

Medicine (Professional Program: MD)

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The MD degree program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine is conducted at three geographic campuses across Illinois: Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford. The college offers a generalist curriculum with the goal of graduating physicians who are well grounded in basic and clinical sciences, oriented and competent as beginning general physicians, capable of entering graduate training in either generalist specialties or subspecialties, and able to function in an ever-changing health care environment. The college offers several programs that allow students to combine medicine with doctoral degrees or master's degrees, or to pursue special interests (e.g., rural medicine, global medicine, urban medicine, innovation medicine, patient-centered medicine).

Each of the campuses provide all four years of the medical school curriculum. Curricular content and student assessments are identical across campuses, and coordinated at a college-wide level to ensure comparability of students' learning experience.

Students enjoy a superb scientific education and extensive clinical training. The college's distinguished faculty and its groundbreaking research have earned it a reputation as one of the top schools for both undergraduate and graduate medical education.

The college selects applicants with the best combination of academic and extracurricular achievement, maturity, integrity, and motivation. Selection of students is based on an individualized evaluation of all available data and a personal interview. We consider the quality of work in all subject areas, breadth of education, and experiences that demonstrate initiative and creativity.

For more information about the MD degree program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, please consult the following websites:

- [College of Medicine Admissions](#)
- [College of Medicine Financial Aid](#)
- [Chicago MD Program](#)
- [Peoria MD Program](#)
- [Rockford MD Program](#)

Admission Requirements

- **Prior Degrees** A minimum of a baccalaureate degree is required.
- **Prerequisite Courses** Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Credit awarded via AP exams counts toward the prerequisite requirements. Courses can be taken at community colleges; however, advanced-level biology and biochemistry requirements must be completed at a four-year science degree-granting institution.
 - Two courses of general biology with laboratory
 - Two courses of general chemistry or equivalent with laboratory
 - Two courses of organic chemistry with an accompanying laboratory
 - One course of biochemistry which must be completed at a four-year science degree granting university
 - Two courses of general physics with laboratory
 - One course of advanced-level biology (junior or senior level that must be completed at a four-year science degree granting university)
 - Three courses in the Behavioral/Social Sciences (e.g., psychology, ethics, economics, gender studies or sociology, etc.)
- **Tests Required**
 - MCAT (taken no more than three years prior to enrollment)
 - Altus Suite - Comprehensive Admission Assessments consisting of Casper, Snapshot, and Duet
- **Letters of Recommendation** A minimum of three academic or professional letters of recommendation from individuals who know the applicant well will be required. See the [College of Medicine website](#) for details.
- **Interview** Required.
- **Application**
 - **Primary Application** University of Illinois College of Medicine participates in the [American Medical College Application Service \(AMCAS\)](#), a centralized application processing service which can be accessed from [AAMC website](#).
 - **Secondary Application** Eligible students will receive a [Secondary Application](#). The Secondary Application is specific to UI COM, and needs to be completed and returned to the OMCA by December 1 of the application year. Please note that Secondary Application fees are non-refundable.
- **International Applicants** For information about applying as an international student, visit the [International Applicant](#) page.

Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Total Hours Required** 156.
- **Exams Required** Students must pass the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK Examination; and complete the Graduation Competency Examination (GCE) assessing clinical skills. See the [College of Medicine](#) website for details.
- **Other Requirements** Students must meet all Phase 1, 2, and 3 requirements and Procedural Competencies. See [College of Medicine](#) website for details.

Phase 1 (August of M1 through April of M2 Years)

Code	Title	Hours
Block Courses		
MDC 601	Block 1: Body Systems and Homeostasis 1	
MDC 602	Block 2: Pathogenesis	
MDC 603	Block 3: Skin, Muscle, and Movement	
MDC 604	Block 4: Circulation and Respiration	
MDC 605	Block 5: Digestion and Homeostasis 2	
MDC 606	Block 6: Brain and Behavior	
MDC 607	Block 7: Regulation and Reproduction	
MDC 625	Block 8: Synthesis Capstone (M2 Spring)	
MDC 640	Transition to Clerkships	
Longitudinal Courses		
MDC 621	Synthesis 1-2 (M1 Fall)	
MDC 622	Synthesis 3-4 (M1 Spring)	
MDC 623	Synthesis 5-6 (M1 Summer)	
MDC 624	Synthesis 7-8 (M2 Fall)	
MDC 611	Doctoring and Clinical Skills 1 (M1 Fall)	
MDC 612	Doctoring and Clinical Skills 2 (M1 Spring)	
MDC 613	Doctoring Clinical Skills 3 (M1 Summer)	
MDC 614	Doctoring and Clinical Skills 4 (M2 Fall)	
MDC 615	Doctoring and Clinical Skills 5 (M2 Spring)	
MDC 631	Medical Colloquia 1 (M1 Fall)	
MDC 632	Medical Colloquia 2 (M1 Spring)	
MDC 634	Medical Colloquia 4	
MDC 635	Medical Colloquia 5 (M2 Fall)	

Phase 2 (Begins May of M2 year; 44 weeks of required clerkships and electives)

The M3 Year consists of clinical clerkships in core disciplines. In each clerkship, students develop competencies specific to the disciplines as well as to the practice of medicine in general. Students may choose to fill their unscheduled time with electives.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Clerkships^a		
Family Medicine Clerkship	CLER 606, CLER 621, or CLER 637	
Medicine Clerkship	CLER 605, CLER 620, or CLER 635	
Surgery Clerkship	CLER 604, CLER 619, or CLER 634	
Pediatrics Clerkship	CLER 603, CLER 618, or CLER 633	
Psychiatry Clerkship	CLER 602, CLER 617, or CLER 632	
Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship	CLER 601, CLER 616, or CLER 631	
Neurology Clerkship		
Electives^b		

M3 Elective Offerings are an opportunity for M3 students to be exposed to specialties during a two week experience. These electives may also be taken in the M4 year based on availability.

a For clerkship information at each campus, see [Phase 2 \(Year 3\) Curriculum](#) webpage.

b See the [College of Medicine website](#) for further information on M3 Elective offerings available at the three campuses: Chicago, Peoria, and Rockford.

Phase 3 (Begins at conclusion of Phase 2; through M4 Year)

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		

Sub-Internship (4 weeks):^a

The sub-internship is a mostly inpatient rotation in which the Phase 3 student has primary responsibility for patients under the direct supervision of a resident or attending and has continuity of care with their patients. Only courses listed in the catalog as a sub-internship will fulfill this requirement.

Patient-Facing Clinical Elective (8 weeks)^a

Acute Care (EM or ICU) (4 weeks):^a

All students are required to complete at least one clinical course in Emergency Medicine or Intensive Care. In these courses, students will be able to recognize and care for patients experiencing emergent or urgent conditions.

Transition to Residency (2 weeks):^a

This highly interactive 2-week course completes the Clinical Connections and Competency curriculum. It serves as a capstone course for the clinical years, and topics ranging from professional development to intern-level clinical skills are covered. This course must be completed in the last semester of the student's enrollment in the college.

Open Electives (20 weeks):^a

Students are required to complete a total of 20 weeks of free (open) electives. These electives may be taken during Phase 2 or Phase 3 years. Students are able to enroll in and complete any combination of research electives, clinical electives, non-clinical electives, or self-designed electives to meet the required weeks.

a For detailed information on these requirements and campus specific experiences, see the [Phase 3 \(Year 4\) Curriculum](#) webpage.

Scholarly Concentration Programs

The Scholarly Concentration Programs are optional four-year specialized medical training pathways that provide educational experiences in unique areas of medical practice. They are open to all UI College of Medicine students and can be layered with other Co-Curricular programs. Applicants must apply separately to the College of Medicine and the respective specialized programs. These programs include:

- Rural Medicine Education Program (RMED)
- Rural Student Physician Program (RSPP)

- Global Medicine Education Program (GMED)
- Urban Medicine (UMED)
- Innovation Medicine (IMED)
- Clinical Executive Medicine (CEMED)
- Equity Innovation Medicine (EquiMED)

For information on the requirements and availability, please see the [Scholarly Concentration Programs](#) website.