

3 May 2021

Dr. *[name of dean]*
Associate Dean of Admissions
[name of school]
[Address]

Dear Dr. *[name of dean]*,

I am writing to request a one year deferment of my acceptance to the *[name of my school]*. After my interview and virtual tour, I was sure that my goals and values aligned with that of the university and feel that it is a perfect fit. However, a one year deferment will allow me to complete a Masters degree in education which I feel will allow me to be a better physician later on.

I am currently enrolled in a program at *[name of my masters program school]* to obtain my Teaching License. With a one year deferment, not only will I be able to complete this program, but I will also be able to complete another year of coursework and earn my Masters of Education in Spring 2022. During this time, I will be continuing my work at *[name of school I worked at]* as a teacher. This high school primarily serves minority students of low socio-economic status and the experience so far has been immensely challenging but overwhelmingly rewarding. I will be moving to teach the STEM class at this school for the 2021-2022 school year which focuses on inspiring teenagers to pursue science through inquiry-based learning and project-based learning.

With my medical degree, I would like to go into academia to help train new physicians, conduct and lead medical research, and work with patients to provide the best care. I believe that earning my Masters of Education and continuing for one more year teaching will better prepare me for my future career as an academic physician. My education program so far has taught me an incredible amount about more effective communication and teaching, fostering inquiry and curiosity, teaching students to better problem-solve, and more. I believe these skills will allow me to be a better mentor and teacher later on and make me a better caregiver for patients.

Further, I think this year will complement my pursuits at *[name of med school]* as well. I am very interested in pursuing research opportunities during medical school and learning all that I can about where my skills are best suited. *[Personal sentence about interest in a specific school program]*.

I strongly believe that *[name of med school]* is the best school for me and our values of medical education, patient care, and research align perfectly. I truly feel that a year of deferment will allow me to become a better academic physician in the future and I hope that I can be welcomed as a member of the Class of 2026.

Sincerely,

[my full name and signature]