

Duke University School of Medicine - M.D. Program

Academic Calendar

Approved by Curriculum Committee: 10/01/2025

2026-2027

FIRST YEAR

Fall Term 2026

August

- 3 Monday, *Introduction to the Medical Profession*
- 7 Friday, Medical Student Research Symposium – **mandatory attendance**
- 10 Monday, Begin class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
- 21 Friday, End class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
- 24 Monday, Begin, Foundations of Patient Care 1 (FPC1)

September

- 7 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October

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

November

- 3 Tuesday, 1:00pm - Online Registration for spring closes
- 24 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. –Begin Thanksgiving student holiday
- 29 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
- 30 Monday, Classes resume

December

- 18 Friday, 5:00 p.m., Begin Winter Break

January

- 1 Friday, New Year's Day, student holiday
- 4 Monday, Resume Foundations of Care 1
- 18 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, student holiday
- 25 Monday, End Foundations of Patient Care (FPC1)

Spring Term 2027

January

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

March

- 13 Saturday, Begin Spring Break MS1
- 21 Sunday, End Spring Break MS1
- 22 Monday, resume Foundations of Patient Care 2

May

31 [Monday – Memorial Day – student holiday](#)

June

1 Tuesday, classes resume after Memorial day holiday
[18 Friday, Juneteenth – student holiday observed](#)
25 Friday, End Class, Foundations of Patient Care (FPC2)
28 Monday, Begin Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

July

[5 Monday, Independence Day holiday observed](#)
6 Tuesday, Classes resume after Independence Day holiday observed
9 End class, Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

SECOND YEAR

Fall Term 2026

August

10 Monday, Begin Clinical Skills Intensive
11 Tuesday, MS2 students register on-line for fall selectives
22 Saturday, End Clinical Skills Intensive
24 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
26 Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Course (Longitudinal)

September

4 Friday, End section 21
[7 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday](#)
8 Tuesday, Begin section 22
16 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Structural Determinants of Health and Disease (SDHD)
18 Friday, End sections 22; 41
21 Monday, Begin sections 23; 42
23 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Foundation 2 (CSF2)

October

2 Friday, End sections 23
5 Monday, Begin sections 24
16 Friday, End sections 24; 42; 81
19 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82
28 Wed., 8:30am – on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives
30 Friday, End section 25

November

2 Monday, Begin section 26
3 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives Ends
13 Friday, End sections 26; 43
16 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44
25 Wednesday, End section 27
[25 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday](#)
[29 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends](#)
30 Monday, Classes Resume; begin section 28

December

4 Friday, End section 15
7 Monday, Begin Section 17
11 Friday, End sections 16; 17; 28; 44; 82
[12 Begin winter break](#)

Spring Term 2027

January

- 1 Friday, New Year's Day, student holiday
- 4 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
- 14 Friday, End section 21
- 18 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
- 19 Tuesday, Begin section 22
- 29 Friday, End classes in sections 22; 41

February

- 1 Monday, Begin classes in sections 23; 42
- 12 Friday, End section 23
- 15 Monday, Begin section 24
- 26 Friday, End sections 24, 42; 81

March

- 1 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82
- 8-12 MS2 students register for summer selectives
- 12 Friday, End sections 25
- 15 Monday, Begin section 26
- 26 Friday, End sections 26; 43
- 29 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44

April

- 9 Friday, End section 27
- 12 Monday, Begin section 28
- 14 Wednesday, MS3 Fall Registration opens
- 23 Friday, End sections 16; 28; 44; 82
- 24 Saturday, Begin Spring Break

May

- 2 Sunday, End Spring Break

Summer Term 2027

May

- 3 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
- 14 Friday, End section 21
- 17 Monday, Begin section 22
- 28 Friday, End sections 22; 41
- 28 Friday, **noon deadline for rising Third Year (MS3) Registration form to the Third-year coordinator**
- 31 Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, student holiday

June

- 1 Tuesday, Begin sections 23; 42
- 4 Friday, **1pm MS3- Online Registration, fall 2025 closes**
- 11 Friday, End section 23
- 14 Monday, Begin section 24
- 16 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Foundation 2
- 18 Friday, Juneteenth, student holiday observed
- 25 Friday, End sections 24; 42; 81
- 28 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82

July

- 5 Monday, Independence Day, student holiday observed
- 9 Friday, End section 25
- 12 Monday, Begin section 26
- 21 Wednesday, End Structural Determinants of Health Disease (SDHD)
- 23 Friday, End classes in sections 26; 43
- 26 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44

August

- 6 Friday, End section 27
- 6 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 9 Monday, Begin section 28
- 11 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Course
- 20 Friday, End sections 16; 28; 44; 82

THIRD YEAR

Fall Term 2026

August

- 6 Thursday, poster presentations- **Mandatory Attendance**
- 7 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium– **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 24 Monday, Third Year Scholarly Year Begins
- 27 Thursday, MS3 Begin QMDM Medical Statistics

September

- 7 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October

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

November

- 3 Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens
- 10 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
- 25 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
- 29 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
- 30 Monday, Classes Resume

December

- 11 Friday, MS3 End QMDM Medical Statistics
- 12 Saturday, Winter Break begins

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

Spring Term 2027

January

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

March

- 8-12 Registration for summer term

April

- 2 Friday, End QMDM Evidence Based Medicine
- 30 Friday, End Spring Term

Summer Term 2027

May

- 3 Monday, Begin Summer Term
- 28 Friday, MS3 SWPs due (9 month deadline)
- 31 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

June

- 1 Tuesday, Summer 42 begins
- 18 Friday, Juneteenth – student holiday observed

July

- 5 Monday, Independence Day, student holiday observed

August

- 5 Thursday, Poster Presentations – **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 6 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium – **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**

FOURTH YEAR

Summer Term 2026

March

- 4-10 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
Registration for rising MS4, summer
- 12 Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Drop/Add begins for summer
43, 44

April

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

May

- 4 Monday, Begin classes in sections 41, 81
- 25 [Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday](#)
- 29 Friday, End classes in section 41

June

- 1 Monday, Begin classes in section 42
- 5 Fri., 1:00 p.m. – Drop/Add Ends for summer, sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4)
- 19 [Friday, Juneteenth, student holiday](#)
- 26 Friday, End classes in sections 81, 42
- 29 Monday, Begin classes in sections 82, 43

July

- 3 [Friday, Independence Day, student holiday observed](#)
- 24 Friday, end classes section 43
- 27 Monday, Begin classes in section 44

August

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

Fall Term 2026

August

- 6 Thursday, Poster Presentations- **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 7 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium– **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 24 Monday, MS4 Begin section 41, section 81, Capstone

September

- 7 [Monday, Labor Day, student holiday](#)
- 18 Friday, MS4 End section 41
- 21 Monday, MS4 Begin section 42
- 24 Thursday, MS4, **GRADES FOR 41 ARE DUE**
- 25 Friday, Drop/add, fall, Sections 82, 43, 44 (MS4) ends

October

- 16 Friday, MS4 End section 42, 81
- 19 Monday, MS4 Begin 43, 82
- 28 Wednesday, 8:30am – spring registration opens

November

- 3 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
- 9 Monday., 8:30 a.m. MS4 Drop/Add for spring opens
- 13 Friday, MS4 End section 43
- 16 Monday, MS4 Begin section 44
- 25 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
- 29 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday ends
- 30 Classes resume, sections 44; 82

December

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

Spring Term 2027

January

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

February

- 1 Monday, Begin section 42
- 5 Friday, Drop/Add period for spring, sections 82, 43, 44 closes
- 26 Friday, End sections 42 and 81

March

- 1 Monday, Begin **required CAPSTONE LIVE- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- 1 Monday, Begin sections 43, 82
- 19 Friday, MS4 MATCH DAY
- 26 Required **CAPSTONE LIVE** group session ends
- 26 Friday, End section 43
- 29 Monday, Begin section 44

April

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

May

- 3 Monday, Noon; ALL **MS4 Grades Due** (to clear students for Graduation)
- 7-9 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
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