

MD PROGRAM

Overview

Penn State College of Medicine offers a complete medical education program leading to the MD degree. Its central campus is located in Hershey, PA adjacent to Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, which is a part of Penn State Health's multi-hospital health system.

In addition to the program's central curriculum in Hershey, there are two parallel curricula options within the overall medical education program. Our Accelerated Pathways are located on the central campus in Hershey, and our University Park Curriculum is located in University Park, PA.

Our Vision

Our goal is to train humanistic, systems-ready physicians who are adaptive, critical-thinking, collaborative, and scholarly.

All students will be expected to meet our 10 competencies (<https://students.med.psu.edu/md-students/medical-student-competencies-and-subcompetencies-for-graduation/>) and minimum essential standards (https://students.med.psu.edu/md-students/handbook/#question_minimumessentialstandardsformatriculationpromotionandgraduation) before graduating with an MD degree.

Our Four-Pillar Model

Traditionally, medical education has focused on two pillars: medical science and clinical care. As healthcare delivery rapidly shifts from physician-centric to patient-centric, and patient care involves both the care of the individual and the care of populations, a more comprehensive model is needed.

At Penn State College of Medicine, the two pillars have transformed to four:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Health Humanities
- Clinical Science
- Health Systems Sciences

As an MD student, you will learn health, healing, and humanity through:

- Early patient experiences
- Small-group learning teams
- Longitudinal care in a team-based medical home
- Peers helping each other
- Quality improvement
- Supportive environment