Students in the FAU High School MD Direct Program (the “Program”) are required to meet all undergraduate and medical school expectations and requirements, as described below. Failure to meet any such requirement may result in dismissal from the Program. Furthermore, all students must, at all times during their undergraduate and graduate enrollment, adhere to and exhibit the high moral and ethical values of one entrusted with the privilege of studying and practicing medicine. Failure to do so may be cause for dismissal from the FAU High School MD Direct Program. Students who are dismissed from the FAU High School MD Direct Program or who wish to leave the Program may continue their enrollment at FAU provided they meet applicable eligibility requirements.

*Undergraduate Expectations and Requirements*

FAU High School MD Direct Program students must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at FAU for the Fall Term after high school graduation and complete a bachelor’s degree at FAU no earlier than the Fall Term after high school graduation. Students in the Program may only apply to the College of Medicine (COM) during the 3rd or 4th academic year immediately following graduation from FAU High School. After completion of their bachelor’s degree, students must enroll in and complete an approved 2-year Master of Science (M.S.) degree from FAU. The student must complete their undergraduate and master degrees within 3 to 4 years after entering the Program. In addition, students enrolled in the FAU High School MD Direct Program must meet all requirements to be eligible to apply to the FAU College of Medicine (COM) and must apply to the COM during their final year of their Master’s degree program. Students may not take a gap year after completing and graduating from their Master’s degree program. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the FAU High School MD Direct Program.

Students are expected to finish each undergraduate semester with an overall GPA of at least 3.7. Single semester overall GPAs lower than 3.7 will trigger an automatic review by the Bachelor’s/MD Review Committee to assess if the student may continue with the Program. The committee may choose to place the student on probation or dismiss the student from the Program. Although there is no semester requirement for a science (BCPM) GPA, the cumulative science GPA throughout the student’s undergraduate enrollment, in order for the student to be eligible to apply to the College of Medicine, must be at least 3.7 at the time the student applies to the College of Medicine.
In addition to the requirements stated above, all students in the Program are expected to participate in the following activities during the stated year of the Program.

1. Special Topics in Medicine course I and II – Year 1 and Year 2
2. A specialized pre-health course (ex: Medical Internship) – Year 2 (both semesters)
3. Clinical experience or clinical work in the medical field (shadowing online or in person at hospital, clinic, hospice, physician’s office but not with parents, relatives or parent’s friends) for a minimum 50 hours per semester- Year 2 (both semesters)
4. Community service volunteer (migrant farm workers, homeless, socioeconomically disadvantaged, underserved populations) for a of minimum 50 hours/year during all undergraduate years
5. Laboratory research with a submission of an abstract for a poster or oral presentation with a faculty mentor of the work completed at a local or national symposium or research meeting
6. Leadership role – serve as tutor, or serve as mentor to junior students through participation in the Healthcare Careers Outreach Program (HCOP) - Year 2 (both semesters)

An advisor will meet with each student after every semester to review and confirm that their activities satisfy the requirements above. In addition, at a minimum of once a semester, students must meet with the Director of Educational Outreach for Diversity in Medicine (DEODM) who oversees the FAU High School MD Direct Program. In the event of exceptional circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, a student may request that the DEODM consider potential schedule revisions to these requirements.

*Expectations and Requirements for Admission to the College of Medicine*

Students must successfully complete the medical school admissions process in order to be considered for admission to the College of Medicine. The admissions process includes completing and submitting the following documents and meeting the requirements noted below:

1. Verified AMCAS application (including personal statement and letters of recommendation)
2. Complete FAUCOM Secondary Application
3. Complete a mandatory online computer-based Situational Judgment Test known as CASPer™ and achieve a score no less than the minimum set by the College of Medicine Admissions Office for that entering class
4. Complete the process of obtaining a letter of recommendation from the FAU Pre-health Professions Committee from May to August of the year prior to the intended year of matriculation into medical school. This process must be initiated by the student no later than January of the anticipated year of application to medical school.
5. MCAT composite score minimum: 510
6. Cumulative undergraduate average of 3.7 and a cumulative science GPA of at least 3.7 (both determined by AMCAS)
7. Completed applications must be submitted to AMCAS no later than September 15th of the year prior to the intended year of matriculation into medical school.

In addition to the documentation and requirements noted above, all students must be have a successful completion of a medical school interview and be accepted by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee. Furthermore, students are only offered an interview if all the above requirements are met. Enrollment in the FAU High School MD Direct Program does not guarantee admission to the College of Medicine. The Admissions Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept a FAU High School MD Direct Program student into the COM or, alternatively, vote to reject a FAU High School MD Direct Program student, at which time, the student would be considered dismissed from the FAU High School MD Direct Program. As required by the College’s accrediting organization, the final responsibility for accepting all students to the medical school rests with the College’s formally constituted Admissions Committee. FAU High School MD Direct Program students who are not accepted into the College of Medicine as part of the FAU High School MD Direct Program, and who are therefore dismissed from the Program, may apply to the College of Medicine in subsequent years pursuant to the standard College of Medicine’s admissions process.

If admitted to the College of Medicine, FAU High School MD Direct Program students are subject to the same requirements, responsibilities and privileges as all other medical students. Among the forms that must be completed prior to matriculation are: 1) immunization form, 2) health form, 3) health/disability insurance forms, and 4) Florida residency statement, as applicable. All Florida residency documents must be submitted in advance of matriculation so that a residency determination can be made for tuition assessment. FAU High School MD Direct Program students are eligible for the same types of financial assistance offered to all other medical students.