

## ACCREDITATION

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME), Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as well as the Southern Associate of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). See <http://www.med.fau.edu/faculty/documents/adminpolicies/Accreditation%20Policy.pdf> for a full version of the College Accreditation Policy.

## UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

FAU's College of Medicine employs an innovative, patient-focused curriculum based on the principle that future physicians should learn biomedical science in the context of patient care, patient case studies, and the practice of clinical skills — all within a community setting. As a community-based medical school, students develop their clinical skills working with more than 1,000 community physicians in a variety of clinical practice settings in South Florida. Key features include: early and continuous exposure to patients, physicians, health care systems and the community, and problem-based learning. Adaptive and responsive classrooms, along with a technology-infused curriculum, encourage collaboration and interaction.

The college's outcomes to date have been exceptional, including consecutive 100% residency matches for its first four graduating classes, with half of graduates matching to residency programs affiliated with a US News & World Report Top 50 Medical School. Recent data from the 2019 AAMC Medical School Graduation Questionnaire (GQ), administered annually to all graduates of US Medical Schools, shows that graduates from the Schmidt College of Medicine highly value their medical education experience compared to their peers. For example, 60% of FAU graduates strongly agreed with the statement "Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my medical education," compared to the average of 40% across all medical school graduates.

Results from the 2019 GQ:

*"Overall, I am satisfied with the quality of my medical education"*

- All 2019 US Medical School graduates strongly agreed: 39.8%
- 2019 Schmidt College of Medicine graduates strongly agreed: 59.6%

*"I am confident that I have acquired the clinical skills required to begin a residency program."*

- All 2019 Medical School graduates strongly agreed = 46.5%
- 2019 Schmidt College of Medicine graduates strongly agreed: 75.9%

*"I believe I am adequately prepared to care for patients from different backgrounds."*

- All 2019 US Medical School graduates strongly agreed: 67%
- 2019 Schmidt College of Medicine graduates strongly agreed: 87%

*"My medical school has done a good job of fostering and nurturing my development as a person"*

- All 2019 US Medical School graduates strongly agreed: 31.9%
- 2019 Schmidt College of Medicine graduates strongly agreed: 55.6%

These outcomes have been accompanied by an increase in the number and quality of medical school applicants, with approximately 3,500 applicants vying for the program's 64 slots each year. Indeed, FAU's student selectivity metrics are now among the nation's highest, as evidenced by FAU's ranking of 24th for acceptance rate and 48th for median MCAT scores in the 2020 US News & World Report rankings. The Schmidt College of Medicine is also leading the effort to diversify the future physician workforce, consistently achieving > 40% representation of minority\* students for 3 years running. Approximately 1 of every 4 FAU medical students is from a group underrepresented in medicine (Black, Hispanic, American Indian), greater than twice the national average across US medical schools. Additionally, the college was recently recognized by US News & World Report as one of the top 10 medical schools nationwide where humanities and social sciences majors were best represented.

*\*minority is defined as persons who are Black/African American, Asian, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, or two or more races*



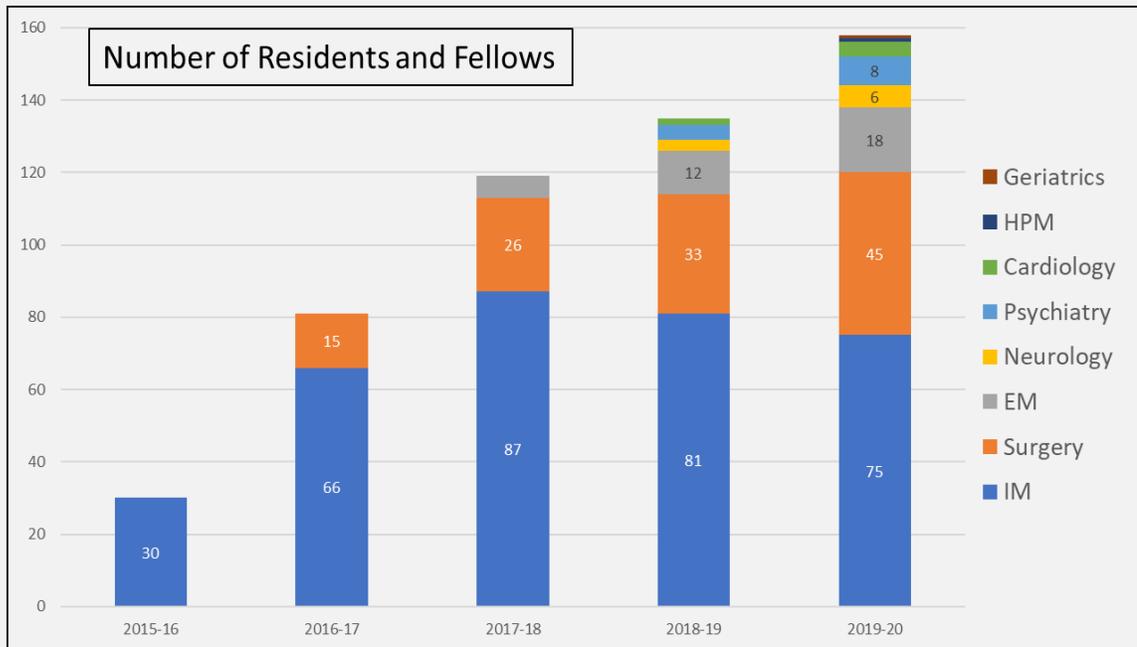
## MASTER'S AND PHD PROGRAMS

Through its master's program in biomedical science, the Schmidt College of Medicine is creating a diverse pipeline of future biomedical scientists. Program highlights include a 3-year graduation rate of 91% and >50% growth in enrollment over the past several years. Additionally, the rich diversity of the student population (with greater than two-thirds of the students representing diverse ethnic backgrounds), is allowing the college to help diversify the future biomedical scientist workforce of South Florida and beyond. Additionally, the college's ongoing MD/PhD program with Scripps, and emerging MD/PhD program with Max Planck, are helping to develop the next generation of humanistic clinician scientists.



## GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Because graduate medical education is the most impactful and timely way to increase the future pipeline of physicians in Florida, the Schmidt College of Medicine has rapidly built a cadre of innovative, community-based residency and fellowship programs to help meet Florida's future physician workforce needs. Over the past 5 years, FAU has built 5 ACGME-approved residency programs and 3 fellowships, totaling approximately 160 trainees.



*HPM: Hospice and Palliative Medicine, EM: Emergency Medicine, IM: Internal Medicine*

Internal Medicine, the College's inaugural program, has already graduated 3 classes comprising 78 physicians. The program's outcomes to date have been excellent, as evidenced by American Board of Internal Medicine examination passage rates ranging from 96 to 100%, which exceeds the median rate for Florida Internal Medicine Programs (93%, range 77-100%) and the national average (88%). Recently, the first class of surgery residents graduated and also had a 100% board rate. Approximately 50% of graduates have remained in Florida, and recent changes to the recruitment process are expected to increase this rate to over 70% in the years ahead.



## HEALTHCARE CAREERS OUTREACH PROGRAM

Partnerships between the Schmidt College of Medicine and local foundations, schools, and organizations ensure a continuous connection with the community around us. The Healthcare Careers Outreach Program (HCOP) is the college's flagship community outreach program. It is designed to provide students from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to develop the skills needed to successfully compete for, enter, and graduate from health and allied health professions schools. Supported fully by a combination of foundation and private philanthropy funds, HCOP provides middle and high school students with an opportunity to learn about careers in health care, while taking part in problem-based learning activities and receiving formal and informal mentorship.

HCOP engages more than 2,000 students in Palm Beach County public schools. Nearly all HCOP high school graduates have pursued higher education in healthcare. We anticipate long-term benefits of the program toward diversifying the health care workforce in Palm Beach County.



## CLINICAL SKILLS SIMULATION CENTER

The Clinical Skills Simulation Center (CSSC) applies sophisticated simulation and trainer technologies to educate medical students, residents, registered nurses, first responders nursing assistants, home health aides and community healthcare providers. The CSSC integrates new simulation and trainer technologies into the curriculum for medical students and medical professionals in practice. The literature suggests, and we have observed, that participants will learn faster, become familiar with advanced technology, improve their clinical skills, enhance critical thinking, and become more self-assured in their skills while under the supervision of trained instructors. For more information on the CSSC, please see <http://www.med.fau.edu/sim/index.php>

