MEDICINE

There are eight medical schools in Texas; seven allopathic medical schools award the M.D. degree and one osteopathic medical school awards the D.O. degree. Seven of the eight schools are state-supported with Baylor College of Medicine the only private medical school in the state. Baylor receives a subsidy from the Texas legislature that allows Texas residents to pay the same tuition to attend Baylor as to attend a state-supported medical school. Texas medical schools have a four-year professional curriculum, which is usually followed by a residency-training program lasting from three to as many as seven years, depending on the specialty. The core of basic sciences and clinical clerkships is similar at all of the medical schools with primary care (general practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, and obstetrics) emphasized. Medical students awarded the M.D. or D.O. degree chooses to enter either allopathic or osteopathic residencies, depending on their choice of specialty.

There are and will be changes in enrollment at Texas medical schools as a response to recent reports and studies on physician shortages in the U.S. (see website, www.aamc.org). Until 2005, enrollment at allopathic medical schools had remained unchanged for the past 20 years. In 2006, the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) recommended that member schools increase their enrollment 30% by 2015 as a response to the predicted shortage. The entering class of 2007 is the nation’s largest ever, with almost 17,800 students, a 2.3% increase over 2006. Osteopathic medical schools have also been increasing rapidly, but their enrollment is much less (for 2007 about 4000 first-year students).

In Texas, the response to the predicted physician shortage has been to increase class-size and to build new schools. The 4 University of Texas schools have been gradually moving their class size from 200 to 250. Over a 10 year period, Texas A&M will more than double their enrollment by gradual increasing class size, by having a four-year branch campus at College Station, and by establishing a four-year branch campus at Temple. Texas Tech has established a new medical school branch campus at El Paso, the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, with its first 4-year medical school class of 40 anticipated in August 2009. There are also discussions of a University of Houston medical school in Houston and another University of Texas medical school in Austin or in the Valley. The next few years will be an exciting time for medical education in the state of Texas.
For further information on medical programs in Texas contact:

Baylor College of Medicine (BCOM):
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Baylor College of Medicine
One Baylor Plaza, Mail Stop 110
Houston, TX 77030
713-798-4842
www.bcm.edu

Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMU):
College of Medicine
Office of Student Affairs and Admissions
159 Reynolds Medical Bldg
College Station, TX 77843-1114
979-845-7743
http://medicine.tamhsc.edu

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine (TTSOM):
Office of Admissions
3601 4th St
Lubbock, TX 79430
806-743-2297
www.ttuhsc.edu

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Paul L Foster School of Medicine at El Paso
Office of Admissions
4800 Alberta
El Paso, TX 79905
915-545-6600
www.ttuhsc.edu

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (TCOM):
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Admissions and Outreach
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76107-2699
1-800-535-8266
TCOMAdmissions@hsc.unt.edu
www.hsc.unt.edu
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB):
Admissions Office
301 University Blvd
Galveston, TX 77555-1317
409-772-6958
www.som.utmb.edu

The University Texas Medical School at Houston (UTH):
Office of Admissions
6431 Fannin St, MSB G.420
Houston, TX 77030
713-500-5116
http://med.uth.tmc.edu

The University Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTSA):
School of Medicine
Medical Admissions
7703 Floyd Curl Dr
San Antonio, TX 78229-3900
210-567-2665
http://som.uthscsa.edu/admissions
http://som.uthscsa.edu

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW):
Admissions Office
5323 Harry Hines Blvd
Dallas, TX 75390-9162
214-648-5617
admissions@utsouthwestern.edu
www.utsouthwestern.edu
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<sup>a</sup> NOTE: Please be aware that these requirements can change. Check with your health professions advisor or the director of admissions of the professional school for any changes or additional requirements. **ALL** prerequisites must be passed with at least a "C" grade. Advanced Placement credit can be used to meet the prescribed coursework.

<sup>b</sup> Through AMCAS.

<sup>c</sup> Through TMDSAS.

<sup>d</sup> Baccalaureate degree highly desirable.

<sup>e</sup> 14 semester hrs (12 semester hrs of lecture and 2 semester hrs of formal lab) or 21 quarter hrs (18 quarter lecture hrs & 3 quarter lab hrs) of Biology are required. Includes all Biology courses applied toward Baccalaureate degree in traditional science fields, such as General Biology, Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Immunology, Parasitology, Ornithology, Anatomy & Physiology, Entomology, Pathophysiology, Marine Biology and Herpetology. **The UT Medical School at Houston** will accept Biochemistry taught in either the Biology, Biochemistry or Chemistry Department to satisfy the 14 hr Biology requirement. Beginning with the entering class of 2007 at UT Medical School at San Antonio 3 of the 14 hrs of required Biology coursework MUST BE Biochemistry (taught in either a Biology or Chemistry Department).

<sup>f</sup> Must be a course that is applied toward a baccalaureate degree in any traditional science field. Should include familiarity with analytic and volumetric techniques. Courses for non-science majors or for health career majors (Nursing, Pharmacy, or Allied Health Sciences) ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

<sup>g</sup> 3 semester hrs or 4 quarter hrs of college Calculus or Statistics is required. The calculus course can be any calculus course taught by a Math or Physics Department. Business Calculus or any Pre-Calculus courses ARE NOT ACCEPTED. The Statistics course should be taught in the Math Department. Individual medical schools may consider statistics courses taught in other departments on an individual basis.

<sup>h</sup> 6 semester hrs or 9 quarter hrs of college English are required. Any course accredited by the English Department that fulfills a general education English requirement of a baccalaureate degree will be accepted. Remedial or developmental courses or "English As a Second Language" courses ARE NOT ACCEPTED.