greater uniformity of methods of instruction in our graded schools. The policy of the Association is to establish a so-called "Minimum of Requirements" in order to be eligible to membership. The various Colleges members of this Association must maintain a curriculum at least equal to the "Minimum of Requirements" established by this Association. While our present requirements are not what they should be, to afford the student a thorough systematic course of instruction, they are, at the same time a long step in advance of the immediate past. The present schedule of requirements has received the unanimous and hearty approval of the American Medical Association, and has the respect and support of the profession at large.

I enclose you a copy of the so-called "Minimum of Requirements" as permanently adopted at the meeting in Washington. There are at present Sixty-two Colleges members of this Association. This circular letter is issued to all Colleges at this time to afford them an opportunity to appoint their regular delegates at the time of the meetings of the various Faculties, and to allow Colleges not yet members to take formal action as to the propriety of becoming members.

It is suggested that Colleges sending a delegate to the



next convention either appoint an alternate or authorize the regular delegate to select his own substitute in case of inability to attend.

I shall be pleased to be advised of the action of your Faculty at any time.

Faternally,

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