

Do You Know



What it **REALLY** takes to become a **PHYSICIAN?**

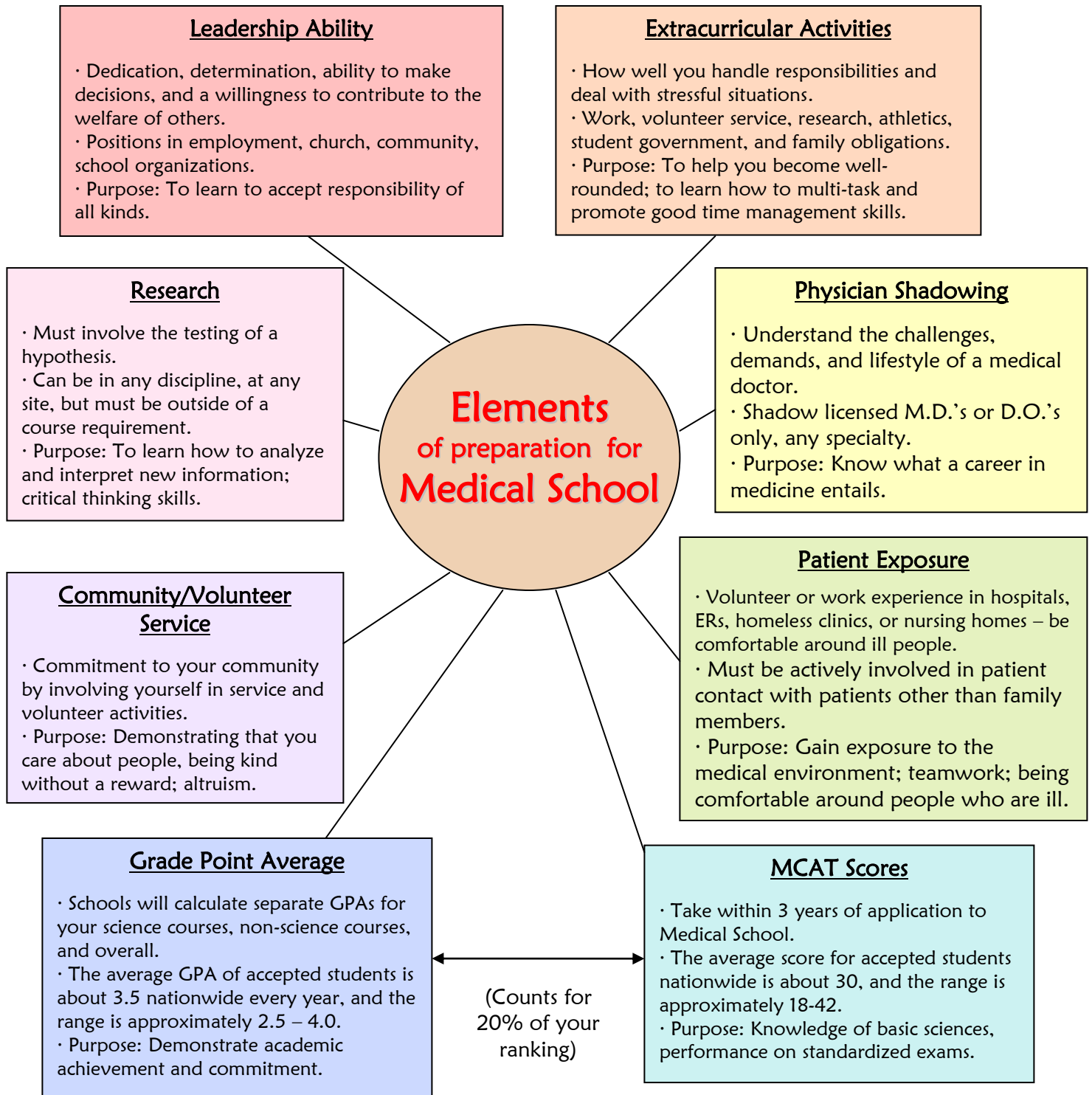
- **High School:** High school **DOES** matter!
 - * High School grades affect the college you can get into for your undergraduate degree, the courses you can take (remedial vs. regular) and your ability to obtain scholarships.
 - * Take **health science**, **math**, and **science** courses so that you can have a good foundation for those courses in college.
 - * AP courses can help prepare you for college-level courses, however for pre-med requirements they are usually not accepted. These credits may count towards your bachelor's degree.
 - * Attendance – get in the habit of being in class every day ALL the time.
 - * Study Habits – be organized, learn time management, learn how to study.
 - * High School is the perfect time to gain a commitment to community service, ethical behavior, compassion, leadership ability, and communication skills.
- **College:**
 - * Medical schools generally prefer that you choose a major for your Bachelor's degree that you have an interest and enthusiasm for. So, if you love art, major in art; if you love computers, major in computers; if you love science, major in a science area.
 - * “Pre-med” is generally not a major, but rather something you “declare” so advisors can help you select the appropriate pre-requisite courses to apply to medical school in the future.
 - * There are both recommended and required pre-medical courses that you must take in order to apply to medical school – check with the medical schools you anticipate applying to.
 - * Medical schools want evidence of strong academic performance. That means competitive GPAs and MCAT scores. Good marks will not necessarily get you in, but poor marks can keep you out. Academics are critical, but they are not the whole picture. Think about it – have you ever asked your doctor what his/her MCAT scores were?
 - * Besides achievement in academics, there are other areas that you must also have outstanding performance in (see other side). Students should gain essential experiences and learn about themselves through these areas.

University of Utah School of Medicine Website: <http://uuhsc.utah.edu/som/admissions>

Other Medical School Websites: www.medschool.northwestern.edu/admissions

Becoming a Physician . . .

YOU CAN DO IT!



*** Must have average to outstanding performance in ALL areas ***