

## TO THE EDITOR:

I take the liberty of sending you a statement of the requirements for admission to the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, which have recently been adopted by the Board of Trustees.

According to the plan finally adopted, the requirements will be increased gradually, beginning with the annual session in September, 1908, and reach the maximum, September, 1910. The present requirements cover four years graded course in a High School or its equivalent. The essential points in the new requirements are as follows:

I. For the session 1908-1909, in addition to the present requirements, either one of two foreign languages, French or German; (2) Physics; (3) Inorganic Chemistry, including qualitative analysis; (4) General Biology or General Zoology.

II. For the session 1909-1910, in addition to the requirements of 1907-8, the candidate must have completed successfully work equivalent to that prescribed for the Freshman Class in colleges recognized by this University.

III. For the session 1910-1911, in addition to the requirements of 1907-1908, candidates must have completed successfully work equivalent to that prescribed for the Freshman and Sophomore Classes.

IV. Candidates who have successfully completed at least three years of an accepted College Course, may be admitted with conditions in Chemistry, Physics and General Biology or Zoology.

The maximum requirement is two years of collegiate training, including Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The two additional years of Collegiate training are regarded as an adequate preparation for entrance into a professional school. The importance of the candidate having had instruction in subjects leading to the study of Medicine is so generally recognized that Biology, Chemistry and Physics have been added to the requirements. This combination of special and general training is without doubt a much more logical requirement than a Collegiate degree which does not imply any special preparation for medical studies.

Yours truly,

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The next meeting of the American Medical Association will be held at Atlantic City, June 4th to 7th.