



# 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 Foundations of Patient Care (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  
26 Friday, End Class, Foundations of Patient Care (FPC2)  
29 Monday, Begin Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

## July

- 10 End class, Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

# 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 30 Friday, MS3 SWPs due (9 month deadline)

## June

2 Monday, Summer 42 begins  
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

Third year start dates and thesis (SWP) 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

25 – 5<sup>th</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

27 – 7<sup>th</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

41 – 1<sup>st</sup> four weeks of term

43 – 3<sup>rd</sup> four weeks of term

81 – 1<sup>st</sup> eight weeks of term

01 – 1<sup>st</sup> week of term, one-week selective

03 – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term, one-week selective

05 – 5<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

07 – 7<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

09 – 9<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

11 – 11<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

13 – 13<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

15 – 15<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

24 – 4<sup>th</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

26 – 6<sup>th</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

28 – 8<sup>th</sup> two-weeks, two-week clerkship

42 – 2<sup>nd</sup> four weeks of term

44 – 4<sup>th</sup> four weeks of term

82 – 2<sup>nd</sup> eight weeks of term

02 – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of term, one-week selective

04 – 4<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

06 – 6<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

08 – 8<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

10 – 10<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

12 – 12<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

14 – 14<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

17 - 16<sup>th</sup> week of term, one-week selective

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

Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day (*falls during Winter Break*)  
New Year's Day

All  
All  
All  
All

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
Memorial Day  
Juneteenth  
Independence Day

All  
All  
All  
All