



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

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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

- 27 Friday, End sections 06; 23
- 30 Monday, Begin sections 07; 24

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
- 23 Friday, **noon deadline for rising Third Year (MS3)**
Registration form to the Third year coordinator
- 26 [Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, student holiday](#)
- 27 Tuesday, Begin section 04
- 30 Friday, End sections 04; 22; 41

June

- 2 Monday, Begin sections 05; 23; 42
- 6 Friday, End section 05
- 6 **Friday, 1pm MS3- Online Registration, fall 2025 closes**
- 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
- 18 Friday, End section 11
- 21 Monday, Begin section 12
- 23 Wednesday, End Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities 2
- 25 Friday, End classes in sections 12; 26; 43
- 28 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44

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](#)

THIRD YEAR

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

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

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 – 1 st two-weeks, two-week clerkship	22 – 2 nd two-weeks, two-week clerkship
23 – 3 rd two-weeks, two-week clerkship	24 – 4 th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
25 – 5 th two-weeks, two-week clerkship	26 – 6 th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
27 – 7 th two-weeks, two-week clerkship	28 – 8 th two-weeks, two-week clerkship
41 – 1 st four weeks of term	42 – 2 nd four weeks of term
43 – 3 rd four weeks of term	44 – 4 th four weeks of term
81 – 1 st eight weeks of term	82 – 2 nd eight weeks of term
01 – 1 st week of term, one-week selective	02 – 2 nd week of term, one-week selective
03 – 3 rd week of term, one-week selective	04 – 4 th week of term, one-week selective
05 – 5 th week of term, one-week selective	06 – 6 th week of term, one-week selective
07 – 7 th week of term, one-week selective	08 – 8 th week of term, one-week selective
09 – 9 th week of term, one-week selective	10 – 10 th week of term, one-week selective
11 – 11 th week of term, one-week selective	12 – 12 th week of term, one-week selective
13 – 13 th week of term, one-week selective	14 – 14 th week of term, one-week selective
15 – 15 th week of term, one-week selective	17 - 16 th week of term, one-week selective

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

Labor Day	All	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday	All
Thanksgiving Day	All	Memorial Day	All
Christmas Day (<i>falls during Winter Break</i>)	All	Juneteenth	All
New Year's Day	All	Independence Day	All