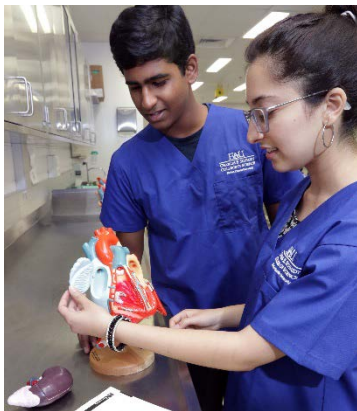


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## Medical Pipeline Programs & Educational Initiatives

Innovative pipeline programs at Florida Atlantic University are proving to be a great way to jumpstart the medical careers of young, aspiring doctors-to-be. The College of Medicine has teamed up with colleagues from across the campus --- Athletics, Wilkes Honors College, College of Science, FAU High – as well as partners at FAMU to identify recruit and train students with one overarching goal – entry into FAU’s highly competitive M.D. program. Whether it is a star athlete, National Merit Scholar or a high school student, we are attracting the best and the brightest.



### **Med Direct**

FAU Med Direct is one of a small group of B.S./M.D. programs in the nation targeting National Merit Scholars nationwide to come to FAU and enroll in FAU’s College of Science. Students apply to the program during their senior year of high school, and upon conditional acceptance they are placed in FAU’s medical school when they begin their college program. They must successfully meet the requirements of the program.

### **FAU High School**

The FAU High School pipeline is designed to identify five juniors annually who desire to be doctors and who have received National Merit Scholar recognition. As part of the program, students complete their bachelor’s degree before receiving their high school diploma. They are required to maintain GPAs between 3.8 to 4.0 as well as meet the requirements for the MCAT. They also will participate in 1-2 years of hands-on field and research experience working alongside faculty and researchers at FAU as well as researchers at Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience and Scripps Florida.



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### ***Wilkes Medical Scholars Program***

The Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College Medical Scholars Program, a highly selective, early admission program into the College of Medicine, enables students to receive a B.S. from the Wilkes Honors College in Jupiter and the M.D. degree from the College of Medicine in seven or eight years.



### ***STAR MD***

For students who participate in Division 1 athletic programs and want to become physicians, the College of Medicine and Athletics Department have teamed up on a program titled STAR MD (Student Trained Athlete’s Road to the M.D. Program). Coaches select their top academic student athletes and work with the College of Medicine for mentoring and to pair them with a medical student to ensure peer contact throughout the process. Students must maintain a 3.5 GPA and meet the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) requirements.



### ***FAMU/FAU Medical Scholars Program***

Florida Atlantic University has partnered with the Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee to establish the first-of-its-kind Medical Scholars Program between the two institutions. In short, the program is an elite pre-medical program that provides a rigorous, specialized training that better prepares students for medical school beyond the traditional pre-medical training. 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.

### ***Why Students Choose FAU’s Combined Bachelor’s/M.D. Programs***

“The amicability of the professors and students, coupled with the academic rigor of a holistic approach to learning, were the factors that struck me most and endeared me to the Honors College when I visited the campus for the first time. I chose to attend the Honors College because I desired to pursue my medical aspirations in an academically enthusiastic rather than academically competitive community.”

-- Priscilla Tang, Wilkes Medical Scholar