

# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY™



The MED DIRECT Program at Florida Atlantic University is a collaborative effort between FAU's College of Medicine and College of Science. This program is offered at the Boca Raton campus, enabling the two Colleges to create special opportunities for undergraduate students. Applicants should be high school seniors who demonstrate a strong interest in medicine, a high level of academic ability, a passion for service and commitment to volunteerism. Students admitted into this program will be guaranteed\* a seat in FAU's College of Medicine provided they maintain the required program standards. Each student will work very closely with the program coordinator to develop an individual education plan and to ensure a smooth transition into the College of Medicine.

## Program Overview

### Entry requirements:

- Weighted high school GPA of at least 4.0
- SAT score minimum: 2100 (700/section)
- Interview with selection committee
- Letter of Recommendation from high school counselor

### Guaranteed admission\* into FAU College of Medicine:

- **National Merit Scholars**
- Minimum FAU GPA 3.7, Science GPA 3.5
- Minimum MCAT: 507 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile, top 25%)

*\*Admission is conditional until all program expectations and requirements are met*

### Guaranteed Interview with FAU College of Medicine:

- **National Merit Finalists**
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- Minimum MCAT: 507 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile, top 25%)

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### Program Overview:

- 4 years BS Neuroscience or Biology
- 4 years Medical School
- Exclusive freshman learning community
- Advising from freshman to senior year with pre-health advisors and specific program coordinator
- Special workshops and lectures
- Simulation center activities
- Standardized Patient Program
- Mentoring from medical students and faculty
- Research opportunities
- Interprofessional focus and integration
- Guaranteed Pre-Health Committee Interview and recommendation letter

### Pre-Health Professions Office:

- Electronic Pre-Medical portfolio
- Electronic letters of recommendation
- Interview preparation
- Admission essay review
- Annual Pre-Health Professions Day
- Workshops, informational handouts and guidebook
- MCAT Prep course
- Wall of Fame recognition
- Future Doctor's reception
- Application Preparation Program (APPS)
- Annual Pre-medical Mission Trip (Jamaica)

### Pre-Medical Student Organizations:

- American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
- American Medical Woman's Association (AMWA)
- Global Medical Brigades
- Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS)
- Phi Delta Epsilon (Medical Fraternity)

### Specialized Pre-Health Courses:

- Current Issues in Biomedicine (ISC 1430)
- Premed Success (IDS 3122)
- Intro to Pre-prof. Studies & Lab (PCB 3083)
- Medical Shadowing Internship (IDS 3940)
- Basic Clinical Skills (IDS 3125)

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### **APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO FAU FOR *BOTH* YOUR UNDERGRADUATE AND MEDICAL DEGREES**

- High School finalists come to FAU in the spring of their senior year for an interview with the MED DIRECT selection committee.
- Admission to undergraduate and medical education at the same time, as long as you successfully complete the program requirements.
- Mentoring from medical students and faculty in the College of Medicine
- Research, volunteer and medical experiences
- Personal pre-medical advising throughout the entire undergraduate program
- If you change your mind and decide not to attend medical school, you still have great choices for an outstanding education!

## FAU MED DIRECT EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

### \*Undergraduate Expectations and Requirements

Students are expected to finish each undergraduate semester with a GPA of at least 3.7. Single semester GPA's lower than 3.7 will trigger an automatic review by the MED DIRECT Committee for continuation in the program. Although there is no semester requirement for a science (BCPM) GPA, the science GPA for promotion to the College of Medicine (after three years) is 3.5.

All students must adhere to and exhibit the high moral and ethical values of one entrusted with the privilege of studying and practicing medicine at all times during their undergraduate enrollment. Failure to do so will be cause for instant dismissal from the program. Students who are dismissed or wish to leave the program may continue their enrollment at FAU provided they meet eligibility requirements. In no case may students delay their entry to the College of Medicine by more than one year.

In addition to the requirements stated above, all MED DIRECT students are expected to participate in **at least one** of the following activities/experiences during each semester that they are enrolled. These experiences are semester-long activities and cannot be accomplished in less time.

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1. A specialized pre-health course (ex: Intro to Pre-prof Studies, Basic Clinical Skills, Medical Internship)
2. Experience in the medical field (hospital, clinic, hospice, physician's office but not with parents or parent's friends)
3. Community health volunteer (migrant farm workers, homeless, socioeconomically disadvantaged, underserved)
4. Laboratory research (with faculty in Science or Medicine)
5. Medically related employment (work-study, hospital, research, commercial)
6. Study abroad/teach abroad/volunteer abroad in health care setting
7. Medical scribe or medical translator activities
8. Mentoring from medical students and faculty in the College of Medicine
9. Standardized Patient Program

The MED DIRECT Committee will meet with the students after every semester to make sure that these activities meet their satisfaction that the requirements have been met.

## **\*Expectations and Requirements for Promotion to the College of Medicine**

MED DIRECT students must still fill out an application for admission to the College of Medicine, even though acceptance is granted if all of the requirements have been met. The admissions process includes completing and submitting the following documents:

1. Verified AMCAS application (including personal statement and letters of recommendation)
2. Complete FAUCOM secondary application
3. Letter of recommendation from the Pre-health Professions Committee
4. MCAT composite score of at least 507
5. Cumulative undergraduate average of 3.7 and a science GPA of at least 3.5 (both determined by AMCAS)
6. Completed applications must be submitted to AMCAS no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>.

All MED DIRECT students will be interviewed by the MED DIRECT Committee to assess their personal readiness to start medical school. As alternatives to promotion to the College of Medicine, the committee may, at its discretion, require the student to take additional coursework in a post-baccalaureate or graduate program, or dismiss the student from the program.

Once promoted to the College of Medicine, MED DIRECT students are subject to all requirements, responsibilities and privileges as all other medical students. Among the forms that must be completed prior to matriculation are: 1) immunization form, 2) health form, 3) health/disability insurance forms, 4) Florida residency statement. All Florida residency documents must be submitted well before matriculation so that a residency determination can be made for tuition assessment. MED DIRECT students are eligible for the same types of financial assistance offered to all other medical students.

MED DIRECT students will be awarded their Bachelor's degree by the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science prior to matriculation into the College of Medicine. The MD degree will be awarded by the Schmidt College of Medicine after satisfactory completion of the MD curriculum.