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College of Medicine

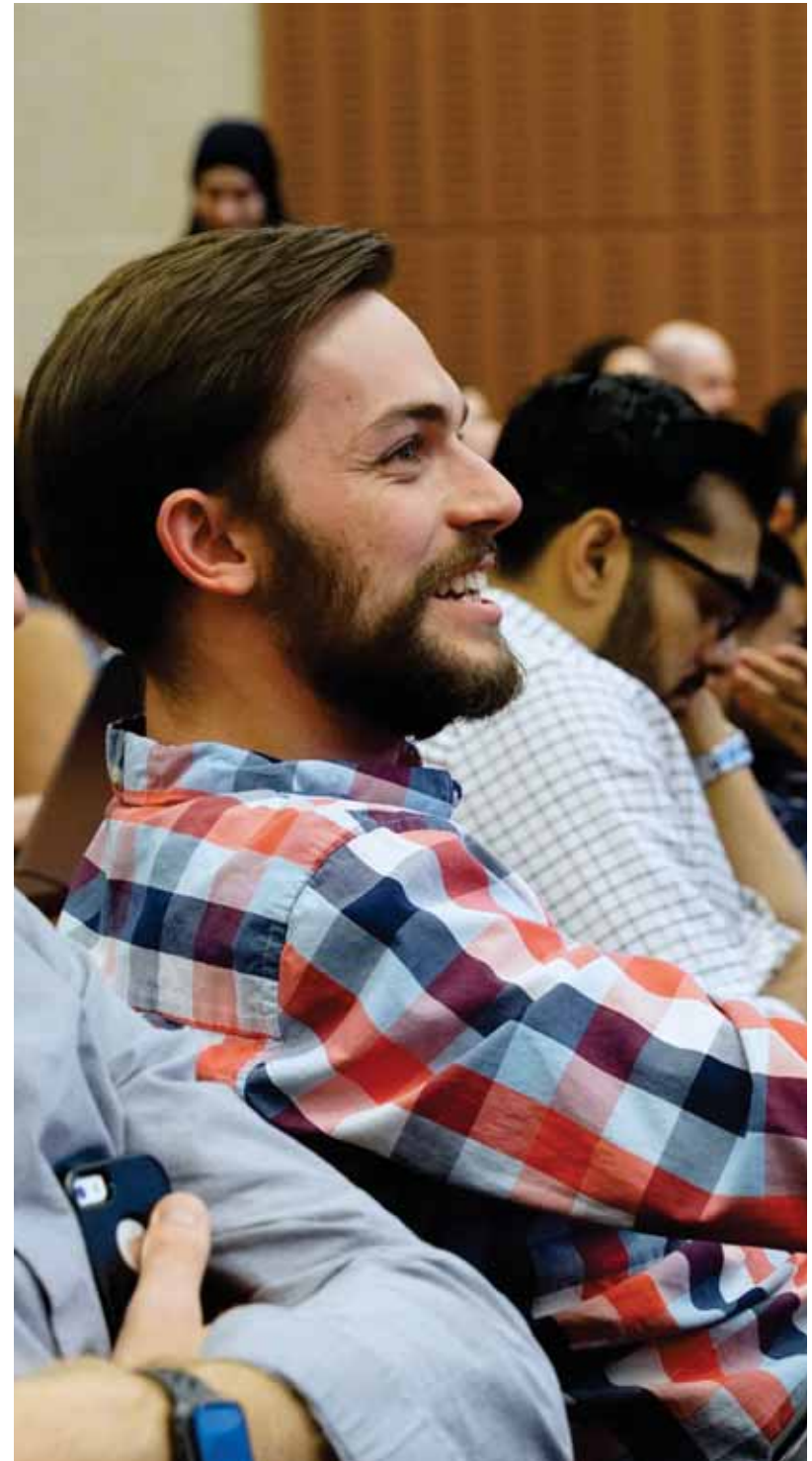
STUDENT
VIEWBOOK '26-27

WELCOME TO THE
University of Central Florida

At UCF, we believe that every medical student comes to medical school with a dream for the future. Our faculty and staff are committed to helping each student build that dream from day one. We seek students who have both a passion for medicine and a spirit of curiosity and inquiry that drives their learning; most importantly, we seek students who will make a difference in the lives of others. The power to make a difference and effect change lies in those who have passion, compassion, ambition, and courage. These are individuals who are driven to be part of something greater than themselves. This spirit describes the culture of our faculty, staff, and students at UCF. With the teaching experience of our faculty, the wisdom of our community leaders, and our students' inquisitive minds, we have built an innovative program that serves as a national model for medical education and student support. We invite you to explore our program and learn why the UCF College of Medicine is like no other place to build your medical career.



Dr. Marcy Verduin
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
UCF College of Medicine



College Facts

College of Medicine Research Funding

FY 2025/26: \$ 12.23M

UCF Enrollment (Spring 2026)

Undergraduate:	57,907
Graduate:	9,842
Medical Professional:	474
Residents:	720

Your College of Medicine

- The College of Medicine is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredit all medical schools in the United States and Canada.
- 99% placement rate on Match Day for M.D. program graduates; selected areas of specialty for include primary care, emergency medicine, diagnostic radiology, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, surgery and psychiatry.
- The college's Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences conducts cutting-edge medical research focusing on global health concerns —cancer, cardiovascular, neurodegenerative, and infectious diseases.



STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



WELLNESS EVENTS ON THE LAWN

Faculty **Spotlight**

Jim Nichols, M.D.

Assistant Professor

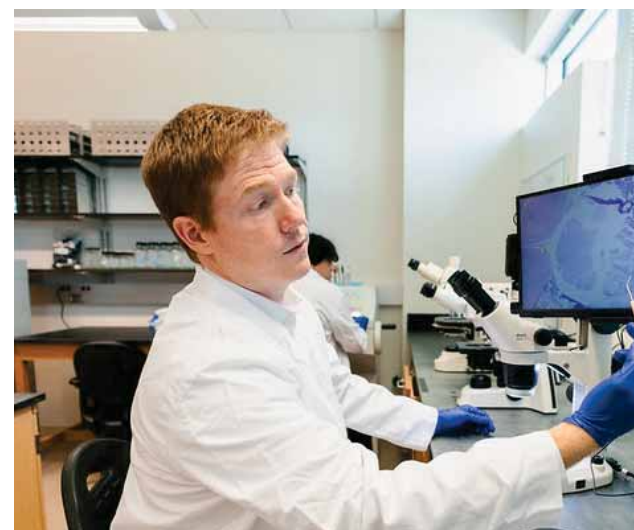
Through a recently awarded NIH grant, UCF Assistant Professor Dr. Jim Nichols is pursuing innovative approaches that will help patients with Type 1 diabetes.

Dr. Nichols arrived at UCF in the summer of 2025, and said his goal is to inspire students to pursue bold new research directions. He encourages students to not fear the failures that lead to success.

Before joining UCF, Dr. Nichols spent many years looking for new causes of diabetic neuropathy. Based on the potential of his early findings, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, which is under the NIH, recently awarded UCF a \$747,000 R00 grant to expand that research.

One of the challenges of living with diabetes is that patients with neuropathy may lose feeling in their extremities and not feel a cut, blister or injury. Those injuries can become infected and even lead to amputation. Such diabetic complications occur more frequently in patients with poor blood sugar control, so Dr. Nichols is hoping that his research will find a treatment to regulate and improve neuron signaling that can be used as part of improved blood sugar management.

During the next three years, Dr. Nichols and his team will document the behavior of neurons, their signaling systems and surrounding cells to find ways to regulate them to alleviate symptoms of neuropathy.



Student Body **Information**

5,422	Verified Applicants
509	Interviewed
120	Matriculated
82	Florida Residents
38	Non-Florida Residents
3.90	Science GPA
3.92	Total GPA
514	MCAT
62	Female
58	Male



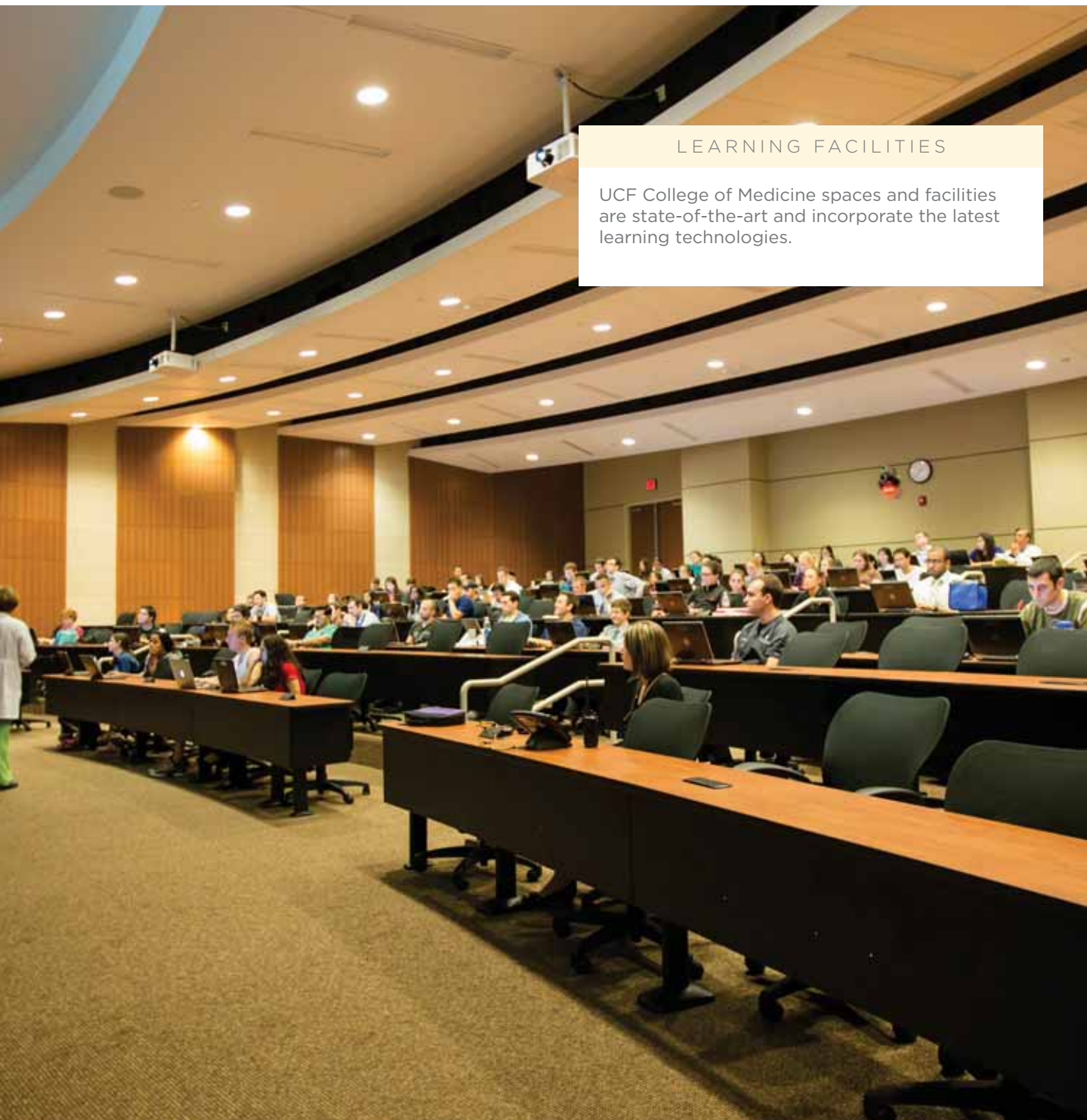
Alumni **Spotlight**

Dr. Elona Rrapo Kaso

Doctor at Orlando VA Medical Center

As a member of the College of Medicine's Charter Class, Elona Rrapo Kaso had a pioneering spirit to improve healthcare for all. Today, the 2013 M.D. graduate has returned to Medical City and is establishing an advanced cardiac imaging program at the Orlando VA Medical Center next door to her alma mater.





2026 Residency Match

Residency Match **Specialties**

ANESTHESIOLOGY (7)
CHILD NEUROLOGY (1)
DERMATOLOGY (2)
EMERGENCY MED (9)
FAMILY MED (3)
INTERNAL MED (33)
NEUROLOGY (9)
OPHTHALMOLOGY (2)

ORTHOPEDICS (5)
OTOLARYNGOLOGY (2)
PATHOLOGY (5)
PEDIATRICS (6)
PHYSICAL REHAB (4)
PLASTIC SURGERY (2)
PSYCHIATRY (8)
RADIOLOGY (6)

SURGERY (4)
UROLOGY (1)

Match **Results**





ORLANDO

The city **beautiful**

AREA SPORTS TEAMS

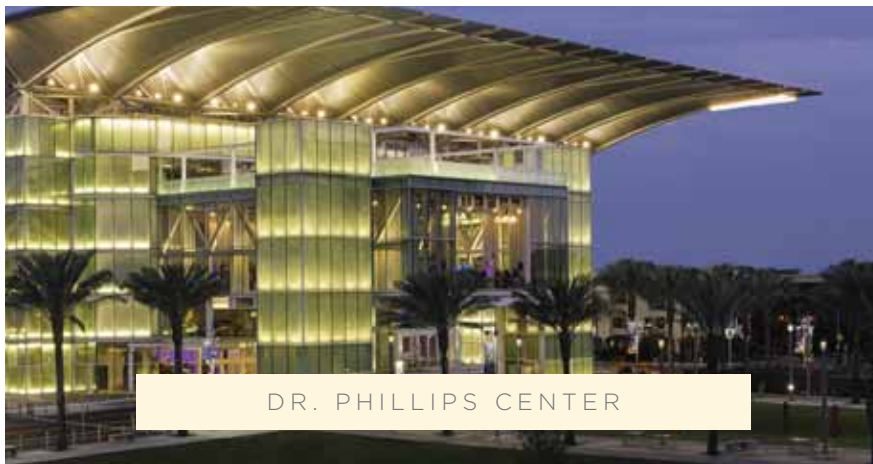


The UCF College of Medicine is located in Orlando, one of the world's premier visitor destinations with theme parks, professional sports teams, recreation beaches and the arts.

Millions of people from across the globe come each year to our community to visit Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, SeaWorld and

Kennedy Space Center.

We have professional sports teams as well as your UCF Knights who compete in the Big 12 conference. A refurbished NASCAR raceway and a performing arts center in downtown Orlando that are drawing rave reviews. And we're easy to access. The medical school is just minutes from Orlando International Airport.



DR. PHILLIPS CENTER



LAKE EOLA - DOWNTOWN



LAKE NONA

The city beautiful's **Medical City**.

The UCF College of Medicine is the academic cornerstone of Lake Nona's Medical City, an emerging biosciences cluster of medical education, research and patient care just minutes from one of the world's most visited airports.

Our Health Sciences Campus includes UCF's

Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences, the UCF Lake Nona Hospital, the UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center, and the newly opened College of Nursing. Lake Nona is one of the nation's fastest-growing planned communities with a resort hotel, crystal lagoon, movie theaters and Town Center coming to life around us.





Community Partnerships

UCF medical students train in multiple locations across Orlando and Florida, giving them diverse experiences with patient populations, healthcare policies, electronic health records and cultures. In fact, students train in facilities from St. Augustine to St. Petersburg.

Thanks to our partnership with the VA, every UCF medical student spends time in their training caring for the nation's heroes. Hospital Corporation of America's Osceola Regional Medical Center gives students experience with one of the state's fastest-growing and most diverse populations. The Orlando VA Medical Center and Nemours Children's Hospital are our neighbors in Medical City and provide opportunities for training and research.

Medical City **World-Class Partners**

- UCF Health Sciences Campus at Lake Nona
- UCF Lake Nona Hospital
- UCF Cancer Center
- Nemours Children's Hospital
- Orlando VA Medical Center
- University of Florida research facility
- Veterans Hospital Administration SimLEARN National Simulation Center

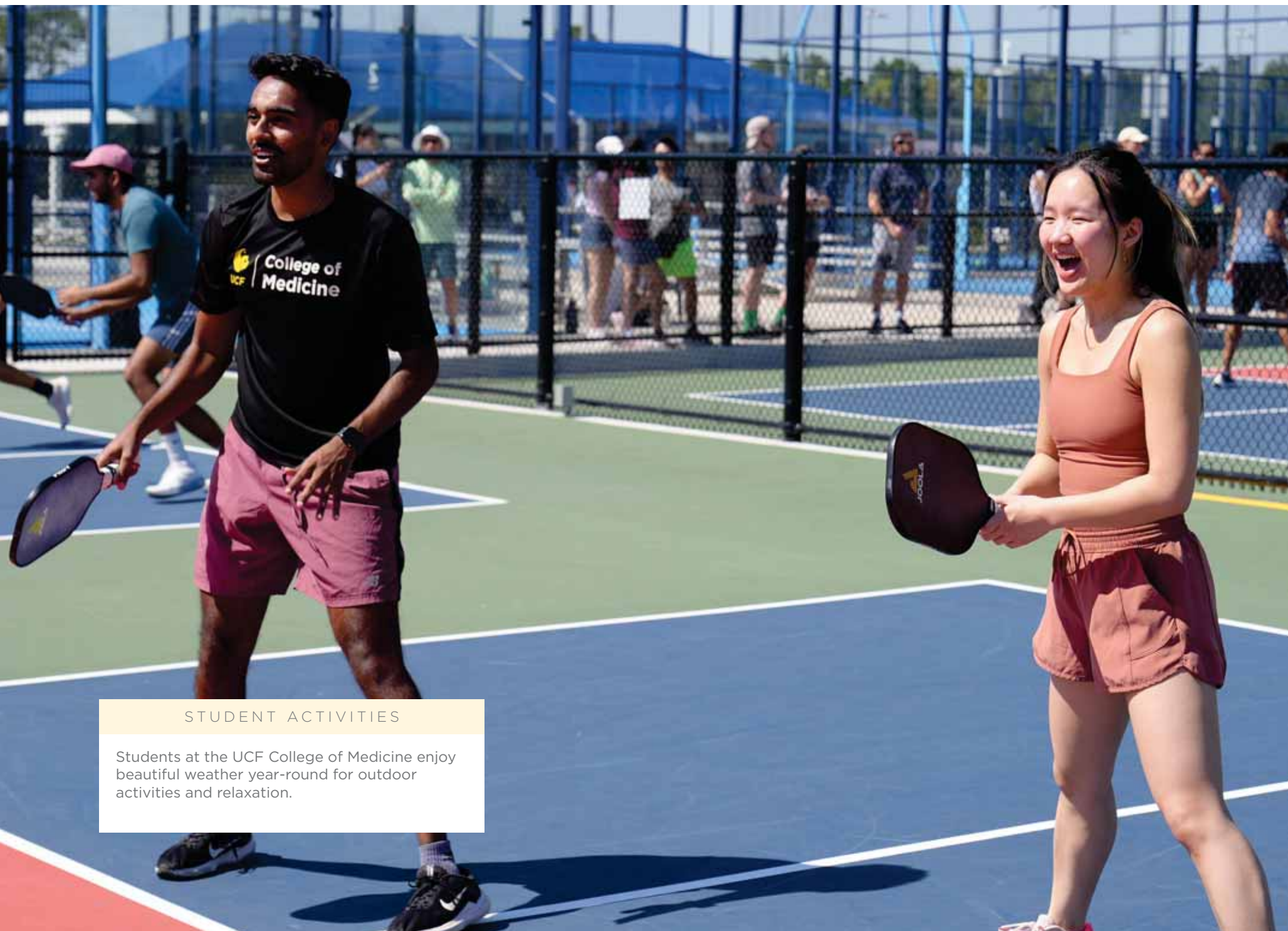




Expanded Educational Sites

The UCF College of Medicine is growing – to provide more educational sites for students, residents and fellows, while improving the health of Floridians. A new teaching hospital, cancer center and expanding residency and fellowship programs are offering M.D. students expanded opportunities to work and train in the greater Orlando area.





STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students at the UCF College of Medicine enjoy beautiful weather year-round for outdoor activities and relaxation.

Comprehensive Curriculum

The M.D. program curriculum at UCF fully integrates basic and clinical sciences across all four years. The first two years of the curriculum are structured into modules, with the first year focusing on a fundamental understanding of how the various basic science disciplines relate to the normal human body. The second year takes an organ system-based approach and applies the basic knowledge of the first year to the study of clinical disease, pathological processes and treatment.

An exciting component of the curriculum at UCF is best described by the dean as “fostering our spirit of inquiry!” This Focused Individualized Research Experience (FIRE) module continues throughout the first two years.

The third and fourth years of the curriculum are devoted to clinical experience through clerkships, selectives and electives. Fundamental knowledge from the first two years is reinforced through lectures, simulations, journal clubs, and conferences.

Year One

- Hematology, Immunology, Skin, & Musculoskeletal Systems
- Cardiology, Respiratory, & Gastrointestinal Systems
- Practice of Medicine I (throughout Year 1)
- Focused Individualized Research Experience I (throughout Year 1)

Year Two

- Endocrinology, Reproductive, & Renal Systems
- Psychological and Neurological Systems
- Multi-Systems
- Practice of Medicine II (throughout Year 2)
- Focused Individualized and Research Experience II (throughout Year 2)

Year Three

Following an orientation to the third year, students rotate through

a set of required Core Clerkships in Internal and Family Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Surgery. There are two Intersessions during the third year consisting of objective structured clinical examinations and a focus on longitudinal curricular themes. The third year culminates with a one-week capstone experience.

Year Four

The fourth year is divided into eleven 4-week blocks: a required Acting Internship, a required Emergency Medicine or Critical Care selective, and six 4-week electives, four of which can be taken at other institutions. The remaining 4-week blocks can be used for additional electives, research, independent study, or residency interviews. Students finish the fourth year with a 1-week capstone experience to prepare for residency training; this includes a “hands-on” Boot Camp experience in their selected specialty.

Joint M.D. Degree Programs

UCF's College of Medicine offers a variety of joint degree programs for students interested in an expanded training experience. In addition to medicine, the joint programs offer experiences in biomedical research as well as business and hospitality.

- **The M.D./Ph.D. degree** trains students wishing to become “physician-scientists.” It begins with the current first two years of the M.D. curriculum, followed by three to four years of intensive research training under the medical school's Burnett School of Biomedical Science's Ph.D. program. Then the student begins two years of clerkship rotations at hospitals and clinics. UCF's candidates earn doctorates in biomedical sciences through the M.D./Ph.D. track in the existing Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. Program.
- The medical school also offers a **M.D./Master of Science in Hospitality** program built on the strength of UCF's Rosen College of Hospitality Management to provide students with the customer-service skills to bring hospitality to today's medical industry.
- The college's **M.D./M.B.A. program** equips participants with the analytical tools, problem-solving and decision-making skills to succeed in today's competitive, ever-changing medical field.
- The UCF College of Medicine and College of Engineering offer a combined **M.D./Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MD/MSBME)** to students with engineering background and interest in the field. The combined program is five years in duration. M.D. program students complete the requirements for the Master's degree in the third year with the FIRE project expanded to satisfy the requirements of their thesis work.



Academic Requirements

Biology – 2 Semesters (with labs)
General Chemistry – 2 Semesters (with labs)
Organic Chemistry – 1 Semesters (with labs)
Biochemistry – 1 Semester (with labs if available) *
Physics – 2 Semesters (with labs) Algebra or Calculus based is accepted
College English** – 2 Semesters
College Math – 2 Semesters

Courses Recommended But Not Required

Genetics, Cell Biology, Statistics, Comparative Anatomy, and Calculus. Course work in humanities, natural sciences, or communications arts is also encouraged. While no specific college math courses are required, some college work in calculus is strongly recommended; familiarity with the principles of statistics for analysis of data is also important.

All majors are eligible to apply for admissions to the M.D. Program as long as the minimum academic requirements are met. Non-science majors are encouraged to take as many science courses as possible.

** Writing Intensive courses may be substituted for

English on a case-by-case basis.

* New prerequisite requirement starting in the 2026-2027 application cycle. Biochemistry and any equivalent course such as Medical Biochemistry is accepted. Biochemistry labs are recommended, but only if available at your respective college or university.

Application Requirements

- Minimum MCAT 500 (best single test from 2024, 2025, or 2026)



To learn more about the Early Decision Program, reference requirements, and more, visit our website:



Application Timeline

May

The primary AMCAS application becomes available in May.

June

The AMCAS application becomes available to admissions offices in late June. The holistic application review process will typically take several months to conclude.

July

Applicants who meet minimum requirements for consideration will be offered an invitation to complete the UCF secondary application.

August

Competitive applicants begin to receive interview invitations. Virtual interviews will continue through early Spring. Early Decision applications will be verified by August 1st, and all supplemental materials are due by the 15th.

Sept/Oct

The MCAT must be completed by the last date offered in September. Initial admissions decisions, including any offers to Early Decision applicants, will be released no earlier than October 15th.

November

The deadline to the complete the AMCAS application is November 16th.

December

The deadline to the complete the UCF secondary application is December 1st.

March

On a rolling basis, admitted students will receive scholarship and/or financial aid award letters from the Office of Student Financial Services.

April

Admitted students are invited to attend M.D. Preview Day, an all-day event featuring student panels, curricular activities, and opportunities to connect with potential classmates.

August

Incoming M1 students are welcomed to the class during White Coat Ceremony, kicking off Orientation Week.



Initial **Screening of Applicants**

The M.D. Program Admissions Office will begin communicating with applicants upon receipt of a verified AMCAS application. First, the Admissions Office will review to ensure that the application meets or exceeds the minimum GPA, MCAT scores, and citizenship requirements. Upon verification of these elements, the Admissions Office will e-mail each qualified applicant a link to the Secondary Application.

Interview Selection

Applicants chosen for interviews must be academically excellent and have demonstrated an interest in medicine through clinical and research activities. Those selected for interviews are contacted by telephone or e-mailed by the M.D. Admissions Office. A confirmation e-mail is sent with instructions on scheduling your two virtual interviews and your virtual visit.

Interviews + Virtual Visit

We will host virtual interviews via the Zoom platform. As you prepare for your interviews, you should focus on themes such as ethics, leadership/teamwork, why you want to be a physician, resiliency, why UCF, and time management.

Each month the Admissions Office will host a virtual visit to give interviewees a chance to learn about what UCF COM offers. Each interviewee will be required to attend one virtual visit throughout the interview season. Virtual visits are scheduled monthly from September through February/March.

The virtual visit will include:

- A visit with COM Senior Leadership
- Multiple interactions with medical students
- Overview of the curriculum, facilities, financial aid, counseling and wellness, and other student support services
- An overview of the admissions committee decision process and timelines for making offers of acceptance, placing on the waitlist, non-acceptance, and future communication and assistance

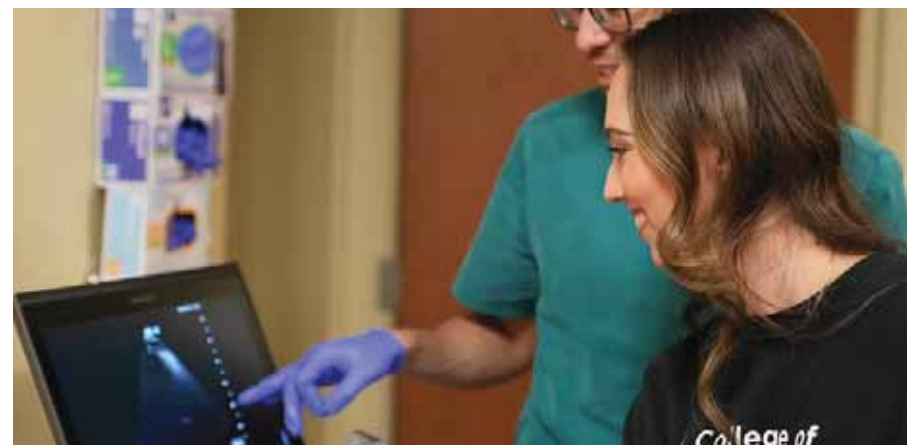
In addition to the virtual visits, we will invite interviewed students to attend in-person tours held throughout the admission cycle. Dates and times are provided when students schedule their interviews and virtual visits.



PREVIEW DAY

Prospective students enjoy learning about medical school and the UCF College of Medicine program on Preview Day.

Technical **Standards**



Financial Information

Financial Services

The COM Office of Student Financial Services assists M.D. students in obtaining resources to fund their educational expenses while attending the medical school. The office provides financial aid process and program counseling, as well as budgeting and money management counseling. Financial aid programs consist of institutional scholarships, institutional need-based grants, Stafford loans, outside/private scholarships, and GradPLUS loans.

To apply for financial aid, please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at

studentaid.gov/fafsa as soon after October 1 as possible.

The Title IV code for UCFCOM is **003954**.

For more detailed information regarding financial aid and counseling, please call **407.266.1381**, you may also e-mail **medfinaid@ucf.edu**.

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2026-2027 *

TRADITIONAL STUDENT	FL RESIDENT	NON-FL
Tuition & Fees	\$29,680	\$59,251
Books & Supplies	\$1,363	\$1,363
Room & Board	\$18,930	\$18,930
Disability Insurance	\$55	\$55
Health Insurance	\$3,802	\$3,802
Personal Expenses	\$3,143	\$3,143
Transportation	\$1,482	\$1,482
TOTAL:	\$58,555	\$88,126

* EXPECT TUITION TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 3% EACH YEAR.



Prescription For **Success**

QUALITY, CONSISTENCY, PASSION



Build a strong academic profile, with a focus in the core sciences.



Display your humanism with long-term medical & non-medical volunteering in your community.



Showcase your curiosity, adaptability, and analytical skills by engaging in scientific research.



Demonstrate your medical motivation & readiness by shadowing physicians across multiple specialties.



To learn more about what the M.D. Admissions Office recommends that a prospective applicant do to prepare for a future cycle, please visit our website:





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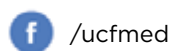
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