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OUR MISSION
Baylor College of Medicine is a health sciences university that creates knowledge and applies science and discoveries to further education, healthcare and community service locally and globally.

OUR VISION
Improving health through science, scholarship and innovation

OUR VALUES

Respect
- We promote and support diversity, inclusion and equity
- We value our colleagues and ourselves as the College’s most valuable assets
- We earn the loyalty of those we serve through our commitment

Integrity
- Honesty, ethics and openness guide our interactions
- We encourage transparent analysis of our policies, process, procedures and decisions
- We are accountable for our actions

Innovation
- We lead through visionary innovation and creativity
- We foster a healthy culture of change
- We turn vision into action

Teamwork
- We form mutually beneficial partnerships to achieve results
- We look past ourselves to focus on the impact of our actions
- We recognize all who contribute to our work

Excellence
- We focus on quality and value
- We commit to continuous quality improvement for outstanding outcomes
- We are effective and efficient
THERE ARE MANY SCHOOLS THAT AWARD M.D. DEGREES
WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE?

BECAUSE WE GIVE LIFE TO POSSIBLE

WE WANT YOU TO BE MORE THAN JUST A DOCTOR
WE WANT TO PREPARE YOU TO CREATE THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE.
We don’t expect our medical students to conform to a predetermined set of experiences. At Baylor College of Medicine, we give our students the time, flexibility, opportunities, and support to create the educational experience that best prepares them for their individual goals.

Our students like that. And it serves them well. Our students excel on their national board exams and are successful in securing residencies in the best programs in the country.

They get all this at a top-ranked school with access to the resources of the world’s largest health science center, in an exciting and affordable city, with diverse classmates who are supportive and service-oriented…and all for a fraction of the cost of other schools.

Baylor College of Medicine is one of only a handful of medical schools in the country with a formal path to promotion for faculty based on teaching excellence. This means our faculty members have the time and support necessary to dedicate to developing extraordinary teaching skills, making your education their priority.

If after reading this booklet and perusing our website, you still have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@bcm.edu.

On behalf of all the faculty, staff and trainees at Baylor College of Medicine, we extend our best wishes as you prepare for the admissions process and pursue your goals.
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IS THE ACADEMIC CENTER AROUND WHICH THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, THE WORLD’S LARGEST HEALTH CENTER, EVOLVED.

OUR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: Ranked 21st for research and 11th for primary care by *U.S. News & World Report*, Baylor College of Medicine’s School of Medicine is the least expensive private medical school in the U.S. Exceptionally diverse clinical affiliates and numerous options for customizing training to the interest of the individual, set Baylor apart as a leader among the world’s best medical schools.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: One of the top 25 graduate schools of biomedical sciences in the nation, the Graduate School gives medical students interested in research a wide-array of choices for short-term projects or in depth dual degree programs. Baylor ranks 20th in the nation and first in Texas in funding to medical schools from the National Institutes of Health.

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES: At Baylor, allied health disciplines include nurse anesthesia, physician assistant and orthotics and prosthetics. Medical students gain valuable team-based experience in classes shared with allied health students as well as other learning opportunities with students from affiliated programs in Houston.
Baylor has a great academic reputation, but the culture is what hooked me. It’s a place where collaboration is more than a buzzword, and every level of the institution places a high value on education and opportunities for students.

— Timothy Dale
Third year medical student

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE:
Baylor is home to one of the first of its kind schools in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict “the bottom billion,” the world’s poorest people. Medical students have opportunities to take classes and conduct research in tropical medicine as well as the option to pursue a Diploma in Tropical Medicine as part of the Global Health Track.
The first part of the curriculum is where you learn the science of medicine. In addition to lectures and laboratories, our students work in small group settings with faculty to apply information from the classroom and to develop skills necessary to becoming a physician.

Most entering medical students can’t wait to start seeing patients. At Baylor, you don’t have to wait. We think medical students benefit from interacting one-on-one with physicians and patients right away, so we teach our students skills they start putting into practice within the first few weeks—such as taking patient histories, performing physicals, and collaborating with physician mentors.

In addition to a solid foundation in the science of medicine, our curriculum focuses on other aspects important to being an effective physician, physician-scientist, or medical educator. Here, you’ll learn such things as how to keep up with, understand, and take advantage of ever-changing information, work in teams, and interact effectively and with compassion with diverse populations.

The Baylor student culture is also very supportive. Our students become quick friends thanks to the unique off-campus orientation retreat that they experience their first two days as Baylor medical students. That bond continues to strengthen as they start taking classes together and work in small groups. Students truly become like family here and go out of their way to help and support each other.

Even before you set foot at Baylor, you’ll feel welcome because you’ll receive letters from current students who form your Preclinical Resource Network (PRN). Baylor divides the first-year students into small groups that also include upper-level students and faculty advisors. Your PRN provides support, mentoring and a built-in social life.
I did not know what I wanted to go into when I started rotations, and it took me 11 months to make a decision confidently. Luckily, thanks to the 18-month pre-clerkship curriculum, I still had six months to take electives to get more exposure and meet amazing faculty.

— Shawdon Shams Molavi
Fourth year medical student
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE’S UNIQUE CURRICULUM IS THE KEY TO OUR STUDENTS’ ABILITY TO TRULY CUSTOMIZE THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

18 MONTH PRE-CLERKSHIP
Baylor has used an accelerated pre-clerkship curriculum for more than 30 years, so we know it works. The curriculum itself and the integrated approach to teaching are the keys to soaking up all that knowledge in 18 months, rather than the two years used at most medical schools. First, you learn the core scientific concepts that underlie medicine. These concepts are applied to each of the body’s organ systems in their healthy state. Then, you learn about pathology and pharmacology and carry those themes through each of the organ systems in their disease states.

This provides six extra months to do more of the things that meet your specific goals.

These six extra months are the key to giving our students the flexibility they prize. You choose how you want to spend your time, which may include:
- studying for the national board exam
- pursuing electives in order to choose what specialty is right for you
- gaining more experience in a specialty to compete for the best residency programs
- conducting research with leading-edge scientists
- earning certifications through tracks or dual degree programs
- traveling to care for diverse patient populations in the U.S. or abroad
- giving back to the community through service
- pursuing personal endeavors and non-medical interests

SIMULATION
Our students also benefit from the use of a variety of simulation approaches. Simulation curriculum using standardized patients (healthy people trained to accurately simulate an actual patient) hones diagnostic and communication knowledge and skills. High-tech simulation equipment provides a safe environment in which students can work with faculty to master skills including cardiac assessment, lumbar puncture, infant CPR, and a wide-variety of surgical techniques.

SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS
The Step 1 exam assesses if the student understands and can apply important concepts of the sciences basic to the practice of medicine. In 2014, 100% of Baylor students passed the first time they took the exam (compared to 96% first-time pass rate for all students taking the exam). Not only did they pass, they passed with flying colors! While the national average score was 229, Baylor students scored an average of 243.

There’s no denying that earning an M.D. is hard work, so Baylor provides a wide range of support including review sessions, tutoring and counseling. Students have access to the Education Resource Center, which offers various helpful electronic and non-electronic resources, as well as a quiet place to study and rooms to meet in small groups.

We want to make sure our students succeed at the next level too, so Baylor hosts workshops on career decision making and residency planning, and offers career counseling and many other support services to students.
RESEARCH

Baylor believes the best doctors are those who can think like a scientific investigator: think critically, generate hypotheses, analyze information, problem solve, and make sound decisions based on data. Students who select to do research may choose to work in a laboratory or to pursue any topic that relates to medicine, including clinical studies, the humanities, health policy and ethics.

Baylor is a major center of scientific innovation. We are ranked 20th among all U.S. medical schools for National Institutes of Health funding and first in Texas. Baylor’s Department of Human and Molecular Genetics is ranked first in the nation and six other departments rank in the top twenty in NIH funding. Baylor faculty have either led or contributed to many of the major advances in biomedical sciences over the past century including, but not limited to, pioneering the fields of cardiovascular surgery, epigenetics, and molecular endocrinology. Wherever your research interest lies, Baylor has a mentor for you.

“I wanted to attend a school where the students are supportive of one another and are connected like a family. The student body and faculty is an embracing family-driven to the utmost quality in learning and teaching.”

— Timothy Dunn
Third year medical student
The Baylor experience is really unique. I feel like I go to school with my best friends. We push each other everyday toward our goal of becoming like the world-class physicians, whom we are surrounded by. And we have a lot of fun doing it.

— Ryan Dickey
Third year medical student

YOUR TEACHERS

Your patients will be among your greatest teachers. The reputation of our faculty and our clinical affiliates attracts patients from across the country and around the world.

All of this means that you’ll never be bored, and, what’s more, you’ll be impressive in your residency interviews. The diversity of conditions and cultures you will encounter during your clinical rotations will prepare you for your future, regardless of where it takes you.

After your patients, our faculty members are your next most important teachers. The Baylor faculty is composed of more than 1,600 full-time members, and another 2,000 serve on a part-time or voluntary basis. As part of one of the nation’s leading research institutions, our faculty pursues tomorrow’s medicine through a wide range of research endeavors—all of which represent exceptional learning opportunities.

At Baylor you learn from the best. Our faculty members are not only internationally renowned clinicians and researchers, they are dedicated teachers. Baylor is one of only a handful of schools in the nation with a formal path to promotion for faculty based on teaching excellence. What does this mean to you? We are able to attract and retain faculty who are passionate about teaching.
YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS
You will also rely on your fellow students as teachers, mentors and advisors. Therefore, the composition and culture of the student body are critical components of your education. While it’s impossible to capture all aspects of the student body, a few of the attributes include diverse, service-oriented and supportive.

We believe that diversity:
- advances the skills of physicians to provide health care to diverse populations
- improves outreach to the medically underserved
- broadens the scope of medical research.

Therefore, we are committed to promoting equal opportunity for all who are interested in a medical career, including groups that are under-represented in medicine regionally or nationally due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, unique personal experiences, or other factors. Currently, underrepresented minority groups in medicine make up 16 percent of Baylor medical students.

At Baylor, diversity encompasses other factors as well. For example, the ages of our student body span from 19 to 37. And, our students are not all science majors: students in this year’s entering class had 33 different majors. One way that Baylor supports the diversity of our student body is through the large number of student organizations at the school.

Many of our students are very interested in community service. The College works closely with the students to help support efforts that service the local, national and international communities.

2015 ENTERING CLASS
Number of Applicants 7,600
Number of Applicants Interviewed 872
Class Size 185
Average GPA 3.86
Average MCAT Score 11.49
**SPECIALIZED TRACKS** – Special certifications are available for those interested in the following areas:

- **Medical School Research Track**
  This is a five year program encompassing four years of the traditional M.D. training and one year of intensive research training with a Baylor faculty member. A tuition scholarship and stipend are provided to all accepted participants.

- **Global Health Track**
  In partnership with the Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine, this track includes a one-month clinical elective abroad. Graduates of the track acquire sufficient class hours and knowledge level to sit for the examination leading to the Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler’s Health, sponsored by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

- **Care of the Underserved Track**
  Curriculum is organized across all four years to provide students with the specific knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to care for underserved patients and encourages them to seek residency and practice positions caring for underserved patients.

- **Geriatrics Track**
  This track introduces the important psychosocial, behavioral, functional and physical issues of aging in a variety of in and outpatient settings. Faculty mentors work with students throughout the four-year program and assist in designing and completing a research project.

- **Medical Management Track**
  Throughout the four-year curriculum this track provides a foundation in the fundamental principles of business and management.

- **Medical Ethics Track**
  Students receive in-depth exposure to bioethics and its clinical applications, culminating in a scholarly project and a Certificate in Biomedical Ethics.

- **Space Medicine Track**
  In this unique track, students complete four electives including a research month. Faculty members are drawn from the Baylor College of Medicine Center for Space Medicine, Johnson Space Center, and the National Space Biomedical Research Institute.

- **Genetics Track**
  Students have experience in didactic genetics courses, interact with patients and families in educational and service settings, train in both pediatric and adult genetics, and learn about the laboratory aspects of genetics testing, genomics of complex disorders, and personalized genetic medicine.

**EDUCATION TAILORED TO YOU**

**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS** – Baylor partners with outstanding institutions to allow our students to earn an additional degree while they are in medical school. Information on dual degree programs is available at bcm.edu/dual-degrees.

- **M.D./Ph.D.**
  Partner Institution: Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
  mstp@bcm.edu

- **M.D./M.B.A.**
  Partner Institution: Rice University
  admissions@bcm.edu

- **M.D./M.P.H.**
  Partner Institution: The University of Texas School of Public Health
  mdmph@bcm.edu

- **M.D./J.D.**
  Partner Institution: University of Houston Law Center
  lawadmissions@uh.edu
But, if you think it all comes down to your GPA and MCAT scores, you’re wrong.

At Baylor, we understand that intelligence is reflected in ways beyond these two measures. To us, exceptional students are much more than numbers—they are individuals with many facets that make them special.

Every effort is made in each step of the admissions process to assess all characteristics of each applicant, cognitive as well as non-cognitive.

For information regarding the admissions process, please visit our website at www.bcm.edu/admissions.

### IMPORTANT DATES Entering Class of 2015

| Acceptable dates of MCAT                      | September 2012 - September 2015 |
| AMCAS application deadline                    | November 2, 2015                 |
| Supplemental application deadline              | December 1, 2015                 |
| Personal Interview at BCM                     | August 2015 - February 2016     |
| Notification of Acceptance                    | October 2015 - June 2016        |
| Deposit of $300 due                           | April 30, 2016                  |
| Medical school starts                         | July 2016                       |

### ADMISSION & COSTS

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE NATION.**

Most people would consider a Baylor medical education quite a deal. You get a first-rate, private school education at a cost that is less than many public schools charge for in-state residents. That’s quite a value.

Since Baylor is a private school, you might be wondering why there is such a big difference between the resident and nonresident tuition. In 1969, Baylor and the State of Texas entered into an agreement that allows Baylor to offer legal residents of Texas the same tuition rate as state-supported medical schools. Interviewed applicants claiming Texas as their legal residence are required to complete a Residence Questionnaire.

To help students with the cost of medical education, Baylor offers financial assistance through federal and institutional loan, scholarship and work-study programs. The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students with the application process and determines their eligibility for these programs.

Students are encouraged to visit the Office of Student Financial Aid’s website for a complete listing of available programs, eligibility requirements, application processing and policies.

For additional information or assistance, call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 713.798.4603.
Your clinical experiences are critical to getting the training and, ultimately, the residency you want. Your goal is to learn all you can. To achieve that, you need exposure to many patients.

You won’t believe the patient care facilities. At Baylor, you train in some of the country’s best hospitals, and they are all conveniently located near each other in the Texas Medical Center. These facilities represent a variety of settings and patient populations, giving you exposure to a wide range of experiences.

“At Baylor, we get the opportunity to train in incredibly different settings with variable resources and processes. This experience helps us to not only adapt, but also to seek to understand the system in which we practice and how to best operate within that context.”

— Daniel J. Scott Chilcote
Fourth year medical student
YOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLINICAL TRAINING AT BAYLOR

BAYLOR ST. LUKE’S MEDICAL CENTER is jointly owned by Baylor College of Medicine and Catholic Health Initiatives and is part of the CHI St. Luke’s Health System. In addition to the current Texas Medical Center facility, an 850-bed hospital that offers a range of specialties with several ranked among the best in the nation, planning is currently underway for a new facility on the McNair Campus, scheduled to open in 2015.

HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM (HHS) is the public healthcare system providing primary, specialty and hospital care to the residents of Harris County, Texas, the third most populous county in the U.S. Ben Taub Hospital, the central clinical care facility of HHS, is contiguous with the Baylor campus and serves as a teaching hospital for Baylor students for all specialties and their subspecialties.

MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (MEDVAMC) is one of the VA’s largest hospitals, serving Harris County and 27 surrounding counties. Veterans from around the country are referred to MEDVAMC for specialized diagnostic care, radiation therapy, surgery and medical treatment.

TEXAS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL is the primary pediatric training site for Baylor students. The largest pediatric hospital in the nation, Texas Children’s is ranked in all ten subspecialties in U.S. News & World Report’s list of America’s Best Children’s Hospitals and earned a top spot in Parents magazine’s 10 Best Children’s Hospitals. The Texas Children’s Women’s Pavilion is a state-of-the-art center for obstetrics and gynecology.

TIRR MEMORIAL HERMANN is one of the top five rehabilitation facilities in the country according to U.S. News & World Report. TIRR focuses on providing care to individuals who have experienced catastrophic injuries or illnesses. TIRR is home to the Baylor College of Medicine/University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Alliance.

MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER is one of the world’s most respected centers devoted exclusively to cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. MD Anderson has ranked among the nation’s top two cancer hospitals in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Hospitals” survey since the survey’s inception.

THE MENNINGER CLINIC partnered with Baylor and The Methodist Hospital in 2002 and moved to Houston in June 2003. In 2012, Menninger moved to a new campus near the Texas Medical Center. Menninger is considered one of the top centers for psychiatric care in the world and ranks in the top five in U.S. News & World Report listing of best psychiatric hospitals.

Students also have the opportunity to complete clinical rotations in private practices at Baylor College of Medicine and throughout Houston as well as in community health centers around the city. Baylor’s affiliation with the CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF SAN ANTONIO offers additional elective opportunities outside of Houston as well.
The College sponsors many activities for students that range from formal ceremonies and award programs to social events and special activities. The College also has an athletic facility and intramural leagues for those interested in sports. Our location provides many opportunities to pursue outside interests. Right next door to Texas Medical Center is Hermann Park’s trails, public golf courses, the Houston Zoo and outdoor amphitheater. To the west are Rice University and the Rice Village Shopping Center. Directly north is the Museum District’s 18 art organizations, and just five miles further north in downtown, the hub of Houston’s restaurants, clubs, theaters, and sports stadiums.

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“One tip I got on the application trail is that you not only need to enjoy your school but also its surroundings. Sometimes you need to be able to escape medicine and just enjoy life and there is definitely always something to do in Houston. Almost all sports, art forms, and recreational activities can be found in Houston. Living in Houston has been great!”

— Sonia Gomez Parra
Fourth year medical student
Imagine living in a city that offers big-city benefits—such as professional sports teams and outstanding cultural events—and small-town atmosphere within the smaller communities scattered throughout Houston.

And imagine doing your clinical rotations in a place that has over 5,000 physicians and annually has 7.2 million patient visits, 25,000 babies delivered and 171,000 surgeries performed.

We’ve discovered that many people who have never been to Houston have some preconceived notions about the city that are, well, just plain wrong. Houston is a modern city with:

- **a diverse population**
  (there is no majority ethnic group)
- **a low cost of living**
  (12 percent below the national average)
- **lots of trees and green spaces**
  (350 parks, 95 miles of nature or hike and bike trails, and three state parks nearby)

**THE CITY OF HOUSTON**

- **water within a short drive**
  (Galveston beaches, Clear Lake, Lake Conroe and Lake Livingston)
- **plenty of options to occupy your free time:**
  – seven public golf courses
  – professional, collegiate, and recreational sports leagues
  – night life options around town
  – shopping galore
  – amazing arts in the downtown Theater District and Museum District located near The Texas Medical Center

Bring your appetite—there’s a wide range of fabulous yet affordable restaurants, but leave your ice scraper—the temperate climate means no winter-time hassles.

**Bottom line:** It’s a great place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family. Need proof? More than 2 million people call Houston home. In 2013 *Forbes* ranked Houston in the top 5 for best cities to find a job and among the top 10 fastest growing cities.
Baylor campus in 1947 as a lone building surrounded by trees.

The Roy and Lillie Cullen Building

In 2015, the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building was dedicated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark.

Today, the Baylor campus occupies many buildings and is surrounded by dozens of institutions dedicated to health care, biomedical research and education.

**BAYLOR TIMELINE**

1900 The University of Dallas Medical Department opened to improve the practice of medicine in North Texas.

1903 The young medical school formed an alliance with Baylor University in Waco and the name changed to Baylor University College of Medicine.

1943 The MD Anderson Foundation invited Baylor University College of Medicine to join the newly formed Texas Medical Center. The College opened in Houston July 12, 1943.

1947 The College moved into its present site in The Roy and Lillie Cullen Building, the first building completed in the new Texas Medical Center.

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When Dr. DeBakey agreed to become chairman of the department of surgery at the struggling Baylor University College of Medicine in 1948, he understood that he faced both a challenge and an opportunity as he sought to build an educational program that would help meet the nation’s need for trained physicians. When he died in 2008, Dr. DeBakey knew that the Baylor College of Medicine he built remains an institution of learning, research and patient care that serves not only the Houston community but also the nation and the world.

Dr. DeBakey served as chair of surgery, the College’s first president, its first chancellor and as chancellor-emeritus. In each role, he provided support, guidance and advice as the College advanced to the top tier of medical schools in the United States.

Dr. DeBakey is considered the father of modern cardiovascular surgery. He performed the first excision and graft replacement of aneurysms of the thoracic aorta, the first carotid endarterectomy to remove obstructions in the blood vessels leading to the brain, and the first aortocoronary artery bypass surgery. He pioneered development of artificial pumps to aid failing hearts in circulating blood through the body. One of his favorite achievements was the establishment of the Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions, where students receive an advanced secondary education and get their first taste of providing health care in clinical settings.

Dr. DeBakey received many awards during his long life, among them the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction—the highest honor a United States citizen can receive, the National Medal of Science, the Albert Lasker Award for Clinical Research (the American equivalent of the Nobel Prize), and the Congressional Gold Medal.
The next step after medical school is residency in a particular specialty.

Graduates are placed into their residency programs through a national matching system that pairs the students’ choices of programs with the programs’ choices of students.

Baylor graduates have a proven track record of doing very well in the match, meaning a very high percentage of our students get accepted into one of their top three choices of residency programs; many of them get their first choice.

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