

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The FSU College of Medicine focuses on educating outstanding physicians for practice in community settings.

Students benefit from a well-structured continuum of education in the biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences. Subjects such as anatomy and pathology are presented in a clinically relevant context using medical cases, as well as the latest educational technologies. Problem-based and small-group learning experiences help students develop their clinical acumen and learn to work as a team.

Community-based clinical education spans the four-year curriculum. During the first two years, students' clinical education takes place in physician practices in the Tallahassee area, as well as in the medical school's Clinical Learning Center. In the third and fourth years, students complete their required clinical rotations at one of the medical school's six regional campuses, located in Daytona Beach, Fort Pierce, Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota and Tallahassee. In these urban



centers and the surrounding rural areas, the clinical training program extends into hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, managed care organizations, private clinics and other outpatient settings.

The curriculum is comprehensive, preparing students for any medical specialty and setting. Course content reflects the college's mission, with special attention given to primary care, geriatrics, cultural diversity, and the needs of underserved populations. In addition, concentrated learning opportunities are offered for those students interested in rural health. All courses make use of the latest instructional technology, and medical informatics is integrated throughout the curriculum.

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and physical aspects — and trying to put those
what patient-centered medicine is all about.”

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DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURE

FSU encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and integration of the curriculum through its streamlined organizational structure.

Department of Biomedical Sciences

Faculty members in the department of biomedical sciences teach the basic medical science courses in the first and second years of medical school. They also teach and supervise the research of Ph.D. students. The department unites various biomedical disciplines with the goal of fostering interdisciplinary



collaboration in both teaching and research. Faculty research focuses on genes and their functions as related to human health and disease.

Department of Clinical Sciences

A clear example of the medical school's organizational philosophy is the department of clinical sciences, which encompasses all clinical disciplines except family medicine and geriatrics. In the department of clinical sciences, faculty from specialties including emergency medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery work together as members of a cohesive unit to establish educational goals, plan course content, teach and conduct research.

Department of Family Medicine & Rural Health

Faculty members in the department of family medicine and rural health teach students in all four years of the medical curriculum via lecture and small groups, and in the Clinical Learning Center. In addition, faculty members mentor and teach students one-on-one while providing patient care in community-based clinics.



The department is actively involved in addressing the medical school's mission as it relates to rural, underserved and minority health care.

Department of Geriatrics

FSU's medical school is one of only a handful nationwide to dedicate an entire department to geriatrics, and to integrate geriatrics throughout the four-year curriculum. It also is one of few that require students to complete a full rotation in geriatrics. While FSU hopes to add to the number of certified geriatricians in Florida over time, the primary mission of the department of geriatrics at FSU is to prepare physicians in all medical disciplines to provide exemplary care to older adults.

Department of Medical Humanities & Social Sciences

As part of its effort to educate well-rounded physicians who can address the needs of Florida's diverse populations, the FSU College of Medicine places great emphasis on psychosocial aspects of

medicine, in addition to the biological basis of health and disease. The mission of the department of medical humanities and social sciences is to provide the necessary behavioral, psychosocial and ethical expertise to ensure that medical students can realize their full potential as health providers. Department faculty also conduct cutting-edge health and behavior research for the advancement of medicine and health care.





DIVISION OF HEALTH AFFAIRS

In collaboration with the medical school's five academic departments, the Division of Health Affairs is engaged in teaching, research and service in the areas of health policy, public health, and health-care systems. The division houses Centers of Excellence in rural health, patient safety, terrorism and public health, and medicine and public health. Experts from these centers conduct multidisciplinary projects together, and with other academic units, organizations and associations.



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“The field of
medicine is
constantly evolving.

The medical
school's emphasis
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careers.”