Improving the health and wellness for the Commonwealth and beyond.
In 1960, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine admitted its inaugural class of 40 students and finalized the efforts to establish a medical center for the Commonwealth. Today, the College of Medicine has more than 10,600 alumni who practice in all 50 states and make a global impact in 26 countries around the world. As we continue to educate physicians for the Commonwealth, The University of Kentucky College of Medicine does so by promoting a diverse and inclusive environment that provides excellence in education, equitable health care, and transformative research to improve the health and wellness of Kentuckians and beyond.

One of the most critical health needs confronting Kentucky is the shortage of physicians, particularly primary care doctors serving in community settings. To address that need, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine has partnered with leading universities in the state and regional medical centers to establish four-year regional campuses. This collaboration allows the University of Kentucky to expand medical student enrollment utilizing existing resources throughout the state.
Our Vision

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is a national leader in solving the challenges in health care through transdisciplinary and transformational research, education, and advanced clinical medicine.
LEXINGTON CAMPUS

The Lexington Campus has set the standard in medical training and launched regional campuses across the state to allow for continued implementation of its nationally recognized medical curriculum. It offers a single location where education, research, and clinical care are provided in a close network of facilities. This close proximity provides students with easy access to physician and research mentors.

In addition, the college is a recognized leader in biomedical research focusing on innovative, transformative, and collaborative discoveries that are able to be brought to the bedside. Through this approach, the institution is training our learners to become physicians that align evidence-based practice with the delivery of advanced care. The Lexington campus accepts 126 students per year, and offers three combined programs in addition to the MD program which are MD/MBA, MD/MPH, and MD/PhD.

CAMPUS FACTS:
UK HealthCare’s University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital has been named the #1 hospital in Kentucky and the Bluegrass Region by U.S. News & World Report for the last three years.
The University of Kentucky, in partnership with Morehead State University and St. Claire HealthCare, opened the Rural Physician Leadership Program (RPLP) in 2010. The educational program is designed to train future physicians to provide high-quality health care and leadership to rural communities. The RPLP admits 10 students per year. Students spend the first two years of the curriculum on the Lexington Campus. The third and fourth clinical years are spent in Morehead, KY and the surrounding communities.

The RPLP emphasizes outpatient and continuity care as well as rural and community health issues. This is accomplished through cooperative arrangements with St. Claire HealthCare, other regional hospitals, and local physician practices. Students experience the breadth of rotations for preparation to enter any specialty field, because all are needed in the rural areas of Kentucky and beyond. Students also have the option of earning a Certificate in Health Systems Leadership from Morehead State University College of Business and Public Affairs. This certificate provides a foundation in information technology, financial issues, debt management, and community engagement to impact health policy.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:**

“There is an immense unmet health care need in Appalachia, and the patients here are amongst the most genuinely kind people you will ever meet. Having the opportunity to serve and learn from the patients who call this beautiful part of our country home is an absolute honor, and an incredible adventure.”

*Jacob S. Meece*

*Rural Physician Leadership Program, Class of 2020*
Students have matched into a wide variety of residency programs, but among RPLP graduates, primary care remains the most popular.

- **20%** Family Medicine
- **20%** Pediatrics
- **15%** Internal Medicine
The University of Kentucky, in partnership with Western Kentucky University (WKU) and The Medical Center at Bowling Green, welcomed the inaugural first-year class in August 2018. The Bowling Green campus provides the same Kentucky Integrated Curriculum as the Lexington Campus, but in a smaller, more intimate setting. The program admits 30 students per year, who spend all four years on the Bowling Green Campus. Students are part of a cohesive class that has close relationships with the faculty providing on-site teaching.

The curriculum is provided through live stream from the Lexington Campus in addition to interactive group teaching by WKU faculty and local physicians from The Medical Center. With the new medical school building located on the campus of The Medical Center, students have numerous opportunities to integrate into the health care setting.

The College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus offers two dual degree programs in addition to the MD program which are MD/MBA and MD/MPH.

**CAMPUS FACTS:**
The inaugural class of thirty medical students at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus took their first steps in their medical education by participating in the campus’ inaugural White Coat Ceremony.
“Being a part of the inaugural class at the UK College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus is truly a once in a lifetime experience.”

Caitlyn Galloway
Class of 2022
The University of Kentucky, in partnership with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, will welcome the inaugural first-year class in August 2019. The program will admit 35 students per year, who spend all four years on the Northern Kentucky Campus. Students will be part of a cohesive class that has close relationships with the faculty providing on-site teaching.

The curriculum is provided through live stream from the Lexington Campus, and interactive group teaching in conjunction with faculty at NKU and local physicians from St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Students will spend the preclinical years on a newly remodeled facility on the Northern Kentucky University campus. The clinical years will be spent rotating through the St. Elizabeth Healthcare facilities and local physician practices.

*The UK College of Medicine-Northern Kentucky Campus is targeting matriculation in July 2019, pending approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).*

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY CAMPUS**

CAMPUS FACTS:
St. Elizabeth will provide a gift of $2.5 million to support a tuition scholarship program for the medical school program on the University of Kentucky-Northern Kentucky Campus.
Prerequisite Coursework

In preparation for medical school, it is neither expected nor required that you major in a science field. All fields of study assist students in developing skills that contribute to a successful medical career. However, completion of the following prerequisites constitute the minimal requirements to be considered for admission to the UK College of Medicine:

- Two semesters in physics
- Two semesters in the biological sciences
- Four semesters in chemistry, including organic chemistry and biochemistry
- Two semesters of English with emphasis on communication skills such as reading, writing, and speaking

Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

The MCAT is a standardized test required for medical school admission. Applicants are encouraged to take the MCAT by the spring of their junior year in college. MCAT scores must have been recorded no more than two years prior to the application cycle.
Characteristics of Successful Applicants

The admissions process at the UK College of Medicine assesses each individual applicant for his or her potential to become a successful physician. Six core competencies form the focus of student evaluation at the time of application and throughout their medical careers. Mastery of the following competencies shape successful physicians:

- **Professionalism**: ability to place the interests of patients above their own and to maintain high standards of integrity
- **Interpersonal and communication skills**: ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of colleagues and patients
- **Practice-based learning and improvement**: ability to self-evaluate and identify areas for improvement
- **Systems-based practice**: ability to collaborate with other professionals to provide care
- **Patient care**: ability to serve our communities and our patients
- **Medical knowledge**: ability not only acquire knowledge, but to synthesize and apply it to patient care

Competitive students have an undergraduate science GPA of over 3.4, a total MCAT score over 500 and interviews that demonstrate the characteristics listed above. The mean undergraduate science GPA of our incoming class is 3.65 and the mean total MCAT is 507.5.
Applicants interested in applying to the UK College of Medicine must do so through American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

- After review of the completed AMCAS application, selected applicants will receive a secondary application from the UK College of Medicine.
- On the secondary application, the applicant designates campus choice.
  - Lexington Campus
  - Bowling Green Campus
  - Morehead Campus – Rural Physician Leadership Program
  - Northern Kentucky Campus
- Applicants meeting screening criteria will be invited to interview at their desired campus.
- Interviews are offered on a rolling basis.

**Checklist**

- **Freshman Year / Fall**: Meet with premedical advisor to plan curriculum.
- **Freshman and Sophomore Years**: Seek out volunteering, shadowing, and research opportunities.
- **Junior Year / Fall**: Take the MCAT.
- **Junior Year / Spring**: Complete prerequisite courses.
- **June Before Senior Year**: Submit AMCAS Application.
CAMPUS FACTS:
The UK College of Medicine embraces a holistic approach to medical student selection. The class of 2022 consists of greater than 90 percent Kentuckians, 50 percent females, 46 percent rural and Appalachian, and 10 percent underrepresented minorities.