ADMISSIONS
Leading innovation in medical education, discovery, and community-based care.

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2010—COLLEGE FOUNDED
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2015
FULL LCME ACCREDITATION

2016 - 2017
4 NEW RESIDENCIES

2018
MATCH DAY
PIPELINE PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES
The College of Medicine has teamed up with internal and external partners to conditionally admit students interested in medicine and biological sciences.

MED DIRECT
In partnership with the College of Medicine, The MED DIRECT Program creates conditional admission for undergraduates who demonstrate a strong interest in medicine, a high level of academic ability, and passion for service and volunteerism.

WILKES MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Wilkes Medical Scholars Program is a highly selective, early admission program into the College of Medicine for students with a strong desire to pursue a career in medicine. Students select from twenty-seven academic concentrations and receive either a B.A. or a B.S. in Liberal Arts and Sciences, from the Wilkes Honors College in Jupiter and the M.D. degree from the College of Medicine in Boca Raton in seven to eight years.

FAU HIGH SCHOOL
FAU High School students who qualify can receive conditional acceptance to the College of Medicine after one to two years of field and/or research experience.

HEALTHCARE CAREERS OUTREACH PROGRAM
In partnership with the Palm Beach County School District, the College of Medicine offers the Healthcare Careers Outreach Program to middle school students and enhanced learning opportunities in biomedical research and medicine.

STAR MD
The Star M.D. program offers scholarships to qualified applicants upon matriculation to the College of Medicine.

FAMU/FAU MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
In partnership with FAMU, the FAU Medical Scholars Program is an eight-year Bachelor of Science-Medical Doctor dual-degree program for outstanding high school seniors who have made an early and informed decision to become physicians.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
The College of Medicine’s graduate programs combine innovation with high-tech learning tools to educate and train aspiring scientists. The college offers a joint doctoral program with the College of Science in integrative biology, a master’s degree in biomedical science and a graduate certificate in biomedical science.
CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE
The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine’s innovative integrated patient-focused curriculum features early longitudinal, community-based, clinical experiences and an emphasis on problem-based learning with collaboration, critical thinking, and self-directed learning.

In the first two years of training, students learn primarily in small groups where they apply knowledge from a variety of disciplines as they work through patient cases. They are trained to apply clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills as they learn how to review the scientific literature and become lifelong learners. They learn the foundational sciences in our Fundamentals of Biomedical Science and system-based Pathophysiology and Therapeutics courses while simultaneously receiving clinical skills training in our Foundations of Medicine classes.

We also encourage our students to participate in research. Between year one and year two of medical school, the summer break of approximately ten weeks provides an opportunity for students to gain research experience. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and College of Medicine faculty members pursue internal and external connections with universities, institutes, and hospitals to offer summer research opportunities to our students. Thus, in addition to training with investigators at the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, students have also been involved in research at sites such as the Cleveland Clinic and the Scripps Research Institute. OSA collects and distributes information about these research opportunities, and hosts an annual Medical Student and Resident Research and Scholarship Day, in which students can showcase their accomplishments.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Small class size promotes close collaboration and mentoring
• Technology enhances curriculum delivery (iPads, Apple TV, LCMS+)
• Early and continuous community-based clinical experiences
• Simulation center and standardized patient exercises enhance clinical training
• Communication training prepares students to be humanistic and patient focused
• Dedicated time for vacation, independent study and board preparation
• Owled, our LCMS+ curriculum management system, provides mobile and online access to all schedules and learning materials
During their third and fourth years, our students will rotate through hospitals in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. More than 1,000 community-based doctors are affiliate members of our college and work alongside University-based faculty to provide an enriching educational experience. A key component of the curriculum is early exposure to patients and the actual practice of medicine.

Our hospitals are organized into a northern cluster and southern cluster.

North Cluster Hospitals (Palm Beach County)
Boca Raton Regional Hospital has evolved from a community hospital into one of the preeminent tertiary medical centers in Florida offering a full range of medical services.

Delray Medical Center offers a wide range of specialized services, including emergency care, cardiovascular care, a comprehensive stroke center and psychiatric services. It is a Level II trauma center for adults and children.

Bethesda Hospital East is committed to “provide a world class learning environment and retain those physicians in our community.” This community, not-for-profit hospital offers a full array of healthcare services, including maternity services, a Level III neonatal ICU, pediatrics and pediatric ICU services, a 28-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility and comprehensive cardiovascular services.

St. Mary’s Medical Center provides comprehensive medical care for adults and children, as well as community education and outreach. Its dedicated Children’s Hospital offers a wide array of specialized services, including a pediatric trauma center and pediatric emergency department.

West Boca Medical Center is an acute care medical/surgical facility known for its pediatric and surgical specialty programs, including robotic surgery; it is highly rated in studies for its safe and effective care, and provides maternity care and a Level III neonatal ICU.

South Cluster Hospitals (Broward County)
Cleveland Clinic Florida is a not-for-profit, multi-specialty, fully integrated medical center providing medical diagnosis and treatment for all types of complex illnesses. It provides residency training as well as advanced fellowship work in specialized disciplines.

Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital is the leading children’s hospital in Broward and Palm Beach counties, the only one performing cardiac catheterization and open-heart surgery and one of the few hospitals in the nation performing minimally invasive, endoscopic surgery for cranial abnormalities.

Memorial Regional Hospital, the flagship facility of Memorial Healthcare System, is one of the largest in Florida. Its programs include cardiac and vascular, cancer and neuroscience with a comprehensive stroke center. The hospital is one of only a few Level I trauma centers in the state. It also has a rehabilitation center and bariatric surgery options for severe obesity.
STUDENT PROFILE: WHY SASHA THIEL CHOSE FAU
Choosing where I would spend the next four years of my life was stressful and somewhat intimidating. In retrospect, I could not imagine being anywhere other than the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University. I wanted to attend a medical school that encouraged flexibility for self-directed learning and engagement in the community. The problem-based-learning curriculum and small class sizes at FAU Medicine provide an environment where teachers are coaches rather than lecturers—meaning that students must assume a great deal of responsibility for their own learning. This approach definitely provides superior preparation for both the boards and the wards.

I also knew that I wanted my medical school to value not only academic work, but also service in the community as an important aspect of education. FAU Medicine is relatively new and the learning environment is very supportive so I knew that my passions and interests would be recognized. From the LGBT+ Health Interest Group to the Arts and Medicine talent show to community CPR lessons at the local free clinic, there are many leadership opportunities and extracurricular activities for those who wish to be involved.

The last big question, however, was whether I would be socially happy. I did not want to go to a school with ‘emotionless study robots.’ I fell in love with FAU Medicine when a few students hosted my stay during the interview stage. The students here are some of the most down-to-earth, amazing humans that I know. In general, south Florida has a lot to offer and living five minutes from the beach doesn’t hurt either.

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• Up to 25% of each entering class may come from states outside of Florida.
• Qualified students from groups currently underrepresented in medicine—women, students from socio-economically diverse backgrounds, students from rural or underserved areas and those from non-traditional educational backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

SELECTION FACTORS
• GPA and MCAT scores
• Rigor of the educational program(s) undertaken
• Breadth of life experiences
• Meaningfulness of direct patient contact experiences
• Research experiences
• Quality of letters of recommendation
• Interpersonal skills
• Personal qualities and background
• Source and degree of motivation to study and practice medicine

MD/PHD ADMISSIONS
The Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter, Florida, in conjunction with the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, offers an M.D./Ph.D. program for exceptionally motivated individuals who seek to combine the practice of medicine with research to solve complex problems in human health.

Admission to the M.D./Ph.D. program is a dual process that requires applicants to complete separate applications to the College of Medicine and the Scripps Research Institute. Applicants accepted at only one institution may matriculate at the accepting institution but not the other. Students admitted to the M.D./Ph.D. program participate in research during medical school and start their graduate work full-time after completing the second year of the medical curriculum. After all requirements are successfully completed, students receive their M.D. degree from the College of Medicine. The Ph.D. degree is awarded by The Scripps Research Institute. For more information, visit: https://education.scripps.edu/graduate/doctoral-program/other-academic-programs/?tab-3-drawers=1
The College of Medicine is dedicated to the recruitment and support of a diverse body of students, faculty and staff. We believe that what constitutes diversity goes beyond race and ethnicity to include factors such as gender, educational background and individual achievement, research endeavors and prowess, totality of life and work experiences, ethnic/cultural affiliation, membership in groups that are currently underrepresented in medicine, socio-economic disadvantages encountered, life adversities overcome and non-traditional academic backgrounds. For more details on the application process, see: med.fau.edu/admissions/md/reqpro.php

MCAT

- Applicants must take the MCAT exam (and release their scores) no later than the fall preceding the year in which they hope to enroll in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.
- Scores should be no more than three years old at the time of application.

PRIMARY AMCAS APPLICATION

- The AMCAS application is available to applicants in May, and can be submitted in June.
- The AMCAS Application must be submitted before the November 15 deadline.
- Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University must be designated as an institution to which applications should be sent.
- Letters of recommendation are ONLY accepted through AMCAS- no direct mail or email to FAU.
- The College of Medicine requires either a composite letter of evaluation written by the premedical advisory committee at the applicant’s school (greatly preferred) or a minimum of three individual letters from faculty members who have taught the applicant and who can provide insight into the applicant’s academic ability and personal qualifications for the study and practice of medicine. At least two of these letters must be provided by science faculty members.
- Applicants who have been away from academics for at least one year since obtaining the initial bachelor's degree can submit three individual faculty letters from the most recent degree program, if feasible. If this is not feasible, an applicant may substitute with letters from three upper-level supervisors.
- Applicants may submit a maximum of two additional letters to support their application from employers, volunteer supervisors and military superiors.
- For information about the AMCAS application process and to open an account and complete an AMCAS application, see: www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas.

SECONDARY APPLICATION

- Applicants who have their verified AMCAS application forwarded to the College of Medicine will be directed to a web site where they can complete the secondary application and pay the $30 non-refundable application fee securely online.
- The website is known as the Medical Admissions Portal and houses all aspects of the FAU secondary application.
- The Secondary application is used to gather additional information about the applicant such as expanded narratives on activities and ties the applicant may have to Florida and FAU.
- The Secondary application must be submitted by the December 31 deadline.
- Secondary application must contain CASper scores in order to be considered complete and ready for review. (see page 12 for more details on CASper)

INTERVIEWS

- Completed applications are reviewed in order to determine which applicants will be granted an invitation to interview. The Office of Admissions will reach out to selected applicants through email with the available interview dates.
- Interviews take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays between September and February.
- Each applicant has two 30-minute interviews by a members of the College of Medicine: both interviews are of a situational behavioral format.
- The Interview day includes tours of the College of Medicine, teaching facilities, as well as meetings with some faculty and current medical school students.

ACCEPTANCE

- Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis- first set of decisions are released after October 15th.
- Applicants will be accepted, rejected, or placed on the alternate list.
- Applicants on the alternate list will be accepted if there are sufficient vacancies in the class.
- FAU does not rank the waitlist or category status.
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ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE BUDGETS FOR 2018-2019
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