



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

Approved by Curriculum Committee: 10/2/2024

2025-2026

FIRST YEAR

Fall Term 2025

August

- 4 Monday, Introduction to the Medical Profession
- 8 Friday, Medical Student Research Symposium
- 11 Monday, Begin class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
- 22 Friday, End class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
- 25 Monday, Begin, Foundations of Patient Care 1 (FPC1)

September

- 1 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October

- 29 Wednesday, 8:30am – Registration for Spring opens

November

- 4 Tuesday, 1:00pm - Online Registration for spring closes
- 25 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. –Begin Thanksgiving student holiday
- 30 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends

December

- 1 Monday, Classes resume
- 19 Friday, 5:00 p.m., Begin Winter Break

January

- 1 Thursday, New Year's Day, student holiday
- 5 Monday, Resume Foundations of Care 1
- 19 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, student holiday
- 26 Monday, End class, Foundations of Patient Care 1 (FPC1)

Spring Term 2026

January

- 27 Tuesday, Begin class, Foundations of Patient Care 2 (FPC2)

March

- 14 Saturday, Begin Spring Break MS1

- 22 Sunday, End Spring Break MS1
- 23 Monday, resume Foundations of Patient Care 2

May

- 25 Monday – Memorial Day – student holiday

June

- 19 Friday, Juneteenth – student holiday

July

- 1 Wednesday, 5:00 pm, End class, Foundations of Patient Care 2 (FPC2)

SECOND YEAR

Fall Term 2025

August

- 4 Monday, Begin Clinical Skills Intensive
- 5 Tuesday, MS2 students register on-line for fall selectives
- 8 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 22 Friday, End Clinical Skills Intensive
- 25 Monday, Begin sections 01; 16; 21; 41; 81
- 27 Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Course (Longitudinal)
- 29 Friday, End section 01

September

- 1 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
- 2 Tuesday, Begin section 02
- 5 Friday, End section 02 and 21
- 8 Tuesday, Begin section 03; 22
- 12 Friday, End section 03
- 15 Monday, Begin section 04
- 17 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities 2 (CDHD2)
- 19 Friday, End sections 04; 22; 41
- 22 Monday, Begin sections 05; 23; 42
- 24 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Foundation 2 (CSF2)
- 26 Friday, End section 05
- 29 Monday, Begin section 06

October

- 3 Friday, End sections 06; 23
- 6 Monday, Begin sections 07; 24
- 10 Friday, End section 07
- 13 Monday, Begin section 08
- 17 Friday, End sections 08; 24; 42; 81
- 20 Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82
- 24 Friday, End section 09
- 27 Monday, Begin section 10
- 29 Wed., 8:30am – on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives
- 31 Friday, End sections 10; 25

November

- 3 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26

- 4 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives Ends
- 7 Friday, End section 11
- 10 Monday, Begin section 12
- 14 Friday, End sections 12; 26; 43
- 17 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44
- 21 Friday, End section 13
- 24 Monday, Begin section 14
- 26 Wednesday, End sections 14; 27
- 26 [Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday](#)
- 30 [Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends](#)

December

- 1 Monday, Classes Resume
- 1 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
- 5 Friday, End section 15
- 8 Monday, Begin Section 17
- 12 Friday, End sections 16; 17; 28; 44; 82
- 13 [Begin winter break](#)

Spring Term 2026

January

- 1 [Thursday, New Year's Day, student holiday](#)
- 5 Monday, Begin sections 01; 16; 21; 41; 81
- 9 Friday, End section 01
- 12 Monday, Begin section 02
- 15 Friday, End sections 02; 21
- 19 [Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday](#)
- 20 Tuesday, Begin sections 03; 22
- 23 Friday, End section 03

- 26 Monday, Begin section 04
- 30 Friday, End classes in sections 04; 22; 41

February

- 2 Monday, Begin classes in sections 05; 23; 42
- 6 Friday, End section 05
- 9 Monday, Begin section 06
- 13 Friday, End sections 06; 23
- 16 Monday, Begin sections 07; 24
- 20 Friday, End section 07
- 23 Monday, Begin section 08
- 27 Friday, End sections 08; 24, 42; 81

March

- 2 Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82
- 4-10 MS2 students register for summer selectives
- 6 Friday, End section 09
- 9 Monday, Begin section 10
- 13 Friday, End sections 10; 25
- 16 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26
- 20 Friday, End section 11
- 23 Monday, Begin section 12
- 27 Friday, End sections 12; 26; 43
- 30 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44

April

- 3 Friday, End section 13
- 6 Monday, Begin section 14
- 10 Friday, End sections 14; 27

13 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
17 Friday, End section 15
20 Monday, Begin section 17
24 Friday, End section 17; 28; 44; 82
24 Friday, End section 16
25 [Saturday, Begin Spring Break](#)
TBD MS3 Registration for Fall opens

May

3 [Sunday, End Spring Break](#)

Summer Term 2026

May

4 Monday, Begin sections 01; 16; 21; 41; 81
8 Friday, End section 01
11 Monday, Begin section 02
15 Friday, End sections 02; 21
18 Monday, Begin sections 03; 22
22 Friday, End section 03
25 [Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, student holiday](#)
26 Tuesday, Begin section 04
29 Friday, End sections 04; 22; 41
29 Friday, **noon deadline for rising Third Year (MS3) Registration form to the Third year coordinator**

June

1 Monday, Begin sections 05; 23; 42
5 Friday, End section 05
5 **Friday, 1pm MS3- Online Registration, fall 2025 closes**
8 Monday, Begin section 06
12 Friday, End sections 06; 23
12 Friday, Online Registration - 3rd Year, Fall ends
15 Monday, Begin section 07; 24
17 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Foundation 2
18 Thursday, End section 07
19 [Friday, Juneteenth, student holiday](#)
22 Monday, Begin section 08
26 Friday, End sections 08; 24; 42; 81
29 Monday, Begin sections 09; 25; 43; 82

July

2 Thursday, End section 09
3 [Friday, Independence Day, student holiday observed](#)
6 Monday, Begin section 10
10 Friday, End sections 10; 25
13 Monday, Begin sections 11; 26
17 Friday, End section 11
20 Monday, Begin section 12
22 Wednesday, End Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities 2 (CDHD2)
24 Friday, End classes in sections 12; 26; 43
27 Monday, Begin sections 13; 27; 44
31 Friday, End section 13

August

3 Monday, Begin section 14
7 Friday, End sections 14; 27
7 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
10 Monday, Begin sections 15; 28
12 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Course
14 Friday, End section 15
17 Monday, Begin section 17
21 Friday, End sections 16; 17; 28; 44; 82

THIRD YEAR

Fall Term 2025

August

- 7 Thursday, poster presentations – **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 8 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium – **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 25 Monday, Third Year Scholarly Year Begins
- 28 Thursday, MS3 Begin QMDM Medical Statistics

September

- 1 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October

- 29 Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens

November

- 4 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
- 26 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
- 30 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends

December

- 1 Monday, Classes resume
- 12 Friday, MS3 End QMDM Medical Statistics
- 13 Saturday, Winter Break begins

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

Spring Term 2026

January

- 1 Thursday, New Year's Day, student holiday
- 5 Monday, Research Resumes
- 6 Tuesday, Begin QMDM Evidence Based Medicine
- 19 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday

March

- 4-10 Registration for summer term

April

- 3 Friday, End QMDM Evidence Based Medicine

May

- 1 Friday, End Spring term

Summer Term 2026

May

- 4 Monday, Begin Summer Term
- 25 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

June

19 Friday, Juneteenth – student holiday

July

3 Friday, Independence Day, student holiday observed

August

6 Thursday, Poster Presentations – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

7 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

Summer Term 2025

March

- 5-11 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
Registration for rising MS4, summer
- 13 Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Drop/Add begins for summer
43, 44

April

- 2 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Registration for Rising MS4,
Fall opens
- 8 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. registration closes
- 9 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Drop/Add for Fall
opens.

May

- 5 Monday, Begin classes in sections 41, 81
- 26 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday
- 30 Friday, End classes in section 41

June

- 2 Monday, Begin classes in section 42
- 6 Fri., 1:00 p.m. – Drop/Add Ends for summer, sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4)
- 19 Thursday, Juneteenth, student holiday
- 27 Friday, End classes in sections 81, 42
- 30 Monday, Begin classes in sections 82, 43

July

- 4 Friday, Independence Day, student holiday
- 25 Friday, end classes section 43
- 28 Monday, Begin classes in section 44

August

- 8 Friday, 1:00pm, Drop/Add Fall MS4 sections 41, 42, 81 ends
- 8 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium – **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 22 Friday, End classes in sections 82, 44

Fall Term 2025

August

- 25 Monday, MS4 Begin section 41, section 81, Capstone

September

- 1 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
- 19 Friday, MS4 End section 41
- 22 Monday, MS4 Begin section 42
- 25 Thursday, MS4, **GRADES FOR 41 ARE DUE**
- 26 Friday, Drop/add, fall, Sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4) ends

October

- 17 Friday, MS4 End section 42, 81
- 20 Monday, MS4 Begin 43, 82
- 29 Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens

November

- 4 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
- 10 Monday., 8:30 a.m. MS4 Drop/Add for spring opens
- 14 Friday, MS4 End section 43
- 17 Monday, MS4 Begin section 44
- 26 [Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday](#)
- 30 [Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday ends](#)

December

- 1 Classes resume, sections 44; 82
- 12 Friday, MS4 End sections 44, 82
- 13 Saturday, [Winter Break begins](#)
- 19 Friday, 1:00 pm, MS4 on-line Drop/Add for spring, sections 81, 41 and 42 Ends

Spring Term 2026

January

- 1 [Thursday, New Year's Day, student holiday](#)
- 5 Monday, MS4 Begin sections 41, 81, 16
- 19 [Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday](#)
- 30 Friday, End section 41

February

- 2 Monday, Begin section 42
- 6 Friday, Drop/Add period for spring, sections 82, 43, 44 closes
- 27 Friday, End sections 42 and 81

March

- 2 Monday, Begin **required CAPSTONE LIVE- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 2 Monday, Begin sections 43, 82
- 20 Friday, MS4 MATCH DAY
- 27 Required **CAPSTONE LIVE** group session ends
- 27 Friday, End section 43
- 30 Monday, Begin section 44

April

- 24 Friday, MS4 End sections 44, 82, and 16

May

- 4 Monday, Noon; ALL **MS4 Grades Due** (to clear students for Graduation)
- 8-10 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

23 – 3rd two-weeks, two-week clerkship

25 – 5th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

27 – 7th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

41 – 1st four weeks of term

43 – 3rd four weeks of term

81 – 1st eight weeks of term

01 – 1st week of term, one-week selective

03 – 3rd week of term, one-week selective

05 – 5th week of term, one-week selective

07 – 7th week of term, one-week selective

09 – 9th week of term, one-week selective

11 – 11th week of term, one-week selective

13 – 13th week of term, one-week selective

15 – 15th week of term, one-week selective

22 – 2nd two-weeks, two-week clerkship

24 – 4th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

26 – 6th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

28 – 8th two-weeks, two-week clerkship

42 – 2nd four weeks of term

44 – 4th four weeks of term

82 – 2nd eight weeks of term

02 – 2nd week of term, one-week selective

04 – 4th week of term, one-week selective

06 – 6th week of term, one-week selective

08 – 8th week of term, one-week selective

10 – 10th week of term, one-week selective

12 – 12th week of term, one-week selective

14 – 14th week of term, one-week selective

17 - 16th 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