



Making Life Better  
through Research, Education & Healthcare.

# OFFICE OF MD ADMISSIONS

*By improving the learning journey for our students....we will improve the medical journey of our patients.*

The **USF Office of MD Admissions** is here to work with you and your pre-med advisors from application to matriculation by providing individual MD program counseling and tours of the College of Medicine. For students beginning to explore medicine and our College, please visit [www.health.usf.edu/medicine/mdadmissions](http://www.health.usf.edu/medicine/mdadmissions). This site contains the most up-to-date information on our requirements, policies and tips to successfully complete your application. Appointments for counseling may be arranged by contacting our office at (813) 974-2229, option 1.

We promise aspiring, passionate students an open culture of accessibility to faculty, patients and technology through a challenging curriculum with diverse educational experiences.

## USF COM: The Right Way to Teach and Learn

The University of South Florida College of Medicine is committed to developing highly competent and compassionate "practice-ready" physicians for the 21st century. Over the past several years, the program has developed into a truly dynamic and interdisciplinary educational model so when medical students leave USF and enter their careers, they will have the leadership skills necessary for real-world challenges. It creates an academic atmosphere that cultivates distinction in three fundamental goals:

**RESEARCH**

**EDUCATION**

**HEALTHCARE**

### Why Choose USF COM?

- Early exposure to clinical experiences and standardized patients in the first two years with the use of the Center for Advanced Clinical Learning and Simulation (CACLS), a state-of-the-art facility for simulating patient care in a safe, controlled environment
- Brand new technologically supported classrooms & auditorium with relaxed student lounge spaces
- Participate in world-class research & scholarly concentrations
- Electives in all 4 years to prepare you for your medical career
- Student-centered with a commitment to student success and excellence throughout USF COM

## An Overview of USF COM

Founded: 1971

Faculty: 513

Total MD Students: 473

MD Research Awards: \$230,110,851

Residents: 689 in 87 programs

28% of USF Health Physicians ranked Best Doctors in 2009

Dual Degree Programs: MD/PhD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA, MD/JD

Sites of Care: Tampa General Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center, Haley Veterans' Hospital, the Morsani Center, Shriners' Hospital and several more!



The College of Medicine is an academic community of scientific and educational excellence with leadership in medicine, medically related research, and highly specialized medical care services.

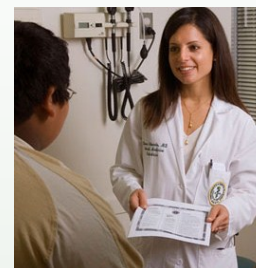
## Applicant Requirements

Our passion is to help guide **prospective** medical students through the process of applying to the USF COM. Students applying for admission to the USF College of Medicine MD Program are encouraged to review the Office of Admissions website thoroughly for our applicant requirements. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of

- personal attributes and achievements
- academic record
- performance on the MCAT
- personal references
- interviews
- their demonstrated motivation for medicine

In addition, applicants should have completed **two semesters or three quarters** of the following introductory courses and laboratories:

- English
- Biological Science including laboratory
- General Chemistry including laboratory
- Organic Chemistry including laboratory
- Mathematics
- Physics including laboratory
- Biochemistry (recommended)



Visit the Office of MD Admissions online!

[www.health.usf.edu/medicine/mdadmissions](http://www.health.usf.edu/medicine/mdadmissions)

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact us:

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## Meet the Class of 2015

First-year Core MD students: 120

Average BCPM: 3.7    Average Overall: 3.7    Average MCAT: 30

Residency: 86% In state, 14% out of state

Schools Represented: 12 Florida Schools, 25 Non-Florida Schools



## Scholarly Concentrations

Scholarly concentrations provide opportunities for scholarly and leadership endeavors in various areas of interest. Since 2007, more than 130 USF medical students have participated in one of ten areas in the **[scholarly concentrations](#)** –

**Research • Public Health • Health Disparities • Medical Education**  
**Medical Humanities • Health Systems Engineering • Business and Entrepreneurship**  
**International Medicine • Medicine & Gender • Law & Medicine**

Successful completion of the program is recognized by the Dean at the time of graduation and highlighted in each students' Dean Letter which accompanies the residency application. You can review more information here:

<http://www.scholarlyconcentrations.com/>

*"The concentrations allow students to explore areas of special interest through self-directed learning and include real-world applications. The idea is to broaden their perspective of medicine and how it relates to different disciplines such as business, law and public health."* -Susan Pross, PhD; Director, Scholarly Concentration Program.

## The Right Way to Teach and Learn

The University of South Florida College of Medicine is committed to developing highly competent and compassionate “practice-ready” physicians for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The College has designed a curriculum that is breaking down the old ways of teaching medicine and creating new pathways for learning that keep pace with the demanding changes of today’s health care environment.

### Years 1 & 2

The curriculum of years 1 and 2 emphasizes basic core science principles fundamental to the practice of clinical medicine. It integrates communication, physical diagnosis, ethics, professionalism, humanities, and behavioral science using extensive small group learning with the same faculty preceptors each week, allowing students to get continuous feedback and make a smooth transition into the world of medicine. Weekly interaction with community physicians enhances this transition. The extensively revised years 1 & 2 now substitute integrated organ system blocks for the traditional departmental courses, and introduces students to evidence-based medicine and clinical problem solving with interactive small group learning strategies. Curriculum Highlights include:

#### Center for Advanced Clinical Learning (CACL)

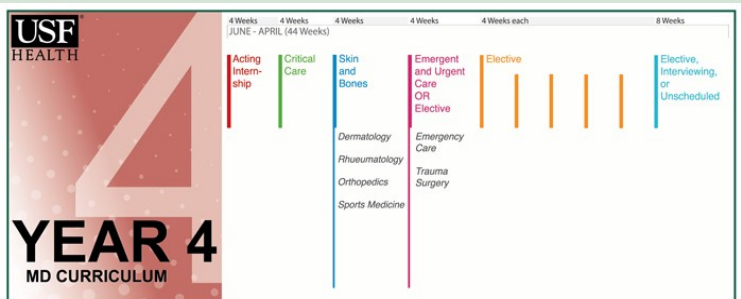
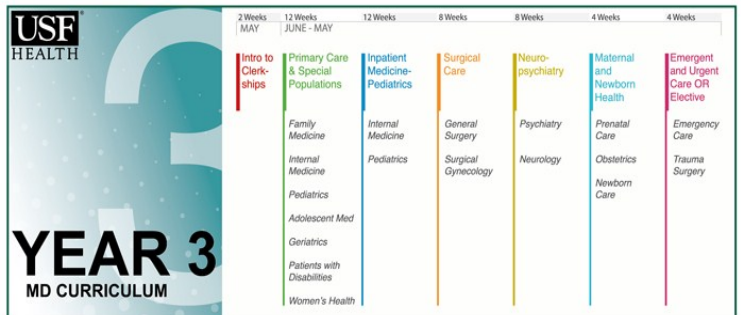
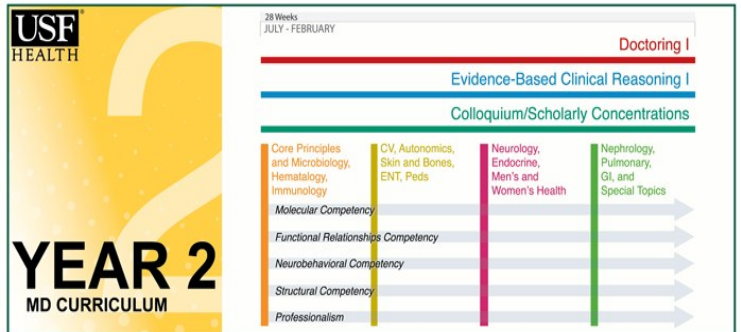
Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning • Doctoring

Longitudinal Clinical Experience (LCE)

### Years 3 & 4

The College’s innovative year 3 Program to Advance Clinical Education (PACE) integrates medical teaching to keep stride with the rapid changes in today’s healthcare. Students manage common disorders seen in everyday clinical practice in clerkships that cut across traditional departmental boundaries. An Introduction to Clerkships is followed by six required clerkships varying in length from 4-12 weeks. Year 3 Clerkships include:

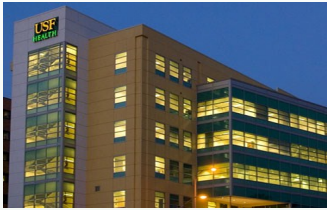
Primary Care & Special Populations • Neuropsychiatry  
 Emergent & Urgent Care • Surgical Care  
 Integrated Inpatient Internal Medicine & Pediatrics  
 Newborn & Maternal Health



The final year of medical school prepares students for their career. Advised by an experienced physician, students will select a 3-4 month field of study, or track, based on their career interest and conversation with advisors. Tracks to select from include: Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Neurology, and Neurosurgery. These courses help prepare students for their residency program. In addition, students will have 6 months to select electives to explore other interests.

## Clinical Programs

The clinical programs at the USF College of Medicine are first and foremost, an essential element of COM's central mission to educate and train physicians. USFCOM is committed to maintaining this focus and priority on the provision of clinical care as a means to our primary goal of education and teaching. Tampa General Hospital (TGH), the area's only Level 1 Trauma Center and Burn Unit, is the primary clinical training site for the College of Medicine. In addition to TGH, James A. Haley VA Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center and All Children's Hospital, USFCOM also provides education, training and research programs at over 100 facilities throughout the service area and across the state. The Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare, built in 2008, combines world-class health with a state-of-the-art building designed to facilitate learning in health teams.



USF COM students consistently outperform other medical students across the country in their mean scores and passing rates for the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE). The pass rate has averaged 98 percent on the Step II of the USMLE for the past seven years.

Our students consistently match for competitive residencies across the country as well as within USF and the state of Florida in fields varying from Psychiatry and Surgery to Dermatology, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. We foster an environment where students realize their own potential and innovation to make a difference in the lives of patients and their community.

**Upon graduation, our students will possess the skills and confidence as leaders in the ever-changing business of healthcare without ever sacrificing their initial inspiration to care for patients**

## Center for Advanced Clinical Learning



USF COM utilizes a high-quality venue for the teaching and testing of clinical skills to medical students. Students enjoy immediate hands-on group training during the first weeks of school by participating in physical exam and patient interview skills training in our Center for Advanced Clinical Learning and Simulation (CACLS). This is only a prelude to the extensive training to be gained over four years through the use of standardized patients, high-fidelity simulation and task trainers. It continues to promote the notion of active learning, by encouraging small, integrated group education.

Featured on NBC's "Today Show" <http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=8552>

**Additional Programs & Support** — USF COM has a number of programs that include:

- Early Decision (for strong candidates who have identified USF as their top choice for medical school).
- An accelerated combined Bachelors/MD program
- Dual Programs: MD/PhD, MD/MPH, MD/MBA, and MD/JD (through Stetson Law School)
- SELECT MD Program
- Pre-Matriculation Program
- Office of Student Diversity & Enrichment (OSDE) & Student Affairs