GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Students apply to both the PLME and Brown (the College) during their senior year of high school. While Brown’s Admission Office considers all applicants within their academic context, it recommends that applicants have pursued the following:

- four years of English
- at least three years of mathematics (preferably four)
- at least three years of science, including two years of laboratory science
- at least two years of history, including American history
- at least three years of a foreign language (preferably four of a single language).

We also encourage study in music and art.

Prospective science or engineering majors should have taken physics, chemistry, and advanced mathematics. PLME applicants are required to submit results of the SAT Reasoning Test and any two SAT Subject Tests. They are advised to include a science test as one of the two required SAT Subject Tests.

Alternatively, an applicant may submit results of the ACT, which takes the place of both the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests. Students who choose the ACT must take it with the Writing Test option.

EARLY DECISION

An Early Decision applicant to the College who also indicates a desire to be considered for entry into the PLME may be admitted in December to both the College and the PLME. Some applicants may be selected for admission to the College but not the PLME. Hence, we ask every PLME applicant when filing his/her application to Brown to indicate whether or not he/she wishes to be considered under a binding Early Decision plan if not admitted to the PLME.

SELECTION PROCESS

Students are selected on the basis of scholarship, intellectual curiosity, accomplishment, and promise. Applicants who are interested in both the sciences and the liberal arts are particularly sought. In addition, emotional maturity, character, motivation, sensitivity, and caring are personal characteristics considered paramount in an applicant.

Each applicant is considered first as an applicant to the College and second as an applicant to the PLME. There is not a separate application to the PLME. Students should complete the Common Application and the two PLME questions included in the Brown supplement. Candidates whom the College Admission Office considers admissible are reviewed by the PLME Advisory Selection Board, which makes the final selection.

In the 2011-12 accepted class, students on average were in the top 1 percent of their high school class and had achieved average scores of 742 Critical Reading, 744 Mathematics, and 755 Writing on the SAT Reasoning Test.

INTERVIEWS

Formal on-campus interviews are not offered for Brown (including PLME) applicants. Once a candidate applies to the College, a local alumnus/a from his or her hometown area may contact the applicant to arrange a time to meet.