Duke University School of Medicine - M.D. Program
Academic Calendar

Approved by Curriculum Committee: October 4, 2023

2024-2025

FIRST YEAR

COURSE DIRECTOR NOTE: Grades are due within 4 weeks of the last day of class for each section

Fall Term 2024

July
29 Monday, Introduction to the Medical Profession – Mandatory Attendance

August
2 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
5 Monday, Begin class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
16 Friday, End class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
19 Monday, Begin, Foundations of Patient Care 1

September
2 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October
30 Wednesday, 8:30am – Registration for Spring opens

November
8 Friday, 1:00pm - Online Registration for spring closes
26 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. –Begin Thanksgiving student holiday

December
1 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
2 Monday, Classes resume
13 Friday, 5:00 p.m., Begin Winter Break

January
1 Wednesday, New Year’s Day, student holiday
2 Thursday, resume Foundations of Patient Care 1
20 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, student holiday
27 Monday, Foundations Patient Care 1, Ends.
Spring Term 2025

28 Tuesday, Begin class, Foundations of Patient Care 2

March
15 Saturday, Begin Spring Break MS1
23 Sunday, End Spring Break MS1
24 Monday, resume Foundations of Patient Care 2

May
26 Monday – Memorial Day – student holiday

June
19 Thursday, Juneteenth – student holiday

July
1 Tuesday, 5:00 pm, End class, Foundations of Patient Care 2

SECOND YEAR

COURSE DIRECTOR NOTE: Grades are due within 4 weeks of the last day of class for each section

Fall Term 2024

July
29 Monday, Begin Clinical Skills Course - Intensive, 8:00 a.m.
30 Tuesday, MS2 students register on-line for fall selectives

August
2 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
16 Friday, End Clinical Skills Intensive Course
19 Monday, Begin sections 01; 21; 41; 81
19 Monday, Begin section 16 PIONEER
21 Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Begin Class Clinical Skills Course (longitudinal)
23 Friday, End section 01
26 Monday, Begin section 02
30 Friday, End section 02 and 21

September
2 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
3 Tuesday, Begin section 03; 22
6 Friday, End section 03
9 Monday, Begin section 04
11 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities 2
13 Friday, End sections 04; 22; 41
16 Monday, Begin sections 05;23; 42
18 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Foundation 2
20 Friday, End section 05
23 Monday, Begin section 06
October
4 Friday, End section 07
7 Monday, Begin section 08
11 Friday, End sections 08; 24; 42; 81
14 Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82
18 Friday, End section 09
21 Monday, Begin section 10
25 Friday, End sections 10; 25
28 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26
30 Wed., 8:30am – on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives

November
1 Friday, End section 11
4 Monday, Begin section 12
8 Friday, 1:00 p.m., on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives Ends
8 Friday, End sections 12; 26; 43
11 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44
15 Friday, End section 13
18 Monday, Begin section 14
22 Friday, End sections 14; 27
25 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
27 Wednesday, end classes section 15
27 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday

December
1 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
2 Monday, Classes Resume
2 Monday, Begin section 17
6 Friday, End sections 17; 28; 44; 82
6 Friday, End section 16 PIONEER
7 Begin winter break

Spring Term 2025
January
1 Wednesday, New Year’s Day, student holiday
6 Monday, Begin sections 01; 16; 21; 41; 81
6 Monday, Begin section 16 PIONEER
10 Friday, End section 01
13 Monday, Begin section 02
17 Friday, End sections 02; 21
20 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
21 Tuesday, Begin sections 03; 22
24 Friday, End section 03
27 Monday, Begin section 04
31 Friday, End classes in sections 04; 22; 41

February
3 Monday, Begin classes in sections 05; 23; 42
7 Friday, End section 05
10 Monday, Begin section 06
14 Friday, End sections 06; 23
17 Monday, Begin sections 07; 24
21 Friday, End section 07
24 Monday, Begin section 08
28 Friday, End sections 08; 24, 42; 81
March
3  Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82
5-11 MS2 students register for summer selectives
7  Friday, End section 09
10 Monday, Begin section 10
14 Friday, End sections 10; 25
17 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26
21 Friday, End section 11
24 Monday, Begin section 12
28 Friday, End sections 12; 26; 43
31 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44

April
4  Friday, End section 13
7 Monday, Begin section 14
11 Friday, End sections 14; 27
14 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
18 Friday, End section 15
21 Monday, Begin section 17
25 Friday, End section 17; 28; 44; 82
25 Friday, End section 16 PIONEER
26 Saturday, Begin Spring Break
TBD MS3 Registration for Fall opens

May
4  Sunday, End Spring Break

Summer Term 2025
May
5  Monday, Begin sections 01; 21; 41; 81
5 Monday, Begin section 16 PIONEER
9  Friday, End section 01
12 Monday, Begin section 02
16 Friday, End sections 02; 21
19 Monday, Begin sections 03; 22
23 Friday, End section 03
26 Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, student holiday
27 Tuesday, Begin section 04
30 Friday, End sections 04; 22; 41

June
2 Tuesday, Begin sections 05; 23; 42
6 Friday, End section 05
6 Friday, noon deadline for rising Third Yr. (MED3)
Registration form to Third Year Coordinator
9 Monday, Begin section 06
13 Friday, End sections 06; 23
13 Friday, Online Registration - 3rd Year, Fall ends
16 Monday, Begin section 07; 24
18 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Foundation 2
19 Thursday, Juneteenth, student holiday
20 Friday, End section 07
23 Monday, Begin section 08
27 Friday, End sections 08; 24; 42; 81
30 Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82

July
3 Thursday, End section 09
4 Friday, Independence Day, student holiday
7 Monday, Begin section 10
11 Friday, End sections 10; 25
14 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26
August
1  Friday, End section 13
4  Monday, Begin section 14
8  Friday, End sections 14; 27
8  Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
11 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
13 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Course
15 Friday, End section 15
18 Monday, Begin section 17
22 Friday, End sections 17; 28; 44; 82
22 Friday, End section 16 PIONEER

Mandatory Clinical Skills Assessment due by September 1, 2025
Fall Term 2024

August
1  Thursday, poster presentations – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
2  Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
19 Monday, Third Year Scholarly Year Begins
22 Thursday, MS3 Begin QMDM II - Medical Statistics

September
2  Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October
30  Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens

November
8  Friday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
27  Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
   Monday, Classes resume

December
1  Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
6  Friday, MS3 End QMDM II - Medical Statistics
7  Saturday, Winter Break begins

**Research Ethics due 30 days after start date**

Spring Term 2025

January
1  Wednesday, New Year's Day, student holiday
6  Monday, Research Resumes
7  Tuesday, Begin QMDM I - Evidence Based Medicine I
20  Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday

March
5-11  Registration for summer term

April
4  Friday, End QMDM I - Evidence Based Medicine

May
2  Friday, End Spring term
Summer Term 2025

May
5    Monday, Begin Summer Term

May
26   Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

June
19   Thursday, Juneteenth – student holiday

July
4    Friday, Independence Day, student holiday

August
7    Thursday, Poster Presentations – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
8    Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

The thesis due date is dependent on the approved start date and track (10, 11, 12 month). Third year start dates and thesis deadlines must be approved PRIOR to the third year registration form due date.
**FOURTH YEAR**

**COURSE DIRECTOR NOTE:** Grades are due within 4 weeks of the last day of class for each section

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### Summer Term 2024

**March**

6-12 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
Registration for rising MS4, summer  
*(dates subject to change)*

14 Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Drop/Add begins for summer  
43, 44

**April**

3 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Registration for Rising MS4,  
Fall opens

9 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. registration closes

10 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Drop/Add for Fall  
opens.  *(dates subject to change)*

29 Monday, Begin classes in sections 41, 81

**May**

24 Friday, End classes in section 41

27 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

28 Tuesday, Begin classes in section 42

**June**

7 Fri., 1:00 p.m. – Drop/Add Ends for summer, sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4)

19 Wednesday, Juneteenth, student holiday

21 Friday, End classes in sections 81, 42

24 Monday, Begin classes in sections 82, 43

**July**

4 Thursday, Independence Day, student holiday

19 Friday, end classes section 43

22 Monday, Begin classes in section 44

**August**

2 Friday, 1:00pm, Drop/Add Fall sections 41, 42,  
81 MS4) ends

2 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research  
Symposium – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

16 Friday, End classes in sections 82, 44

### Fall Term 2024

**August**

19 Monday, MS4 Begin section 41, section 81, Capstone

**September**

2 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

13 Friday, MS4 End section 41

16 Monday, MS4 Begin section 42

20 Friday, MS4, GRADES FOR 41 ARE DUE

27 Drop/add, fall, Sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4) ends

**October**

11 Friday, MS4 End section 42, 81

14 Monday, MS4 Begin 43, 82

30 Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens
November
8 Friday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
8 Friday, MS4 End section 43
11 Monday., 8:30 a.m. MS4 Drop/Add for spring opens
11 Monday, MS4 Begin section 44
27 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday

December
1 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday ends
2 Classes resume, sections 44; 82
6 Friday, MS4 End sections 44, 82
7 Saturday, Winter Break begins
20 Friday, 1:00 pm, MS4 on-line Drop/Add for spring, sections 81, 41 and 42 Ends

Spring Term 2025
January
1 Wednesday, New Year’s Day, student holiday
6 Monday, MS4 Begin sections 41, 81, 16
20 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
31 Friday, End section 41

February
3 Monday, Begin section 42
7 Friday, Drop/Add period for spring, sections 82, 43, 44 closes.
28 Friday, End sections 42 and 81

March
3 Monday, Begin required CAPSTONE LIVE- Mandatory Attendance
3 Monday, Begin sections 43, 82
21 Friday, MS4 MATCH DAY
28 Required Capstone Live group session ends
28 Friday, End section 43
31 Monday, Begin section 44

April
25 Friday, MS4 End sections 44, 82, and 16

May
5 Monday, Noon: ALL MS4 Grades Due (to clear students for Graduation)
9-11 Friday through Sunday, Graduation Activities

NOTE: ALL GRADES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR BY SPECIFIED DATE IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO BE APPROVED FOR GRADUATION

(Calendar and Registration dates are Subject to Change)
ACADEMIC CALENDAR KEY

16 – Full length of the term

21 – 1st two-weeks, two-week clerkship
22 – 2nd two-weeks, two-week clerkship
23 – 3rd two-weeks, two-week clerkship
24 – 4th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
25 – 5th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
26 – 6th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
27 – 7th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
28 – 8th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

41 – 1st four weeks of term
42 – 2nd four weeks of term
43 – 3rd four weeks of term
44 – 4th four weeks of term

81 – 1st eight weeks of term
82 – 2nd eight weeks of term

01 – 1st week of term, one-week selective
02 – 2nd week of term, one-week selective
03 – 3rd week of term, one-week selective
04 – 4th week of term, one-week selective
05 – 5th week of term, one-week selective
06 – 6th week of term, one-week selective
07 – 7th week of term, one-week selective
08 – 8th week of term, one-week selective
09 – 9th week of term, one-week selective
10 – 10th week of term, one-week selective
11 – 11th week of term, one-week selective
12 – 12th week of term, one-week selective
13 – 13th week of term, one-week selective
14 – 14th week of term, one-week selective
15 – 15th week of term, one-week selective
16 – 16th week of term, one-week selective

Approved School of Medicine Holidays for Medical Students –
(subject to change)

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