ADMISSIONS

Bringing Innovation to Education, Clinical Care & Research.

FAU CHARLES E. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Florida Atlantic University
Educating and training tomorrow’s doctors. Providing quality patient care to South Florida. Pioneering research to advance knowledge.
We are pleased that you are considering Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine for your medical school.

Our College of Medicine has achieved exponential growth since it opened, less than a decade ago. This past year, more than 4,200 students have applied for 64 spots. Our first two graduating classes have matched 100% into residency programs across the United States including Harvard, Yale, Cleveland Clinic Florida, University of Florida and Northwestern.

This year, we added two new residency programs, in emergency medicine and surgery, in addition to our internal medicine program. Our students also have the opportunity to learn from and train beside world-class researchers working to understand the human body and brain, to help us treat dementia, cancer, heart disease, macular degeneration and other ailments that impact individuals from South Florida and the rest of the world. Our recently built Clinical Translational Research Unit will bring cutting edge trials right here to our campus in Boca Raton.

At the College of Medicine, we are proud of our Admissions Program. We are committed to recruiting and retaining outstanding students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds by providing a compassionate and caring atmosphere where our students always feel comfortable.

That process starts with choosing the right students -- people who will work well with their patients and the entire health-care team. After carefully selecting our students, we immerse them in a culture that embodies the characteristics we expect to see in our graduates. We make an effort to get to know all of our medical students, and we pride ourselves on striving to provide the resources needed for their personal health and wellness, as well as their academic achievement and excellence.

Further, we recognize the financial burden of medical school education and have awarded a significant number of scholarships to deserving students from across the United States.

We are interested in producing doctors who care as well as cure. We hope to be a part of your journey to becoming a doctor.

Sincerely,

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Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Admissions
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Florida Atlantic University
ABOUT FAU & THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**FAU FACTS**
- FAU students come from all 50 states, every county in Florida and more than 180 countries.
- FAU is home to the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center, a federally funded research facility that is developing technology to generate energy by harnessing the power of Florida’s ocean currents.
- FAU has been named to Military Times’ Best for Vets: Colleges, for three consecutive years.
- With more than 50 percent of its student body classified as minority or international students, FAU ranks as the most racially, ethnically and culturally diverse institution in Florida’s State University System.
- FAU is taking its place among the world’s great research centers and has been given the designation of “High Research Activity” university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

**COLLEGE FACTS**
- 256 students (64 students per class) at full enrollment
- Approximately 75 percent of students are Florida residents
- Approximately 202 full-time and part-time faculty at full enrollment
- The 64 members of the Class of 2020 were selected from 4,285 applicants.
- 100% match for residency two years in a row: 2015 and 2016
- The current class has a cumulative GPA of 3.7 and an average MCAT score of 32 which is above the national average
2015
FULL LCME ACCREDITATION

2016
2 NEW RESIDENCIES

2016
100% MATCH
PIPELINE PROGRAMS AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES
College of Medicine has teamed up with partners inside and outside FAU to draw students interested in medicine and biological sciences into our programs.

MED DIRECT
The MED DIRECT Program works in partnership with FAU's College of Medicine and creates special opportunities for undergraduates who demonstrate a strong interest in medicine, a high level of academic ability, a passion for service and commitment to volunteerism.

WILKES MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
The Wilkes Medical Scholars Program is a highly selective, early admission program into The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine for students who have 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 FAU's College of Medicine in Boca Raton in seven or eight years.

FAU HIGH SCHOOL
FAU High School students with an interest in medicine track into the College of Medicine.

HEALTHCARE CAREERS OUTREACH PROGRAM
The College has partnered with the Palm Beach County School District to offer the Healthcare Careers Outreach Program to afford middle school students with enhanced learning opportunities.

STAR MD
This is an 8-year B.S./M.D. program for athletes interested in medicine.

FAMU/FAU MEDICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
This partnership with FAMU is an 8-year Bachelor of Science-Medical Doctor dual-degree program for outstanding high school seniors who have made an early and informed decision to become a physician.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
The College'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 FAU College of Science in integrative biology, a master's degree in biomedical science and a graduate certificate in biomedical science.

POST-BACCALAUREATE
The Medical Post-Baccalaureate Program is designed to give students who have the motivation, desire and commitment the additional skills and experiences that can propel them to become a competitive applicant for medical school.
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 life-long 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 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 engage in research experiences. The Office of Student Affairs and College of Medicine faculty members pursue internal and external connections with universities, institutes, and hospitals to offer summer research opportunities for 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
• Owlmed, 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.

**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 JANELLE NASSIM CHOSE FAU

I always knew I wanted to go to medical school. When it came time to apply, I would have been grateful to be accepted anywhere, given the highly competitive climate of allopathic medical schools. I found myself faced with the decision of where to attend, but the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at Florida Atlantic University was the obvious choice for me. I wanted to study medicine at a place where I felt at home. The faculty, staff, and small class size at FAU were major factors in my decision. During my interview and Second Look Weekend, I could tell the environment was warm, welcoming, and positive. Medicine is a team sport, and I appreciated that small group work would be incorporated throughout all four years.

When I got to FAU, I was surprised at how much opportunity there is to get involved. With a wide variety of student organizations, volunteer opportunities, and research opportunities, there is really something for everyone.

I would advise prospective students to think about the curriculum is systems based. When I first applied, I had no idea what an advantage this truly is. I felt very well prepared for board exams and for my third-year clerkships because of the way our courses and exams were designed.

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ADMISSIONS FACTS

• The College of Medicine admits up to 64 students to each entering class.
• All applicants must be U.S. citizens or unconditional permanent residents of the United States with an alien registration receipt card in their possession at the time they complete the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application.
• Applicants who apply as permanent residents will be required to provide a copy of their alien registration receipt card at the interview.
• 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 disadvantaged backgrounds, students from rural or underserved areas and those from non-traditional educational backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

SELECTION FACTORS

• GPAs 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, offers an M.D./Ph.D. program for exceptionally motivated applicants who seek to combine the practice of medicine with research to solve complex present and evolving problems in human health.

Admission to the M.D./Ph.D. program is actually 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 experiences 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: education.scripps.edu/prospective_students/index.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.

FILE PRIMARY AMCAS APPLICATIONS
- AMCAS application is available to applicants in May, and can be submitted June.
- Application must be submitted before December 31 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.

FILE 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.
- 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.
- Secondary applications must be submitted by the December 31 deadline.

INTERVIEWS
- Completed applications are reviewed by the admissions committee. The committee will reach out to applicants they would like to interview.
- Interviews generally take place on Tuesday and Thursdays between September and March
- Each applicant has two 30-minute interviews by members of the admissions committee: one exploratory and one in a situational behavioral format.
- Interview day includes tours of the College of Medicine, teaching facilities, as well as meetings with some faculty and students.

ACCEPTANCE
- Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis. Those who apply earlier will be notified earlier.
- 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 disclose rank or category status.

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
QUALIFICATIONS

• Applicants must be U.S. citizens or unconditional permanent residents of the United States with an alien registration receipt card in their possession at the time they complete the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application.

• Applicants who apply as permanent residents and who are invited for an interview will be required to provide a copy of their alien registration receipt card at the time of the interview.

• Florida residents get preference, but residents of any state may apply. For more info, visit med.fau.edu/admissions/md/reqpro.php

• Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or higher from a North America-based institution with regional accreditation.

• The M.D. and M.D /Ph.D. programs currently do not accept applications for advanced standing or transfer students.

PREREQUISITES

Prerequisite courses below must be graded credits earned at a college or university located in the North America and accredited by a regional accrediting agency. The deadline for completing all prerequisite coursework is the end of the spring semester or quarter prior to matriculation.

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* The English requirement may be satisfied by literature courses or by writing courses.
** One semester of biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry.
*** May be satisfied by additional courses in the natural sciences or mathematics, or by courses in the social sciences.
*** Biochemistry is strongly recommended.

Credits earned in Study Abroad programs are acceptable if they appear on the transcript of a regionally accredited college or university along with the number of credits awarded for each course. AP/IB credit can be used to satisfy some course requirements. All AP/IB credit must appear on the applicant’s transcript and be verified by AMCAS to count as prerequisite coursework. CLEP credits are not acceptable. Online courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
MEDICAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Medical Student Financial Aid provides comprehensive counseling services to help medical students and their families meet the cost of attending the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. Personalized financial counseling occurs in a one-on-one format and the goal of the office is to provide each accepted applicant and medical student with the most financially advantageous strategy for meeting the cost of his or her medical education. The office has an open-door policy and also hosts group informational sessions throughout the academic year to help medical students manage their financial obligations.

FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT (M1)

Dates of Attendance for M1's in 2016-2017

August 8, 2016 – May 19, 2017 (10 months)

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ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE BUDGETS FOR 2016-2017

Tuition and Fees are established by the FL State Legislature, FL Board of Governors, and the FAU Board of Trustees, and are subject to change.
LIVING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Located on the coast of Southeast Florida in the heart of Palm Beach County, Boca Raton and the surrounding areas provide wonderful schools, shopping, beautiful beaches, restaurants, indoor and outdoor recreation, theaters, healthcare, entertainment and much more. Boca Raton also offers a diverse selection of communities and activities. FAU is located very close to a major shopping center, Towne Center Mall. It is a short drive to three major airports in West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

Palm Beach County has many desirable places to live; it’s just a matter of finding the right fit for you. For additional information about Palm Beach County, visit http://www.palmbeachfl.com/.

South Florida enjoys an average annual temperature of 82°F, ranging from an average low of 75°F in the winter to 89°F in the summer, making it an ideal place to enjoy outdoor activities like:

- Clear and clean beaches
- Nature parks
- Snorkeling
- Fishing
- Surfing
- Boating
- Paddleboarding
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