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

Approved by Curriculum Committee: 10/7/2026

2027-2028

FIRST YEAR

Fall Term 2027

August

2 *Monday, Introduction to the Medical Profession*
9 Monday, Begin class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
20 Friday, End class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
23 Monday, Begin, Foundations of Patient Care 1 (FPC1)

September

6 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October

7 Thursday, 5:00 pm, Medical Student Research Symposium Poster Presentation- **mandatory attendance**
8 Friday, 8:00 am, Medical Student Research Symposium Plenary – **mandatory attendance**
27 *Wednesday, 8:30am – Registration for Spring opens*

November

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

December

17 Friday, 5:00 p.m., Begin Winter Break
31 Friday, New Year's Day holiday observed

January

3 Monday, Resume Foundations of Care 1
17 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, student holiday
24 Monday, End Foundations of Patient Care (FPC1)

Spring Term 2028

January

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

March

11 Saturday, Begin Spring Break MS1
19 Sunday, End Spring Break MS1
20 Monday, resume Foundations of Patient Care 2

May
29 Monday – Memorial Day – student holiday
30 Tuesday, classes resume after Memorial Day holiday

June
19 Monday, Juneteenth – student holiday
23 Friday, End Class, Foundations of Patient Care (FPC2)
26 Monday, Begin Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

July
4 Tuesday, Independence Day holiday
5 Wednesday, Classes resume after Independence Day holiday observed
7 Friday, End class, Consolidation and Integration of Medical Knowledge

SECOND YEAR

Fall Term 2027

August
9 Monday, Begin Clinical Skills Intensive
10 MS2 students register on-line for fall selectives
21 Saturday, End Clinical Skills Intensive
23 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
25 Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Course (Longitudinal)

September
3 Friday, End section 21
6 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
7 Tuesday, Begin section 22
15 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Structural Determinants of Health and Disease (SDHD)
17 Friday, End sections 22; 41
20 Monday, Begin sections 23; 42
22 Wednesday 3:00 p.m., Begin Clinical Skills Foundation 2 (CSF2)

October
1 Friday, End sections 23
4 Monday, Begin sections 24
7 Thursday, 5:00 pm, Medical Student Research Symposium Poster Presentation- **mandatory attendance**
8 Friday, 8:00 am, Medical Student Research Symposium Plenary – **mandatory attendance**
15 Friday, End sections 24; 42; 81
18 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82
29 Friday, End section 25

November
1 Monday, Begin section 26
1 Monday,, 8:30am –begin on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives
8 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives ends
12 Friday, End sections 26; 43
15 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44
24 Wednesday, End section 27
24 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
28 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
29 Monday, Classes Resume; begin section 28

December
3 Friday, End section 15
6 Monday, Begin Section 17
10 Friday, End sections 16; 17; 28; 44; 82
11 Begin Winter Break

31 Friday, New Year's Day holiday observed

Spring Term 2028

January

3 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
14 Friday, End section 21
17 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
18 Tuesday, Begin section 22
28 Friday, End classes in sections 22; 41
31 Monday, Begin classes sections 23; 42

February

11 Friday, End section 23
14 Monday, Begin section 24
25 Friday, End sections 24, 42; 81
28 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82

March

8-14 MS2 students register for summer selectives
10 Friday, End sections 25
13 Monday, Begin section 26
24 Friday, End sections 26; 43
27 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44

April

7 Friday, End section 27
10 Monday, Begin section 28
12 Wednesday, MS3 Fall Registration opens
21 Friday, End sections 16; 28; 44; 82
23 Saturday, Begin Spring Break
30 Sunday, End Spring Break

Summer Term 2028

May

1 Monday, Begin sections 16; 21; 41; 81
12 Friday, End section 21
15 Monday, Begin section 22
26 Friday, End sections 22; 41
29 Monday, Memorial Day Holiday, student holiday
30 **Tues**day, Begin sections 23; 42

June

2 **Friday, 1pm MS3- Online Registration, fall 2025 closes**
9 Friday, End section 23
12 Monday, Begin section 24
14 Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Foundation 2
19 Monday, Juneteenth, student holiday
23 Friday, End sections 24; 42; 81
26 Monday, Begin sections 25; 43; 82

July

4 Tuesday, Independence Day, student holiday
7 Friday, End section 25
10 Monday, Begin section 26
19 Wednesday, End Structural Determinants of Health Disease (SDHD)
21 Friday, End classes in sections 26; 43
24 Monday, Begin sections 27; 44

August

4	Friday, End section 27
7	Monday, Begin section 28
16	Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Course
18	Friday, End sections 16; 28; 44; 82

THIRD YEAR

Fall Term 2027

August

23 Monday, Third Year Scholarly Year Begins
23 Thursday, MS3 Begin QMDM Medical Statistics

September

6 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
24 Research Ethics due

October

7 Thursday, 5:00 pm, Medical Student Research Symposium Poster Presentation- **mandatory attendance**
8 Friday, 8:00 am, Medical Student Research Symposium Plenary – **mandatory attendance**

November

1 Monday, 8:30am – spring registration opens
8 Monday, 8:30am – spring registration closes
24 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
28 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday Ends
29 Monday, Classes Resume

December

10 Friday, MS3 End QMDM Medical Statistics
11 Saturday, Winter Break begins
31 Friday, New Years Day holiday observed

Spring Term 2028

January

3 Monday, Research Resumes and begin QMDM Evidence Based Medicine
17 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday

March

8 Registration for summer term begins
14 Registration for summer term ends
31 Friday, End QMDM Evidence Based Medicine (EBM)

April

28 Friday, End Spring Term

Summer Term 2028

May

1 Start MS3 Summer Term
26 Friday, MS3 SWPs due
29 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

June

19 Monday, Juneteenth – student holiday

July

4 Tuesday, Independence Day, student holiday

August

4 Friday, deadline MedSym abstract
4 Friday, End Third Year

FOURTH YEAR

Summer Term 2027

March

3-9 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
Registration for rising MS4, summer

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

31 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Registration for Rising MS4, Fall term 2027 opens

April

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

7 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Drop/Add for Fall
opens.

May

3 Monday, Begin classes in sections 41, 81

28 Friday, End classes in section 41

31 Monday, Memorial Day – student holiday

June

1 Tuesday, Begin classes in section 42

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

18 Friday, Juneteenth, student holiday observed

25 Friday, End classes in sections 81, 42

28 Monday, Begin classes in sections 82, 43

July

5 Monday, Independence Day, student holiday observed

23 Friday, end classes section 43

26 Monday, Begin classes in section 44

August

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

20 Friday, End classes in sections 82, 44

Fall Term 2027

August

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

September

6 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

17 Friday, MS4 End section 41

20 Monday, MS4 Begin section 42

23 Thursday, MS4, **GRADES FOR 41 ARE DUE**

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

October
7 Thursday, 5:00 pm, Medical Student Research Symposium Poster Presentation- **mandatory attendance**
8 Friday, 8:00 am, Medical Student Research Symposium Plenary – **mandatory attendance**
15 Friday, MS4 End section 42, 81
18 Monday, MS4 Begin 43, 82

November
1 Monday, 8:30am – spring registration opens
8 Monday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
8 Monday., 8:30 a.m. MS4 Drop/Add for spring opens
12 Friday, MS4 End section 43
15 Monday, MS4 Begin section 44
24 Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
28 Sunday, Thanksgiving holiday ends
29 Classes resume, sections 44; 82

December
10 Friday, MS4 End sections 44, 82
11 Saturday, Winter Break begins
17 Friday, 1:00 pm, MS4 on-line Drop/Add for spring, sections 81, 41 and 42 Ends
31 Friday, New Year's Day, student holiday observed

Spring Term 2028

January
3 Monday, MS4 Begin sections 41, 81, 16
17 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
28 Friday, End section 41
31 Monday, Begin section 42

February
4 Friday, Drop/Add period for spring, sections 82, 43, 44 closes
25 Friday, End sections 42 and 81
28 Monday, Begin **required CAPSTONE LIVE- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
28 Monday, Begin sections 43, 82

March
17 Friday, MS4 MATCH DAY
24 Friday, Required **CAPSTONE LIVE** group session ends
24 Friday, End section 43
27 Monday, Begin section 44

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

May
8 Monday, Noon; ALL **MS4 Grades Due** (to clear students for Graduation)
12-14 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)

*A*CADEMIC 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

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 *(falls during Winter Break)*	All	Juneteenth	All
New Year's Day	All	Independence Day	All