CONTINUE THE LEGACY. DEFINE YOUR FUTURE.
Mission
To lead Georgia and the nation to better health through excellence in biomedical education, discovery, patient care and service.

History and Legacy
The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University was founded in 1828 as Georgia’s public flagship medical college making it the 13th oldest medical college in the United States. In 1829, MCG began classes with seven students and three faculty members who met in the city hospital. Almost two hundred years later, MCG has grown to 260 medical students per class with 3,756 total faculty, including 2,955 volunteer clinical faculty serving across Georgia, and 23 academic departments. The state’s only public medical school is the leading provider of physicians of the four Georgia-based medical schools. Nearly 50% of MCG graduates remain in the state to practice. In fact, Georgia ranks 16th in the nation in the percentage of physicians retained in the state from public undergraduate medical education.
DEAN’S MESSAGE

"Please let me congratulate you on your decision to become a physician. While it is not a profession for the faint of heart, it is without question among the highest callings.

I wanted to be a doctor as far back as I can remember, the first in my family. I also remember being sprawled out on the floor as a child with terrible ear infections and my pediatrician rescuing me from those painful days.

People sometimes ask if I could go back, what I would be. I would choose medicine again and again because of what it has permitted me to experience and to find. Because it has opened doors into the lives of so many brave individuals who we call our patients and because each day it is a challenge worth taking.

I am very glad that you are considering taking on this great challenge and privilege right here, at Georgia’s public medical school. While I realize there are limited history enthusiasts among us, please know that the Medical College of Georgia has a near 200-year-old legacy of educating exceptional physicians.

I came to MCG to study neurology and stroke after finishing my undergraduate medical education at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. I found here a professional home that I will never leave.

MCG is a dynamic and storied place that offers the best of many worlds. We have the 10th largest enrollment of the nation’s medical schools but still a very personal approach to medical education. While we recruit great educators, scientists and clinicians from all over, we tend to attract faculty who really do love to teach medical students; who understand that learning in reality is a two-way street and that we learn as you learn.

We have a true statewide educational presence that offers tremendous variety as well, from clinical experiences in complex care facilities like our own teaching hospitals to small town solo practices. In fact, we have a huge network of volunteer faculty across Georgia, many of whom are MCG graduates, who enable us to provide such a diverse and intense learning environment.

By the time you graduate from MCG, you will have sufficient experience to decide what type of medicine you want to practice, and you will be prepared for and competitive in whatever you choose. I believe, you also will have a permanent home, not necessarily where you will stay, as I have, but a medical school to which you will remain connected and of which you will be proud.

I wish you the best as you make these important decisions about your future and promise that MCG will be here to help you fulfill your goals and your dreams.”

Most respectfully yours,

David C. Hess, MD
Dean, Medical College of Georgia | Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration at Augusta University | Presidential Distinguished Chair

FROM THE VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

"Thank you for your interest in The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University. You are joining an aspirational cohort of students who seek admission to one of the world’s 2,600 plus medical schools. There is only one MCG, and we’re excited that you’re considering making us your choice for your medical education.

When students consider a career in medicine, it is often as a result of being inspired by another in the medical profession – a relative, personal physician, or a friend of the family. Some applicants have dealt with serious, acute, or ongoing illness and found such an experience transformative in their decision to become a physician. Others may have none of these connectors, but believe deeply that service and dedication to the health of others is the noblest of callings. Whatever your source of inspiration is, MCG is the place where you will find a program designed to support your academic abilities and career goal of becoming a caring physician.

The medical school admission process was once comprised of submitting a high GPA and a well-balanced personal resume. Since the 1970’s, the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) has become an important metric for medical school admission. Many North American medical schools including MCG now use multiple-mini-interviews (MMI’s) as a way to assess candidates’ soft skills in a dynamic quick-fire Q&A setting. Our medical school has also adopted the validated situational judgment test (CASPer) as another admissions requirement. The trend away from scores and numbers (i.e., intelligence quotient) towards adaptability and awareness (i.e., emotional intelligence) is designed to identify medical students who will become well-rounded and resilient future physicians.

While not all data are valid, and not all facts are true, a modern medical education features large and complex sets of information to master in highly diverse settings. This knowledge transfer and skill acquisition challenge is shared by both educators and learners. Our faculty at MCG are dedicated to making the learning process effective and efficient, and to utilizing educational technologies such as hi-fidelity simulation and point-of-care ultrasound to bring basic science and clinical concepts into sharper focus.

We are very glad that you are considering the medical profession and MCG. We are renowned for graduating the type of great doctors that inspired you to consider a career in medicine. Our students are making a difference to the health of Georgians, across America, and in many other places worldwide.

Good luck in the pursuit of your dream career in medicine!

D. Douglas Miller, MD, CM, MBA
Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

"Thank you for your interest in the Medical College of Georgia. Founded in 1828 as the nation’s 5th public medical school, we have a rich and long-standing tradition of educating excellent physicians. Whether the focus is patient care, academics, or research, our graduates have a proven track record of success and leadership in our community, in our state, and across our nation.

Our uniquely distributed campus model allows us to offer experiences to fit your individual learning style. We offer two 4-year campus options: our flagship campus in Augusta houses 200 students while our Medical Partnership campus in Athens houses 60 students.

Students receive a wide variety of clinical experiences provided by our two main campuses, as well as, three regional clinical campuses located in Savannah/Brunswick, Rome/Dalton and Albany. In addition, there are more than 200 clinical training sites across the State of Georgia. These diverse and expansive opportunities ensure that our students are exceptionally prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing healthcare environment. No matter your chosen field of medicine, the Medical College of Georgia will have you ready for practice.

Each year, our mission is to seat the best possible class of future physicians to meet the growing healthcare needs of every man, woman, and child in Georgia and beyond. We conduct a holistic review of each candidate and seek students who are academically strong, compassionate, demonstrate intellectual curiosity, are willing to serve an underserved population and uphold the highest ethical and moral standards. We expect each and every graduate to serve as a leader in healthcare and an ambassador for the University and the nearly 9,000 living alumni.

As a Georgia native and graduate of the Medical College of Georgia for both my medical education and residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology, I am proud to call the Medical College of Georgia home. It is our hope that you too will find a home at the Medical College of Georgia.

All the best,

Kelli M. Braun, ’04, MD, FACOG
Associate Dean for Admissions | Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology

STATEWIDE IMPACT

One MCG

As the state’s only public medical school, statewide growth of medical education is a priority at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). Our expansive and largely rural state is among the top 10 states in the nation for population size and growth; yet, according to the 2019 State Physician Workforce Profile from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the state of Georgia ranks 39th in the number of active physicians per 100,000 population. The physician shortage is exacerbated by the reality that, like the general population, Georgia’s physicians are aging with the state ranking 32nd in the percentage of active physicians age 60 and older.

To help address the need for more doctors, in 2006 the AAMC called for a 30% increase in medical school enrollment. In January 2008, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents accepted a medical education expansion plan which included opening the four-year Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership campus in Athens, GA. The first 40 freshman students started at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership in fall 2010, enabling growth of MCG’s class size from 190 to 230 students.

The AU/UGA Medical Partnership grew from 40 to 50 students per class in 2020 and increased to 60 in 2021. The medical school, already one of the largest class sizes in the country, also grew the class size at the main campus in Augusta, from 190 to 200 students per class that same year, with plans to grow to 240 in Augusta by 2028, bringing MCG’s class size to 300.

Expanding partnerships with physicians and hospitals throughout Georgia ensures that students from both the main campus in Augusta and the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus in Athens, experience the full spectrum of medicine, from urban tertiary care hospitals to small-town primary care practices.

In 2005, MCG opened its first regional campus in Southwest Georgia. The Southwest Campus is based at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany and is strategically located in a relatively rural area of the state where physician shortages are most acute. In 2007, MCG announced the Southeast Campus, which is now based at St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah and the Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. Later in 2010, officials from Rome, GA, and Augusta University announced establishment of the Northwest Campus, which became operational in 2011. Today, we are one MCG with diverse educational and clinical experiences in more than 350 urban and rural sites across the state of Georgia.
**Overview**

The Medical College of Georgia curriculum is undergoing review and evolutionary change as MCG continues to graduate well-educated physicians in the era of health care reform. The curriculum is broad-based and designed to foster the attitudes, behaviors, knowledge, and skills necessary to succeed in any field of medicine. The curriculum includes early clinical experiences to emphasize self-motivated learning, and strives to further integrate the basic and clinical sciences. Students at the Medical College of Georgia have access to the latest educational software, online books, and provides access to many external databases. The library provides a mobile application for catalog and database searching, building access hours, as well as the full library website. Audiovisual learning aids are used in class and are available in the library. Grading is pass/fail in the first year. In years two through four, grading is A-F with C constituting a passing grade. Passing the USMLE Step 1 is a requirement for promotion to the clerkship curriculum.

**Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership Campus**

With a class size of 60, the AU/UGA Medical Partnership students can work closely and easily access both basic and clinical science faculty. Working in small groups of four to eight students for the majority of class time helps foster teamwork.

First- and second-year students study basic and clinical science in a hybrid curriculum that makes extensive use of small group learning, supplemented by large group interactive sessions. Previous department-based courses such as biochemistry, physiology and microbiology are integrated and presented in the context of clinical problems to encourage a more logical sequence of learning and to highlight the clinical relevance of the basic sciences. This helps students learn in a context that more directly applies to how they will care for patients. Topics included in the Essentials of Clinical Medicine course are woven throughout the first two years, integrating with other weekly activities.

Medical Partnership students have access to both AU and UGA resources and are able to utilize all study facilities available at the UGA Tate Center and Miller Learning Center.

**PRE-CLERKSHIP CURRICULUM**

The Greenblatt Library maintains current journal subscriptions, electronic resources, online books, and provides access to many external databases. The library provides a mobile application for catalog and database searching, building access hours, as well as the full library website. Audiovisual learning aids are used in class and are available in the library. Grading is pass/fail in the first year. In years two through four, grading is A-F with C constituting a passing grade. Passing the USMLE Step 1 is a requirement for promotion to the clerkship curriculum.

**Main Campus - Augusta**

The Medical College of Georgia has 200 students per class at its main campus in Augusta.

During the eighteen month (3 semester) pre-clerkship curriculum on the Augusta campus, students acquire foundational science knowledge along with skills required for clinical decision-making and patient care. The integrated, clinical case-based pre-clerkship curriculum consists of thirteen modules and courses that include large and small group learning, laboratories (anatomy, simulation, ultrasound), and clinical skills sessions that utilize both standardized patient and real patient encounters. Weekly clinical cases are the cornerstone of the clerkship curriculum.

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CLERKSHIPS AND CLINICAL ENRICHMENT

Clerkships
Patient contact begins pre-clerkship. Clerkships consist of required core clerkships in:
- Emergency Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

*Full course schedule subject to change. For more information visit augusta.edu/curriculum

Clinical Enrichment
Students also participate in a series of clinical enrichment activities in:
- Critical Care
- Adult Ambulatory Medicine
- An Acting Internship
- Elective Study

Main Campus - Augusta
Core clerkships take place at the AU Health System, the Children's Hospital of Georgia, the regional campuses, and various affiliated hospitals and community-based teaching sites throughout the state. Students may rotate to affiliated community hospitals for part of the core curriculum.

In the clerkship enrichment phase, students must complete four-week rotations in emergency medicine, critical care, adult ambulatory medicine, and an acting internship in either family medicine, neurology, medicine, pediatrics, surgery, or obstetrics and gynecology. Elective study can include both clinical and research courses. In addition to passing USMLE Step 2 CK and CS, students must complete a total of four, four-week electives to fulfill the requirements for graduation.

AU/UGA Medical Partnership
As in Augusta, year three at the Athens campus consists of clinical clerkships, or rotations in the core disciplines of family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery. In addition, each student also has a four-week elective and a two-week rotation in palliative care. In the fourth year, students complete four-week electives in ambulatory medicine, critical care, and emergency medicine and a sub-internship, and do three, four-week electives in any discipline they choose. Fourth-year students and their advisors work to tailor the experience to optimally prepare the students for residency, while allowing the time to prepare for the USMLE Step 2 exams.

Students have the opportunity to rotate in private practices, community clinics, and hospitals in counties across northeast Georgia, including Hall, Jackson, Gwinnett, Barrow, DeKalb, Clayton, Newton, Oconee, Clarke, Madison, Elbert, Habersham, and Stephens counties. Affiliated hospitals include Piedmont Athens Regional, St. Mary's, Northeast Georgia, Barrow Regional, Clearview, Elbert Memorial, as well as hospitals in the Greater Atlanta Area including the Shepherd Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Gwinnett Medical Center, and Eastside Medical Center.
REGIONAL CAMPUSES

Southwest Campus

The MCG Southwest Campus Suite is conveniently located at 1000 North Jefferson Street, Albany, GA, directly across the street from Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The space includes offices for the campus administration and staff, student study stations, as well as a conference room and classroom for video conference links to Augusta and around the state. The UGA College of Pharmacy shares space in this education center, offering students an opportunity for formal and informal interprofessional growth. MCG students have free access to Phoebe’s state-of-the-art health and fitness center, HealthWorks, also located in the same building.

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga. is the main hub for clinical sites for the Southwest Campus. Established in 1911, Phoebe Putney is a 491-bed tertiary referral medical center that serves almost 400,000 people from southwest Georgia. More than 300 affiliated doctors and 4,000 staff at Phoebe Putney deliver world-class healing and prevention to the southwest region of the state. Phoebe Health System has grown to include hospitals in Americus, Sylvester, and Cuthbert.

Phoebe Family Medicine Residency serves as the backbone for primary care clinical experience in Albany.

Southwest Campus hospital partners include:
- Coffee Regional Medical Center, Douglas
- Crisp Regional Medical Center, Cordele
- GreenLeaf Hospital, Valdosta
- GreenLeaf Hospital, Valdosta
- John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Thomasville
- Memorial Hospital and Manor, Bainbridge
- Miller County Hospital, Colquitt
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany
- Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, Americus
- Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus
- Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation & Specialty Hospitals, Warm Springs
- South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta
- St. Francis Hospital, Columbus
- Tift Regional Medical Center, Tifton
- West Georgia Medical Center, LaGrange

Clinical Rotations

The Southwest Campus offers a comprehensive range of three- to six-week clinical clerkships, based on one of the hospital partners or at private practices of clinical faculty.

Unique to the Southwest Campus, students here can elect to follow the traditional clerkship model—a series of 3 or 6 week clerkships—or the innovative Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC).

The SW LIC offers:
- integration of neuro and psych across 6 weeks,
- 3 week “sessions” of the Surgery, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, and Pediatrics clerkships (first half and second half of clerks hip year)
- Weekly Family Medicine clinic for a longitudinal exposure to a primary care experience that helps to integrate all the clerkship disciplines.

With the addition of 12 weeks of elective time to the clerkship experience, Southwest Campus students have first choice from an amazing menu of opportunities to expand their clinical experience—from specialty rotations, to health policy studies, to basic science or clinical research.

Also unique to the SW Campus, students are afforded the opportunity to participate in the AHEC Scholars Program, a two-year interprofessional development experience shared with UGA Pharmacy students, medical students from PCOM South, along with nursing students from Georgia Southern University and Albany State University.

Clinical Rotation offerings on the SW Campus include:
- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Critical Care (Adult and Neonatal)
- Critical Care (IPE with UGA Pharmacy Faculty)
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Hematology/Oncology
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Otolaryngology
- Palliative Care
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonology
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Sports Medicine
- Surgical Oncology
- Urology

Southeast Campus

The Southeast Campus is comprised of 9 hospital systems.
- St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, Savannah
- Southeast Georgia Health System, Brunswick
- Southeast Georgia Health System, Savannah
- Southeast Georgia Health System, St. Mary’s
- East Georgia Regional Medical Center, Statesboro

Clinical Rotations

St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah and Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick serve as administrative sites where MCG students can acquire extensive hands-on experience during rotations in:
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics Neurology
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah provides an administrative hub for the Assistant Dean for Curriculum and the Clinical Rotation Coordinator so that students can receive additional academic support while completing their clinical rotations in the area.

The East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro has clinical rotations for students in obstetrics and gynecology and internal medicine/ambulatory care. Additional clinical rotations in Family Medicine are available in Waycross, Blackshear, and Jesup.

Flagstone at Phoebe

Completed in Spring 2017, these beautiful and modern apartment homes for healthcare professionals-in-training feature 40 beds and 26 apartments (a mixture of studio, one bedroom, two bedroom, and three bedroom units). Tenants arrive to a gated and beautifully landscaped property and will first notice the outdoor grill, dining and seating area complete with an outdoor fireplace. Inside the common area, you’ll find a large-screen television, two private study/conference rooms and additional dining space. Each apartment is furnished with a queen bedroom set, stainless kitchen appliances, an in-room washer and dryer and living room furniture as well as a television in each living room, cable hookup in each bedroom and wireless internet throughout the building. Apartments feature a spacious closet, plenty of natural light and unique architectural touches. Flagstone is located just one block from the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital main campus and is across the street from the MCG Southwest Campus offices as well as HealthWorks—the Phoebe fitness center. Tenants at Flagstone will feel safe and right at home in this gorgeous new facility—designed especially for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The Community

Located on the banks of the Flint River, Albany—dubbed “The Good Life City”—has something for everyone. With a population of approximately 100,000, Albany is enjoying an emerging downtown revival, serving up an abundance of outdoor activities and cultural offerings including:
- Riverquarium
- Parks at Chehaw
- Providence Canyon, part of Georgia State Parks
- Kayaking the Flint River Shoals
- Hiking, biking, and running trails
- Jimmy Carter National Historic Site (Plains, GA)
- Albany Museum of Art
- Albany Civil Rights Institute
- Albany Symphony
- Theatre Albany
- Maya/Satilla Medical Center, Waycross
- Warner Robbins Air Force Base Health Center, Warner Robbins

The Southeast Campus offers a variety of opportunities for students completing their clinical rotations in their third and fourth years of medical school. The communities are historically rich, environmentally engaged and student-friendly. Each of the hospitals supports student training by offering housing in each of the communities at no cost to the students in order to minimize the financial burdens and enrich the learning experiences. Students are frequently invited to join their clinical preceptors in community functions, medical staff meetings, and professional development training.

Beaches and state parks are abundant in southeast Georgia. St. Simon’s Island and Jekyll Island are within minutes of Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick and offer public access to the beaches for swimming, biking, kayaking, and sailing as well as learning more about marine life.
Northwest Campus

The Northwest Campus is based in Rome and Dalton, Georgia. With ten students living in the Rome area, and another six living and working in the Dalton area, the NW Campus offers a longitudinal integrated clerkship experience. This means students work alongside physicians in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Neurology all year long. Included in the experience are three two-week experiences throughout the year in Surgery and OB/GYN. The resultant schedule allows students to follow patients during their year of clinical experience.

With access to the largest per capita population of physicians in the state, the campus emphasizes interprofessional learning and a technologically advanced team approach to health care.

The Northwest Campus office is situated in the historic James D. Maddox building of Georgia Highlands College. For ambulatory patient visits, students work in private physician offices, as well as the Habbin Clinic, the largest privately-owned multispecialty practice in Georgia.

Inpatient teaching is centrally located between two proximal hospitals in Rome: Redmond Regional and Floyd Medical Center. Redmond is a 230-bed acute care facility with 28 ICU and 12 CCU beds and is the provider of cardiothoracic surgery in northwest Georgia. Redmond has an Internal Medicine Residency with whom students work. Floyd Medical is a private, not-for-profit 304 – bed Level II Trauma Center that Family Medicine Residents are exposed to in Rome.

In the Dalton area students work with Residents in both Internal Medicine and Family Medicine at Hamilton Medical Center. Hamilton is a 282-bed regional acute care hospital that offers all services including open heart surgery. Hamilton also has the only Children’s hospital in the state that focuses on Developmental delays and behavioral issues. The Anna Shaw Children’s institute is part of the student’s pediatric clinical experience.

The Community

The northwest Georgia community includes the urban areas of Rome, Dalton, Cartersville and Calhoun as well as the more rural communities of Shannon, Adairsville and Acworth. These sites are only a short drive from downtown Rome. Rome is home to four colleges: Berry College, Georgia Highlands, Shorter College, and Georgia Northwestern Technical College. As home to minor league baseball team, Rome Braves (owned by the Atlanta Braves), NCAA football, the oldest symphony in the state, and an international film festival, Rome boasts a vibrant social, arts, and recreation scene.

DUAL DEGREES

MD/MBA, MD/MPH, MD/MED, MD/MCTS

Augusta University is enhancing the educational opportunities for medical students through the development of dual degree programs and areas of concentration. These educational possibilities expand the academic diversity of our physician graduates who will enter the work force. Students choosing the option of a dual degree program will receive the MD/MBA, MD/MPH, MD/MED or MD/MCTS degree in the 4th year of study. Applications for Dual Degree programs are available after matriculation into the MD program.

The Medical Partnership campus also offers the opportunity to complete an MD/MBA with the UGA Terry College of Business or an MD/MPH with the UGA College of Public Health. For more information about obtaining additional degrees through the partnership with UGA, see the Medical Partnership website.

MD/MS

The new MD Biomedical Sciences MS dual degree program is a five-year program designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their medical training with biomedical science research training. Eight biomedical science majors are available depending on the research interest of the student. Students complete required courses, electives and biomedical laboratory research. In addition they will form a research advisory committee, complete a MS research proposal and write and orally defend a thesis. Students complete coursework for their MS degree in three years and requirements for the MD degree in four years.

Students accepted into the selective Professional Scholars program will pursue a pathway for baccalaureate study in the College of Science and Mathematics with a BS in Cell and Molecular Biology through the Department of Biological Sciences.

Through mentoring, early clinical and research exposure, as well as personal and professional enrichment experiences, the comprehensive curriculum provides students with a solid and unique undergraduate foundation and prepares them to emerge from the Medical College of Georgia as leaders in the field of medicine.

Eligible freshmen who are admitted to AU and desire to pursue medical education will have assured admission to the Medical College of Georgia provided they meet, and continue to meet, all the requirements of the program.

Professional Scholars Program

General Information

The mission of the Augusta University/College of Georgia Professional Scholars program is to optimally prepare students for a career in medicine. This is an accelerated program where students complete coursework for their BS degree in three years and requirements for the MD degree in four years.

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Minimum Requirements

- High School GPA of 3.7 or above
- SAT score of 1400 (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections) or ACT Composite score of 32
- Supplemental Application
- One Letter of Recommendation

Continued Requirements

Additional requirements of students in the BS/MD program include successful completion of an interview following the third year of study; maintaining a cumulative and science + math GPA of 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 at the end of the first, second, and third year respectively, completing 40 hours of volunteer clinical service in a medical facility by October 31 of the third year, and achieving a minimum score of no less than the prior year’s national mean for medical school matriculants on the MCAT. The MCAT must be taken no later than September 30 of the third year. A valid CASPer score is also required. Due to the nature of the curriculum all courses are to be taken during the fall and spring semesters of the academic year. Students enrolled in the Professional Scholars program do not have the option to take courses out of sequence, repeat courses, or take courses at another institution during the summer.

Please note requirements are subject to change. For updated requirements, please visit: augusta.edu/admissions.

augusta.edu/admissions/professional-scholars.php

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STUDENT SUPPORT

Office of Learner Affairs
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Augusta
The Office of Learner Affairs touches the life of every medical student from recruitment to graduation and beyond. Its mission includes building community by offering a strong infrastructure of innovative student services, programs, and resources. The Office of Learner Affairs seeks to assist each student in achieving his/her highest potential and provides education, counsel, and advice to transform a diverse group of students into culturally competent, empathetic, patient-centered, and ethical physicians. The office oversees the progress of students throughout their medical school years, informed by policies of the university, the Liaison Committee for Medical Education and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The office includes the Associate Dean for Learner Affairs, an Associate Dean for each class, an Assistant Dean for Academic Advising, an Associate and Assistant Dean for Student Diversity and Inclusion, and administrative personnel.

The office is committed to:
• Fostering a diverse, inclusive, and student-centered community
• Advocating for student needs, both individually and collectively
• Respecting the individuality of each student
• Listening to student concerns and partnering to find solutions
• Being available, accessible, and responsive
• Being accurate and current with programming and advising
• Being transparent and fair about policies and expectations of students
• Protecting confidentiality

Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs
AU/UGA Medical Partnership

The Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs (OSMA) at the Athens campus includes the Campus Associate Dean of Student and Multicultural Affairs and administrative personnel, who offer an array of support services for medical students, including academic support, personal and career counseling, referrals, and leadership skills development. The mission of the office is to assist each student in his/her academic, personal and professional development from first year to graduation in reaching his/her ultimate aspirations in health care. Together with the Office of Curriculum, OSMA oversees the academic and professional progress of every student, offering proactive, student-centered and timely support, in accordance with the guidelines and policies of the university, the LCME and the AAMC.

The OSMA works closely with the Office of Curriculum to develop individual learning and group learning strategies delivered throughout the year. Recognizing the challenges of the medical school curriculum, the OSMA has developed a proactive plan to support academic success that includes a partnership with the UGA Health Center to offer wellness and stress management seminars. The Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs seeks to assist each student in achieving his/her highest potential and provides education, counsel, and advice to transform a diverse group of students into culturally competent, empathetic, patient-centered, and ethical physicians. The office oversees the progress of students throughout their medical school years, informed by policies of the university, the Liaison Committee for Medical Education and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The office includes the Associate Dean for Learner Affairs, an Associate Dean for each class, an Assistant Dean for Academic Advising, an Associate and Assistant Dean for Student Diversity and Inclusion, and administrative personnel.

The OSMA values include:
• Respecting each student’s unique needs
• Promoting an inclusive and diverse environment
• Offering services in a responsive and timely manner with compassion and empathy
• Serving as a student advocate both individually and collectively
• Protecting the confidentiality and rights of every student, and providing clear explanations of policies and expectations.

TRADITIONS AND EVENTS

White Coat Ceremony
The White Coat Ceremony welcomes entering medical students and helps establish a psychological contract for the practice of medicine. The event, emphasizing compassionate patient care and scientific proficiency, includes:
• Recitation of an Oath of Service and Responsibility representing public acknowledgment of the responsibilities of the profession and students’ willingness to assume such obligations in the presence of family, friends and faculty
• Cloaking of students in their first white coats
• An address by an eminent physician role model
• A reception with students’ invited guests.

At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans and other institutional leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession. The ceremony includes a student’s oath, to which the students are to subscribe. The white coat ceremony is an event that underscores the bonding process. The coat is placed on each student’s shoulders by individuals who believe in the students’ ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence, and compassion.

Hooding
This annual rite formally acknowledges the medical students’ achievement by administering the Hippocratic Oath and presenting the academic hood, which students wear during their Commencement Ceremony.

MATCHMAKERS

Match Day
In 2021, MCG Seniors obtained residency positions in 23 specialties across 35 states. Of those students, 61% matched in primary care. Additionally, 31% stayed in Georgia for their first postgraduate year, where 16% will stay at an AU Health/MCG or MCG-affiliated residency, including the Medical Partnership programs in Athens and WellStar/Kennestone in Atlanta. As of Match Day, 99% of MCG’s graduates had a residency position, exceeding the national average.
RESIDENCY & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE
Anesthesiology Residency
Pain Medicine Fellowship
Anesthesiology Critical Care Fellowship
Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship

DERMATOLOGY
Dermatology Residency

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Emergency Medicine Residency
Emergency Medical Services Fellowship
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship

FAMILY MEDICINE
Family Medicine Residency
Family Medicine Residency/Satilla Rural Program

MEDICINE
Cardiology Fellowship
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship
Endocrinology Fellowship
Gastroenterology Fellowship
Hematology Oncology Fellowship
Infectious Diseases Fellowship
Interventional Cardiology Fellowship
Internal Medicine Residency
Nephrology Fellowship
Pulmonary Critical Care Fellowship
Rheumatology Fellowship

NEUROLOGY
Child Neurology Residency
Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship
Neurology Residency
Vascular Neurology Fellowship

NEUROSURGERY
Neurosurgery Residency

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Ob/Gyn Residency
Gynecological Oncology Fellowship
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Fellowship

OPHTHALMOLOGY
Ophthalmology Residency

ORTHOPEDICS
Orthopedic Surgery Residency

OTOLARYNGOLOGY
Otolaryngology Residency

PATHOLOGY
Forensic Pathology Fellowship
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency
Blood-Banking/Transfusion Medicine Fellowship

PEDIATRICS
Allergy/Immunology Fellowship
Pediatric Residency
Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship
Pediatrics Critical Care Medicine Fellowship
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship

PSYCHIATRY
Addiction Medicine Fellowship
Psychiatry Residency
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship
Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship

RADIOLOGY
Diagnostic Radiology Residency
Interventional Radiology Integrated Residency
Neuroradiology Fellowship

SURGERY
Surgery Residency
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

UROLOGY
Urology Residency

MCG and the AU Health System have 527 residents and fellows training in 51 ACGME approved residency training programs. 25% of MCG seniors will stay in Georgia for their first post-graduate year, 14% at an AU Health/MCG or MCG affiliated residency program, including the Medical Partnership programs in Athens and WellStar/Kennestone in Atlanta.

RESEARCH IN AUGUSTA AND ATHENS
augusta.edu/research

Scientific discovery is the essence of progress in health-related science and the hope in medicine for uncovering the unknown to identify treatments and cures to human disease. Medical student scholarship at the Medical College of Georgia offers the opportunity for all medical students in good academic standing to become engaged in a scholarly project, in close mentorship with faculty who are nationally and internationally distinguished scientists, clinicians, and academic scholars. An array of scholarship opportunities is available, including basic and biomedical laboratory research, clinical and translational research, community/global health research, and medical education research. Students typically engage a research effort at Augusta University or the University of Georgia, although efforts at outside institutions is possible – for example, students have completed research internships at Emory University, the National Institutes of Health, Duke University, Boston Children’s Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, among many others. Held each academic year, the Medical College of Georgia’s Medical Scholars Research Day and the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus’s Student & Resident Research Symposium offers the occasion for students to present their research/scholarship findings to fellow students, faculty, and colleagues. MCG currently has ~$186 million in total grants and contracts of which nearly $57 million in funding received from the National Institutes of Health. Currently, six Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars are leading extraordinary research and development programs at the Medical College of Georgia.
AUGUSTA CAMPUS

The City of Augusta

Augusta’s location along the Savannah River and balmy climate offer amazing opportunities for outdoor activities including sailing, fishing, tennis, and hiking. The Augusta Canal and North Augusta Greenway feature walking and biking trails that offer miles of scenic exercise, recreation, and relaxation. The nearby Lake Thurmond Reservoir is a popular site for waterskiing, swimming, boating, and camping. And did we mention golf? Augusta is world-renowned as the home of the Masters Tournament.

A wide array of cultural and recreational events includes First Fridays in downtown Augusta, the Westobou Festival, and Arts in the Heart of Augusta. A major mall, several large shopping centers, and hundreds of restaurants offer many options for shopping and dining. Augusta is located within an easy three-hour drive of Atlanta, Charlotte, NC, the mountains, and the Atlantic Ocean, allowing for great weekend getaways.

Campus Amenities

In addition to activities and events in the greater Augusta area, MCG students have access to a wide range of on-campus amenities. The Student Center houses the Wellness Center – an indoor fitness center with personal training, intramural sports and group exercise classes – as well as the bookstore, Student Government Association Office and The Atrium Food Court. MCG students also have access to the many recreational facilities on AU’s nearby Summerville Campus.

All students have access to the Jaguar Express Transit System including passage on the City of Augusta transit buses. PassGo, the AU transit app, allows students to view routes and track the Jaguar Express Transit buses.

Jaguar Express 706-721-2953 augusta.edu/parking

AU/UGA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP CAMPUS

The City of Athens

Home of the famed University of Georgia Bulldogs, Athens is a vibrant college town located in northeast Georgia. The AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus is housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus on the medical corridor of Prince Avenue near downtown Athens in the Normaltown district. The 56-acre campus also houses the UGA College of Public Health.

Saturdays “between the hedges” have been a Georgia Bulldogs tradition since 1929 and are a southern collegiate tailgating and football experience not to be missed. All AU/ UGA Medical Partnership students are eligible to apply for Georgia Bulldog football tickets. Though football is the most popular sporting event on campus, there are plenty of other exciting NCAA athletic events to choose from including gymnastics, swimming, tennis, and basketball.

Athens has a thriving music community and a notable music history as the starting point for such groups as the REM, the B-52s, and Widespread Panic. Downtown is alive with a variety of venues that offer entertainment suited to every musical preference. It is known internationally as the home of the Twilight Criterium bike race and is a summer destination for music lovers attending AthFest Music Festival. It is also well known for its variety of good food from creative, unique, and award-winning restaurants. Athens is home to the Georgia Museum of Art, the state’s official art museum, the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, the Classic Center, the North Oconee River Greenway, and many other attractions. Atlanta, Augusta, and the North Georgia mountains can all be reached within an easy drive of two hours or less.

Campus Amenities

AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus students have access to the student resources at the University of Georgia, including libraries, recreational sports facilities, cafeterias, the UGA Health Center and wellness programs. Toward enhancing student wellness an arrangement was made with UGA Counseling and Psychiatric Services to afford medical students priority in scheduling, elimination of short term treatment limitations and elimination of out of pocket co-pay costs.

Medical Partnership students also have access to major campus recreational facilities offering strength training equipment, exercise classes, and more. These include POUND Hall, satellite locations of the UGA Ramsey Center located on UGA’s Health Sciences Campus and the Ramsey Center on the main UGA campus. UGA boasts a wide variety of intramural sports that provide additional ways to stay active. AU/UGA Medical Partnership students have participated in soccer, basketball, flag football, and softball intramurals.
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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Community & Service

A wide array of student organizations provide students on the Augusta campus with the opportunity to find their niche and become an integral part of the MCG and AU families and the Augusta community. Student-run clinics provide an opportunity for students to develop clinical skills while providing medical care to the underserved. Mentoring opportunities exist through organizations such as the Junior Medical League and Boys and Girls Club. The Health Equity & Access Leaders program provides first and second-year students with an opportunity to learn about health disparities and enhance their cultural competency skills through involvement with the community. Other opportunities include international medical mission trips, involvement in student government, interest groups, committees, and national medical student organizations.

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APPLYING TO MCG

The Medical College of Georgia’s (MCG) 2021 incoming class of 260 students was selected from 3,404 applications. Admission is competitive and, in concert with academics, the Admissions Committee uses a holistic review process to select the applicants whom they feel are best qualified to study medicine. Legacy does not affect interview or admission decisions.

There are no separate admissions process for the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus. All applicants applying through the Early Decision or Regular Decision program will complete one application through the American Medical College Applications Service (AMCAS).

Preference is given to applicants with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college prior to entering the Medical College of Georgia. The minimum requirement is 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours. A limited number of highly competitive, non-degree applicants may be accepted each year. The non-degree college curriculum must be acceptable as the equivalent of the first three years leading to a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants enrolled in a graduate degree program must complete all requirements of their graduate degree prior to matriculation. Students wishing to withdraw from a graduate course/program must receive prior approval from the Associate Dean for Admissions. Withdrawal requests are granted on a case-by-case basis.

Georgia Residency

As the state’s only public medical school, preference is given to Georgia residents. Applicants offered admission as a Georgia resident are expected to maintain Georgia residency status in AMCAS records. Applicants who claim Georgia residency must make claim on the AMCAS application no later than November 1. No residency changes are permitted after that date. Georgia residents who change their legal state of residence designation with AMCAS after being accepted will have their acceptance administratively withdrawn and their applications reviewed for admission as a non-resident of Georgia. Applicants may only be classified as residents of one state.

Campus Assignment

Out of the 260 seats in the entering class, 200 students will be assigned to the MCG campus in Augusta and 60 students will be assigned to the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus in Athens. Campus assignment is based upon an interviewed applicant’s designated campus preference. Accepted applicants will be notified of their campus assignment prior to matriculation. While student preference will be considered, there is no guarantee any applicant will be assigned to his/her preferred campus. Campus preference does not affect admission decisions.
TWO PATHWAYS FOR ADMISSION

Early Decision Program

The Early Decision Program (EDP) at the Medical College of Georgia is only for Georgia residents. EDP applicants may not apply to any other institution until an admission action is made by MCG. Applicants applying through Early Decision will be notified of an admission action no later than October 1. While not guaranteed, every effort is made to notify applicants of an Early Decision admission action in early September so that applicants may apply to other institutions if not accepted by MCG. Early Decision applicants must submit their AMCAS applications between May 28 and August 2. All application materials, including official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian postsecondary institutions attended must be received through AMCAS by August 2 to be considered for Early Decision. Transcripts must be submitted to AMCAS directly from the college's university’s Registrar’s office.

The MCG secondary application and all supplemental documents such as: proof of lawful presence in the U.S., required course information, Georgia residency documentation, and other specifically requested information, must be submitted one week after the secondary application is received. All required documents must be submitted by the final file deadline of August 15.

Applicants for the Early Decision Program must have:

- MCAT score of 509 and above AND
- Total GPA of 3.7 and above (*total GPAs between 3.65 and 3.69 will be rounded to 3.7)

Exam Deadlines

Applicants applying for Early Decision must have valid MCAT and CASPer exam scores.

- The last MCAT exam date for Early Decision applicants is: June 30, 2021.
- The last CASPer exam date for Early Decision applicants is: June 29, 2021.

CASPer scores must be distributed to MCG by the Early Decision distribution deadline of July 12, 2021.

Regular Decision Program

The Regular Decision Program (RDP) at the Medical College of Georgia is open to both Georgia and non-Georgia residents. RDP applicants must submit their AMCAS applications between May 28 and November 1. Applicants must list the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University on the AMCAS application by the November 1 deadline and official transcripts, from all U.S. and Canadian postsecondary institutions attended, must be received through AMCAS by November 15. Transcripts must be submitted to AMCAS directly from the college’s/university’s registrar’s office. All MCG-specific supplemental documents, such as the secondary application, proof of lawful presence in the U.S., Georgia residency documentation, required course information and other specifically requested documents, must be submitted two weeks after the secondary application is received. All required documents must be submitted by the final file deadline of December 1. Applications received after the final file deadline of December 1 will not be considered for admission.

Exam Deadlines

Applicants applying for Regular Decision must have valid MCAT and CASPer exam scores.

- The last MCAT exam date for Regular Decision applicants is: September 11, 2021.
- The last CASPer exam date for Regular Decision applicants is: September 23, 2021.

CASPer scores must be distributed to MCG by the Regular Decision distribution deadline of October 6, 2021.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Primary & Secondary Applications

The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), a centralized application service administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Applications are processed in the AMCAS office then forwarded to the medical school(s) of the applicant’s choice. AMCAS applications for admission to the entering class of 2021 are available on the AAMC’s website (www.aamc.org), which provides application instructions and additional information regarding the application process.

Upon receipt of the student’s application from AMCAS, MCG will forward a secondary application to the applicants approved for further consideration. There is no fee associated with MCG’s secondary application. Students applying through MCG’s Early Decision Program must return their secondary application within one week of receipt. Students applying through the Regular Decision Program must submit their secondary application within two weeks of receipt.
COVID-19 ADDENDUM

The Office of Admissions is sensitive to the academic burden placed on applicants attempting to complete grade pre-requisite courses that were converted to online and/or Pass/Fail during the COVID-19 pandemic. Towards this end, all successfully completed pre-requisite courses (including Pass/Fail and online) affected by COVID-19 (Spring, Summer and Fall semesters 2020 and Spring, Summer and Fall semesters 2021) will be accepted for credit by the Office of Admissions upon verification with that applicant’s institution. This will only apply to those courses in which the applicant was actively enrolled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pass/Fail and online courses will not be accepted for required Biology and Chemistry coursework outside of this exception.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to submit all letters of recommendation (LORs) through AMCAS. AMCAS receives letters from users of VirtualEvals, Interfolio, and the U.S. Postal Service. Letter writers can opt to upload letters directly to AMCAS through the AMCAS Letter Writer Application. Instructions can be found at: services.aamc.org/letterwriter. Please see the following AMCAS URL for details on the Letters of Recommendation (LORs) and the letter request forms: students.residents.aamc.org/how-apply-medical-school-amcas/section-6-amcas-application-letters-evaluation.

Applicants must submit a minimum of 3 letters (maximum of 5) to be considered for an interview (a Pre-Health Advisor letter, if applicable, and two personal letters). All letters of recommendation must be current and contain either a handwritten signature or appear on official letterhead. The three mandatory letters of recommendation should include a letter authored by a Pre-Health committee or a Pre-Health advisor, if available. Applicants who do not have a Pre-Health committee or Pre-Health advisor should submit letters from someone knowledgeable about the applicant’s academic capabilities. If the applicant has been out of school for several years, he/she may choose to submit a reference letter from an employer. It is also strongly recommended, and preferred, that at least one of the personal recommendations come from a physician the applicant has observed and/or worked with in a clinical environment. Letters from relatives are not permitted.

Transcripts & Supplemental Records

Official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian post-secondary institutions attended must be received through AMCAS by August 2 for Early Decision applicants and November 15 for Regular Decision applicants. Transcripts must arrive to AMCAS directly from the college/university’s Registrar’s office. All student-supplied academic records items required in the primary AMCAS application must be submitted within one week of receipt for the Early Decision program and two weeks of receipt for the Regular Decision Program. All required documentation must be submitted to the MCG Office of Admissions by August 15 for Early Decision applicants and December 4 for Regular Decision applicants.

MCAT Exam

Applicants applying for admission to MCG will also be required to complete an online, ninety-minute personal characteristic assessment (CASPer). Results from this exam will be used in consideration for admission. A transcript and snapshot are not required for admission. There is a fee associated with the CASPer exam that is paid directly to Altus Assessments. Students receiving fee assistance through the AAMC may qualify for a fee waiver. To learn more, view exam dates, or to register for the exam, you may visit: takecasper.com/
dates-times/

An invitation to interview will not be extended without a valid CASPer score. CASPer test results are only valid for one admissions cycle. The last CASPer exam date for Early Decision applicants is June 29, 2021 and the last test date for Regular Decision applicants is September 23, 2021. Results generally take three weeks to reach the MCG Office of Admissions. CASPer scores must be distributed to the Office of Admissions by the stated distribution deadline in order to be considered valid.

Inquiries

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions regarding any question about the admissions process. Students may call the Office of Admissions at 706-794-1111, 800-528-9910, or email us at: admissions@mcg.edu. The Office of Admissions is located at 1360 Claxton Avenue, Augusta, Georgia 30912-4672. The last test date for Regular Decision applicants is September 11, 2020. Interviews are conducted on-campus at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta.

Interviews

Applicants are required to interview at the Medical College of Georgia to expect to participate in a multiple mini-interview process (MMIP). Developed by McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, the MMIP is a series of objective mini-interviews, eight minutes each, designed to measure one’s ability to think critically, maturity, critical thinking capabilities and readiness to enter medicine. For additional information on what it is like to participate in MMIPs, please visit: students-residents.aamc.org/applying-med-school/article/what-its-participate-multiple-mini-interviews

MMIPs. Interviews are by invitation only. Given the highly competitive nature of the applicant pool, applicants with GPAs less than 3.0 or an MCAT score of less than 494, are not considered competitive for interview.
Admission Guidelines

The Admissions Committee strives to identify and accept applicants who will help meet the health care needs of a widely dispersed and highly diverse Georgia population. Applicants should have academic ability, personal attributes and interests consistent with the Medical College of Georgia’s mission of improving health and reducing the burden of illness on society. Information used to assess academic accomplishments, personal attributes and interests includes but is not limited to the applicant’s:

- Responsibilities prior to application to medical school (e.g., work, providing financial support for family)
- Extracurricular and community activities
- Volunteering in a clinical setting, and experiences shadowing physicians and gaining clinical exposure
- Ethnic, socioeconomic and cultural background (e.g., income, education level of family members)
- Region of residence with respect to its health professional needs
- Commitment to practice in an underserved area of Georgia
- Letters of recommendation
- Motivation and potential for serving as a physician
- Multiple mini-interview results
- Performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and CASPer exam, college grades including undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate.

Admission Guidelines

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Technical Standards

Certain technical standards for physicians and medical students which must be met by all applicants and students consist of the minimum physical, cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, and communication requirements to provide reasonable assurance of completion of the entire course of study and degree requirements. Because the M.D. degree signifies that the holder is a physician prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Applicants are selected for admission based not only on their scholastic ability, but also on their intellectual, physical and emotional capacities to meet the requirements of the curriculum and a successful career in medicine.

Candidates for the M.D. degree must possess aptitude, abilities, and skills in observation; communication; motor function and coordination; intellectual abilities involving conceptualization, integration and quantitation; and behavioral and social skills, abilities and aptitude. Students must personally demonstrate these technical standards in order to fulfill the essential course requirements of a general medical education as well as eventual practice. These technical standards are pre-requisites for entrance, continuation, promotion, retention and graduation from medical school. Reasonable accommodation is available to assist with a variety of disabilities and may be permitted for disabilities in certain areas. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. Therefore, third parties cannot be used to assist students in accomplishing curricular requirements in these five areas:

- Observation
- Communication
- Motor Function and Coordination
- Intellectual Abilities including Conceptualization, Integration and Quantitation
- Behavioral and Social Attributes

Graduates of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University must function in a broad variety of clinical situations and render a wide spectrum of patient care. These standards are guidelines and are subject to revision.

MCG’s Acceptance & Withdrawal Procedures

It is expected that all accepted applicants be aware of, and participate in, the AMCAS “Choose Your Medical School” tool to communicate enrollment intentions. Doing so helps prevent unfilled positions in the entering class. Each institution has its own deadlines and requirements for when applicants must commit to enroll through AMCAS. Failure to adhere to these deadlines may result in an administrative withdrawal of an applicant’s acceptance:

February 22 – April 30, 2022
Accepted applicants may select the “Plan to Enroll” option in AMCAS via the “Choose Your Medical School” tool. Accepted applicants should also sign their MCG acceptance agreement and upload it to the online application portal within the stated admission deadlines.

April 05 – April 30, 2022
Accepted applicants with multiple admission offers should narrow their choices to three medical schools, with no limit on the number of alternate list offers they may hold.

May 2 – June 30, 2022
Accepted applicants may select the “Commit to Enroll” option in AMCAS via the “Choose Your Medical School” tool. This signals that an applicant is committing to MCG and withdrawing applications from other medical schools. Selecting “Commit to Enroll” does not automatically withdraw acceptances from other medical schools.

May 2, 2022
Beginning May 2, 2022, if MCG receives notification from AMCAS that an applicant has committed to enroll at another institution, we will withdraw that applicant from the 2022 entering class.

June 1, 2022
Before June 1, 2022, students accepted from the alternate list will have five business days to affirm their acceptance to MCG and withdraw their acceptance from other medical schools. Students accepted after June 1, must affirm their acceptance and withdraw from other medical schools within 48 hours.

Final Deadline
All accepted students are required to “Commit to Enroll” by July 1. Those participating in the pre-matriculation program must commit by May 16. If not, MCG may withdraw you from the 2022 entering class.
POLICIES

Deferment

Accepted students seeking deferment will be considered on a case-by-case basis. One-year deferments are only available to candidates on the alternate list after an offer of admission has been made and only in cases of extreme personal hardship.

A deferment requires extenuating, unexpected personal circumstances. To be considered, the student must write a letter to the Associate Dean for Admissions explaining the reasons for deferment. Each case will be presented to and voted on by the Admissions Committee. Only one request for a one-year deferment will be considered. Deferment requests should not be made to delay a decision of which medical school to attend.

The Medical College of Georgia cannot hold scholarship offers made in the initial year of acceptance for the following year. A deferred student is eligible for scholarship offers in the following year with no guarantee. A deferred student’s campus assignment made in the initial year of acceptance for the following year. A deferred student’s campus assignment will not be guaranteed for the following year.

International Applicants

In order to be offered an interview, you must be either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. with a valid, Permanent Resident Card. International applicants, as well as U.S. citizens, must have completed at least the last two years of their undergraduate or graduate education in a regionally accredited* U.S. or Canadian institution.

All non-U.S. coursework must be evaluated by Josef A. Silny & Associates or World Education Services (WES), companies that offer foreign credential evaluation and translation. You should have a university and post-secondary course-by-course evaluation completed and sent directly from the Silny or WES office to the MCG Office of Admissions for review. For more information, including cost and evaluation timeline, please visit jsilny.org or wes.org.

*Accredited by the appropriate regional agency for colleges and schools, i.e., the equivalent of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Check out the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for more information.

Criminal Background Check

The Association of American Medical Colleges recommends that all US medical schools obtain a national background check on applicants upon their initial conditional acceptance to medical school to bolster the public’s continuing trust in the medical profession, enhance the safety and wellbeing of patients, ascertain the ability of accepted applicants and enrolled medical students to eventually become licensed as physicians, and to minimize the liability of medical schools and their affiliated clinical facilities. Students attending the AU/ UGA Medical Partnership campus may be asked to complete an additional background check.

Transfer with Advanced Standing

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University will consider requests for Transfer with Advanced Standing from students enrolled and in good standing at an LCME-accredited medical school on a case-by-case basis in situations of personal hardship or other compelling circumstances. Acceptance decisions will be made at the discretion of the MCG Admissions Committee with input as appropriate from the Curriculum Office, the Office of the Student and Multicultural Affairs, and the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Transfer will only be considered into the beginning of the third year curriculum and requests must be received by April 15. If granted a transfer to MCG, you must withdraw all other applications for transfer to any other institutions.

Student Health Insurance

AU students must carry comprehensive health protection meeting the minimum benefit standards listed below.

Plan must be ACA compliant, meaning that the plan is an individual or group insurance plan meeting the requirements of ACA:

I. Unlimited Maximum Benefit for covered medical expenses.
II. Coverage for essential benefits (with no dollar limits), as defined under the ACA. This includes, but is not limited to:
   1. Pharmacy
   2. Mental health services on parity with medical services
   3. Maternity benefits
   4. Preventive care with no cost-sharing for Preferred Providers
   5. Coverage for pre-existing condition with no waiting period
   6. Pediatric dental and vision coverage

II. Maximum preferred provider total out-of-pocket expenses cannot exceed $1,100 per member ($1,100 per family).

III. For students in J1 status whose eligible coverage meeting USC and U.S. Department State regulatory minimum requirements must be submitted at the time of the immigration check-in appointment. J visa holders must have the following minimum benefits:
   a) Deductible of no more than $50 per accident or illness.
   b) Medical Benefits of at least $100,000 per accident or illness.

III. Medical expenses associated with the medical evacuation to his or her home country in the amount of $50,000.

IV. Repatriation of remains in the amount of $25,000. (Can be purchased separately)

a) A policy underwritten by an insurance carrier with:
   I. an A.M. Best rating of “A-” or above
   II. A McGraw Hill Financial/Standard & Poor’s Claims Paying Ability rating of “A-” or above
   III. a Fitch Rating, Inc. rating of “A-” or above
   IV. a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of “A-” or above

b) Monthly, TriTerm, STM (Short Term Medical), limit/ indemnity plans will not be accepted.

Immunization Policy

The minimum immunization requirements for all University System of Georgia colleges and universities are established by the Georgia Board of Regents. Specific institutions, with the concurrence of their Presidents and the Chancellor, may require some immunizations not required for all new students by this policy. Institutions are also authorized to impose additional immunization requirements for students when, in the opinion of the President of the institution and with concurrence of the Chancellor and appropriate public health authorities, there is a substantial risk of exposure to other communicable diseases preventable by vaccination (BOR Minutes, 1990-91, p.114).

All entering Augusta University students are required to provide AU with documentation of the minimum immunization requirements set forth by the Board of Regents. Those students enrolled in a college on the Health Sciences Campus are required to provide additional documentation/ proof of immunity to AU per the requirements of the college of enrollment.

All students living in any AU Residence Hall (University Village or health sciences housing units) must provide proof of immunization for the meningococcal virus that causes meningitis.

Exceptions

In cases in which compliance with this policy prior to the start of classes is not feasible for the enrolled student, Student Health may grant an extension for the student to comply. The following list includes the only exceptions to compliance with this policy. Any exceptions must be granted jointly by the student’s college of enrollment and the Registrar’s Office.

1. If the student has a medical condition that prohibits compliance with this policy.
2. If the student is in the process of completing a specific vaccination series, the student is expected to follow the required time frames of completion associated with each requirement within the series.
3. A religious waiver can be granted with a statement of affirmation that the immunizations required by the BOR/ AU are in conflict with students’ religious beliefs. Students on the Health Sciences Campus will not be granted a religious waiver if the curriculum involves physical presence at a clinical site.
4. A student who is enrolled in a distance learning program based on the requirements of the college of enrollment.

Student Health will notify each student’s school of enrollment and the office of the Vice President for Instruction & Enrollment Management of any student that is not compliant during or after the end of the approved extension.

HIV, HBV, HCV Policy

This policy only applies to Augusta University Health Sciences students during their enrollment in Health Science Programs (e.g. Allied Health, Dentistry, Biomedical Graduate Studies, Medicine or Nursing). It provides a method to manage students who are, or become infected with a blood-borne pathogen including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), hepatitis B (HBV), and hepatitis C (HCV). It describes evidence-based procedures for managing infected students in a way that protects their privacy while providing reasonable precautions to create a safe environment in the academic health care setting.

Any Medical College of Georgia student who knows or has reason to believe that he/she has a blood-pathogen is required to report this information immediately to the Office of Student Health. Failure on the part of a student to report known blood-borne pathogen may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Student Health Services: augusta.edu/shs
Immunizations: augusta.edu/shs/immunizations
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial Aid
The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students in financing their education primarily through student loans. AU scholarships for medical students are awarded by the MCG Scholarship Committee, who meets at various times throughout the year. Applications are not required as students are selected based on defined criteria, and all who meet the criteria are considered.

Students should apply for financial aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid application at fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible after October 1 of each year. Applications will be processed when the student's file is complete.

Refund Policy
Students who withdraw from all courses before completing 60 percent of the semester are entitled to a refund of a portion of tuition, mandatory fees and institutional charges. The refund amount for students withdrawing from an institution shall be based on a pro rata percentage determined by dividing the number of calendar days in the semester that the student completed by the total calendar days in the semester. The total calendar days in a semester includes weekends, but excludes scheduled breaks of five (5) or more days and days that a student was on an approved leave of absence. The total number of calendar days in the semester includes weekends and exam periods. Calculations exclude scheduled breaks of five or more calendar days and days that a student was on approved leave of absence defined by federal regulations of the return of Title IV student aid funds. Students who drop individual courses are not entitled to a refund for the course(s) dropped; only students who withdraw from the institution in keeping with official withdrawal procedures established by the Office of the Registrar are eligible for refunds.

Institutional charges include tuition, activity fee, student health fee, on-campus housing, Campus Recreation Center fee, technology fee, microscope rental and any other equipment rental fee paid directly to the school. Parking fees, health insurance, disability insurance, fines, library charges, books, supplies, dues, liability insurance and any fee paid directly to a vendor on behalf of the student are not institutional charges and not included in refund calculations. Phase III of the Medical College of Georgia curriculum is defined by federal aid regulations as a modular curriculum. An individual clinical rotation, regardless of length, is a module. Students enrolled in modular curriculum who complete one or more modules during a semester are not entitled to a refund. In addition, students completing 60 percent or more of the total educational activities for the modules for which the student was registered at the beginning of the semester will not receive a refund. A refund of all non-resident fees, matriculation fees and other mandatory fees is payable in the event of a death of a student at any time during the semester. Full refunds of tuition and mandatory fees and pro rata refunds of electives fees will go to students who are:

- Military reservists (including members of the National Guard) who receive emergency orders to active duty after enrollment.
- Active-duty military personnel who receive an emergency reassignment after enrollment.
- Otherwise unusually and detrimentally affected by the emergency activation of members of the reserve components or the emergency deployment of active-duty personnel who demonstrate a need for exceptional equitable relief.

Refunds to students receiving student financial aid will be coordinated with the Return of Title IV Funds regulations of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended, state scholarships and grant regulations, and the regulations of the individual private scholarships and loans, as appropriate.

Payments for tuition and fees may be made on POUNCE with an electronic check or credit card. Credit cards are accepted by a third party and will incur a cost of 2.85% of the balance with a $3.00 minimum charge. The convenience fee is nonrefundable. You may pay in person by cash, check or money order at the Payne Hall Business Office on the Summerville Campus. You can learn about additional payment options by contacting the Business Office at 706-737-1767 or at their website augusta.edu/finance/controller/businessoffice/paymentoptionsrefunds.

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## 2021-2022 TUITION AND FEES*

**MAIN CAMPUS**

### TUITION PER SEMESTER

**Doctor of Medicine (MAIN CAMPUS)**

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### FALL & SPRING MANDATORY FEES, PER SEMESTER

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2021-2022
TUITION AND FEES*
AU/UGA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP CAMPUS

TUITION PER SEMESTER

Doctor of Medicine (ATHENS CAMPUS)
Description                                      Rate                     
In-State, 12 or more hours                      $14,463.00               
In-State, 1-11 hours                             $1,206.00 per hour       
Out-of-State, 12 or more hours                   $28,925.00               
Out-of-State, 1-11 hours                         $2,411.00 per hour       

FALL & SPRING MANDATORY FEES, PER SEMESTER
Mandatory fees are charged to each student per semester.

Description                                     Rate                     
Activity Fee                                    $117.00                   
Athletic Fee                                    $79.50                    
Connect UGA Fee                                 $45.00                    
Green Fee                                       $4.50                     
Health Fee                                      $309.00                   
Special Institutional Fee                       $450.00                   
Student Center/Facility Fee                    $112.50                   
Technology Fee                                  $171.00                   
Transportation Fee                              $181.50                   
Total                                           $1,492.50

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Description                                     Rate                     
Anatomy Lab Fee                                  $400.00                   
Immunization Tracking Fee                       $25.00                    
Medicine Disability Insurance                   $93.00                    
Medicine Liability Insurance                    $37.00                    
Needlestick and Exposure Insurance              $41.00                    
Student Health Insurance (Fall)                 $TBD                      
Student Health Insurance (Spring/Summer)        $TBD                      
Student Health Insurance (Summer only)          $TBD                      
Student Health Insurance Athlete Rider (Fall)   $TBD                      
Student Health Insurance Athlete Rider (Spring/Summer) $TBD          
Student Health Insurance Athlete Rider (Summer Only) $TBD         

*Additional and special fees will be considered in the Cost of Attendance (COA).
*All tuition and fees are due and payable upon registration and subject to change without notice.
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