

# 1a Medical School

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## History and Purpose

On June 13, 1969, The University of Texas Medical School at Houston was created by an act of the Legislature and an appropriation for its initial cost was made to be effective September 1, 1969. The mission of the Medical School is to provide the highest quality education and training of future physicians for the State of Texas, in harmony with the state's diverse population; to conduct the highest caliber of research in the biomedical and health sciences; and to provide exemplary clinical services.

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## Instructional Programs/Joint Programs

### Doctor of Medicine

The Medical School program leading to a medical doctor degree has two primary components: two years of basic science study and two years of clinical experience. The basic science years, with the second year designed as a bridging year, are devoted to preparing the student for the clerkship experiences of the third and fourth years. Each student has a faculty advisor who helps devise the student's educational sequence and set career goals and postgraduate educational plans. An alternate pathway program, entered during the first year, allows a student to complete the first year of basic science courses in two years.

### Doctor of Medicine/Doctor of Philosophy

The Medical School and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences participate in a combined program leading to the MD and PhD degrees. This program is sponsored and supported by UTHSC-H and UT M D Anderson Cancer Center, is administered by an MD/PhD committee and involves faculty from both institutions. The requirements for the program meet the general requirements of both degrees in a flexible six year program.

### Doctor of Medicine/Master of Public Health

The Medical School and the School of Public Health participate in a combined program leading to the MD and the MPH degrees. The program is integrated throughout a five-year period so that continuity of the dual objective is maintained while periods of concentration alternate between the medical and public health curricula. The requirements established for the program meet the general requirements for both degrees.

### Master of Science in Clinical Research

In August 2002, the Medical School began offering a master's degree in clinical research. This degree program is designed as a focused, flexible, and affordable program to train clinical investigators in designing and conducting patient-oriented research that is of exemplary quality. The curriculum accommodates clinicians' busy schedules; the courses are held one afternoon a week. The degree can be completed in two to four years depending on the amount of time a student devotes to the program. The curriculum for the master's program consists of two tracks – a patient-based clinical research track and a translational research track.

## Reciprocal Agreements

Through reciprocal agreements, students at other UT System components, Rice University, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Women's University and the University of Houston may take graduate courses for credit at UTHSC-H. In addition, UTHSC-H graduate students may take courses for credit at any of the above institutions. Mechanisms for payment of tuition or registration fees vary according to the individual institution.

## Facilities

The nine-story Medical School Building is connected to the John Freeman Building and bridges Ross Sterling Avenue to form one continuous structure with Memorial Hermann Hospital. The Medical School Building contains offices, laboratories, classrooms, lecture halls, study areas, animal facilities, educational and biomedical communications support areas, student lounges, a recreation center and administrative suites. Recently, the Medical School began leasing space in the nearby Jesse Jones Library Building for administrative functions and clinical research.

## Affiliated Hospitals

Primary affiliations are with Memorial Hermann Hospital and the Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital of the Harris County Hospital District. Other major affiliates include UT M D Anderson Cancer Center, UT Harris County Psychiatric Center and the Texas Heart Institute/St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

## Group Practice

The *Patient Care* section includes information on the Faculty Practice Plan (MSRDP), UT Physicians, and Affiliated Medical Services.