THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
BAYLOR BY THE NUMBERS

1ST
LEAST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE U.S.

9TH
HIGHEST RANKED MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY CARE IN THE NATION BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

20TH
HIGHEST RANKED MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR RESEARCH IN THE NATION BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

20TH
IN FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

100%
FIRST-TIME PASS RATE FOR USMLE STEP 1

The new Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center is scheduled to open in 2019.
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

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As educators, our mission is to prepare our learners to become the next generation of leaders in the biomedical and health sciences with competencies founded in inquiry, service and innovation to promote health and transform healthcare locally and globally.

Baylor College of Medicine is 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 faculty and students who are supportive and service-oriented...and all at a cost that will leave you in less debt than other schools.

We provide the curriculum, services, resources and support to help you succeed – as demonstrated by our students’ record of surpassing national averages in testing, placement of our graduates in outstanding residency programs, and the success of our alumni in providing patient-centered care and serving as local, national and international leaders. You provide the passion, effort and commitment. Together we will transform your dreams into your future.

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.
OUR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: Ranked 20th for research and ninth 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 a collaborative, supportive culture 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 (ranked second in the nation), physician assistant (ranked 13th in the nation) and orthotics and prosthetics. Medical students gain valuable inter-professional experience in shared learning opportunities with students from these programs and affiliated programs in Houston.

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.

“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
FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
THE BAYLOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Your clinical experiences are critical to getting the training and, ultimately, the residency and career you want. Your goal is to learn all you can. To achieve that, you need exposure to many patients.

At Baylor, you train in some of the country’s best hospitals. The facilities of the Texas Medical Center and our opportunities for international rotations represent a variety of settings and patient populations, preparing you to succeed in any situation your career presents.

With no dominant ethnicity in Houston, the diversity of the population is reflected in the patient populations at our clinical facilities. Rich exposure to patients and families from many cultures and ethnic groups will prepare you to work anywhere in the world. Students have the opportunity to learn first hand how health beliefs and practices are influenced by culture.

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, planning is currently under way for a new facility on the McNair Campus, scheduled to open in 2019. In the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital Rankings, Baylor St. Luke’s ranked in the top nationally in two adult specialties and received the highest rating possible in seven procedures and conditions.

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. Ben Taub includes a Level I Trauma Center, an award winning cardiac program and a Comprehensive Stroke Center. Medical students may also have rotations at Harris Health’s Thomas Street Health Center, the nation’s first HIV/AIDS treatment facility.
Our access to the Texas Medical Center is unparalleled in regards to the depth and variety that a student can experience. Students here at Baylor have the opportunity to experience modern healthcare in all its forms and mediums.

— GEORGE V. POLSON
THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (MEDVAMC) is one of the VA’s largest hospitals, serving Harris County and 27 surrounding counties. MEDVAMC serves as the primary healthcare provider for almost 130,000 veterans in southeast Texas. Veterans from around the country are referred to the MEDVAMC for specialized diagnostic care, radiation therapy, surgery, and medical treatment including cardiovascular surgery gastrointestinal endoscopy, nuclear medicine, ophthalmology, and treatment of spinal cord injury and diseases.

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 10 subspecialties in U.S. News & World Report’s list of America’s Best Children’s Hospitals, where it is also ranked the best in Texas and the fourth best pediatric hospital in the nation, and it earned a top spot in Parents magazine’s list of 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 ranked second among the nation’s rehabilitation facilities 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 Houston Methodist 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.

GLOBAL HEALTH: Through the AAMC’s Global Health Learning Opportunities, our students have access to approximately 1,400 rotations in 30 countries. Students also have opportunities for rotations through the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative.

Student participants in Baylor’s first Global Health Hackathon worked in multidisciplinary teams to find creative solutions to a variety of health problems.
TMC FACTS

9,200 PATIENT BEDS

8 MILLION PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR

180,000+ SURGERIES ANNUALLY

$3 BILLION IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

106,000+ EMPLOYEES

Baylor College of Medicine is the academic center around which the Texas Medical Center, the world’s largest health center, evolved.

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.

My favorite aspect of medical training at Baylor is the versatile clinical settings encountered via the largest medical center in the world and Baylor’s diverse affiliations with hospitals. I am exceptionally confident in my medical education knowing that during my training, I will encounter a diverse and extremely hands-on county hospital, a Veterans Affairs medical center, an outstanding private hospital, and one of the nation’s top pediatric hospitals.

— ANDRES S. PARRA
THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
Even before you arrive on campus, you will feel welcome because you will receive letters from current students who form your Peer 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.

You will start building your support network in your first few days on campus during the off-campus orientation retreat. The bonds you make in this first encounter will strengthen as you 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.

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.

My PRN group immediately made me feel at home at Baylor and helped me navigate the stressful yet exciting first year of medical school. The program had such a positive impact on me that I have dedicated much of my time as an upperclassman to acting as a mentor for subsequent classes.

— GEORGENE HERGENROEDER
FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
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 how to keep up with, understand, and take advantage of ever-changing information, work in multidisciplinary teams, and interact effectively and compassionately with diverse populations.


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 preclerkship curriculum, I still had six months to take electives to get more exposure and meet amazing faculty.

— SHAWDON SHAMS MOLAVI
FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

18 MONTH PRECLERKSHIP CURRICULUM

Baylor has used an accelerated preclerkship curriculum for more than 30 years, long before other schools moved away from the traditional two-year curriculum. With our integrated approach, first you learn the core scientific concepts that underlie medicine and apply these 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.

The required clerkship curriculum allows you to gain experience in a wide variety of medical specialties. Scheduling allows you to maintain some flexibility so that you may select from an array of offerings to align you education with your career aspirations.

UNSURE OF YOUR SPECIALTY OF CHOICE?
Take extra electives to explore more options.

INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?
Complete a project with one of our renowned scientists.

PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING THE UNDERSERVED?
Travel to care for populations in need.

Students also use this time to complete requirements for specialty pathways and dual degree programs.

The success of this approach is clear. The Step 1 exam assesses if the student understands and can apply important concepts of the sciences basic to the practice of medicine. In 2015, 100 percent of Baylor students passed the first time they took the exam (compared to 96 percent first-time pass rate for all students taking the exam). Not only did they pass, they passed with flying colors!

WHILE THE USMLE STEP 1 NATIONAL AVERAGE SCORE WAS 229, BAYLOR STUDENTS SCORED AN AVERAGE OF 243.
SIMULATION
Our students 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.

Hightech 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.

INTER-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
On the 2015 Graduate Questionnaire conducted by the Association of American Medical Colleges, 96 PERCENT OF OUR STUDENTS INDICATED THEY HAD INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES during medical school as compared to 79.7 percent for the national average. Our students reported greater interactions than the national average with students training for nursing, pharmacy, occupational and physical therapy, social work, physician assistant, and psychology.

At Baylor, inter-professional education begins in the first year with some classes shared with physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and orthotics and prosthetics students. Many classes are also taught by faculty in these other programs. Inter-disciplinary training opportunities continue throughout the preclerkship and clerkship curriculum in didactic, clinical, and simulation environments.

Research has demonstrated that students who train alongside other healthcare professionals report a greater understanding of collaborative care and significantly higher levels of satisfaction with their medical training.

"It was beneficial and enjoyable having anatomy class with the physician assistant and nurse anesthesia students. These interactions built a team-oriented mentality that continued to grow during our second-year rotations and throughout the remainder of our training."

— PATRICK HUNT
M.D./PH.D. STUDENT
THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

RESEARCH
We believe 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 seven other departments rank in the top 20 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.

As future physicians we will be leaders. Look around you, at the students interviewing you and the co-chairs telling you about the curriculum and Houston. As students here, we are given opportunities and encouraged to take on positions of leadership; just one more aspect of the excellent medical education at Baylor.

— CARLY DUNN
SECOND-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
STUDENT SERVICES
To support your success, Baylor provides a wide range of services including review sessions, tutoring, services for students with disabilities, veterans affairs services, and counseling.

Students have access to the Texas Medical Center Library and Education Resource Center, which offer various electronic and nonelectronic resources, as well as quiet places to study and rooms to meet in small groups.

The Career Development Center works with students across the College, providing the necessary training, resources and connections to achieve their professional goals and develop meaningful careers.

Student Wellness Services ensures students have access to resources to maintain good physical and mental health. These include discounts to the campus gym, access to Baylor Clinic’s Family Medicine Express Care Center, and confidential counseling services available both on campus and through WellConnect, which includes a 24/7 crisis counseling hotline.

Student participants in the Student Services Committee provide feedback to and work closely with College leadership to facilitate development of services to meet student needs. The Medical Student Council, the official representative body of all medical students, as well as a variety of other institutional committees provides additional opportunities for students to engage with leadership and give input on many aspects of student services and student life.

SERVICE
At the 2016 Baylor College of Medicine Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Paul Klotman, president, CEO and executive dean, spoke of Baylor’s leadership in the community and reminded the graduates, “Community involvement is not optional for those of us in medicine and research. It is an absolute responsibility.” This commitment to service as an obligation, rather than a choice, has driven the College to be a leader in service to Houston, the country, and the world.

Students have many opportunities to fulfill their obligations of service through both College-run and student-initiated programs. Explore www.bcm.edu/community for information about educational, healthcare and global outreach programs as well as community education initiatives.

Since 2013, students at Baylor College of Medicine have organized free one-hour CPR training sessions. In three years, 90 volunteers have trained more than 720 Houstonians.
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. This means our faculty members have the time and support necessary to dedicate to developing extraordinary teaching skills, making your education their priority. What does this mean to you? We are able to attract and retain faculty who are passionate about teaching.

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 you will be in 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.

Baylor does a fantastic job at recruiting students from all across the country. The resulting student body, with its varied opinions, beliefs, and backgrounds, really enhances the student experience by surrounding you with a challenging, inquisitive, diverse student body.

— AVANI RAYTHATHA
FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
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 is 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 healthcare 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 underrepresented in medicine regionally or nationally due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, unique personal experiences, or other factors.

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 49 different majors. One way that Baylor supports the diversity of our student body is through the large number of student organizations that bring together students with shared interests.
Baylor College of Medicine has developed specialized tracks to help you explore your interests and customize your education to match your career goals.

- **MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCH**
  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**
  In partnership with the Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine, this track includes a one-month clinical elective abroad. Graduates 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**
  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 encourage them to seek residency and practice positions caring for underserved patients.

- **GERIATRICS**
  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.

- **HEALTHCARE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**
  Throughout the four-year curriculum this track provides a foundation in the fundamental principles of business and management.

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

- **SPACE MEDICINE**
  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**
  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.
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 www.bcm.edu/dualdegrees

M.D./PH.D.
Partner Institution: Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, which is ranked among the top 10 percent of graduate schools in the biomedical sciences by U.S. News & World Report.
mdtp@bcm.edu

M.D./M.B.A.
Partner Institution: Rice University, which is ranked among the top 25 business schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
www.bcm.edu/dualdegrees

M.D./M.P.H.
Partner Institution: The University of Texas School of Public Health, which is ranked among the top 25 schools of public health by U.S. News & World Report.
mdmph@bcm.edu

M.D./J.D.
Partner Institution: University of Houston Law Center, which is ranked among the top 50 law schools by U.S. News & World Report.
lawadmissons@uh.edu

Currently, I have no definite plans on how to integrate business into my future practice, but regardless of how it takes shape, I have gained so many invaluable experiences. The expanded mindset, practical business skills, incredible network of classmates and professors, and extraordinary opportunities have given me more tools and a broader perspective to ultimately become a better physician to my patients.

— ANNIE HSIAO
M.D./M.B.A. CANDIDATE
IT'S A FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO BE SMART TO EARN AN M.D.

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 noncognitive.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.bcm.edu/admissions

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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 instate residents. That’s quite a value.

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.

GRADUATE WITH LESS DEBT

$172,751*
PUBLIC MEDICAL SCHOOL AVERAGE DEBT

$193,483*
PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL AVERAGE DEBT

$109,693
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AVERAGE DEBT

*Source: AAMC Debt, Costs and Loan Repayment Fact Card 2015

For additional information or assistance, call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 713.798.4603.

TUITION AND FEES

TEXAS RESIDENT

$16,800
TUITION

$2,763
FEES

$3,960
HEALTH INSURANCE

$5,775
BOOKS & SUPPLIES

$29,298
TOTAL

NON-RESIDENT

$29,900
TUITION

$2,763
FEES

$3,960
HEALTH INSURANCE

$5,775
BOOKS & SUPPLIES

$42,398
TOTAL
You will be able to have a life outside of studying during medical school.

The College sponsors many activities for students that range from formal ceremonies and award programs to social events, community service events and special activities. The College also has an athletic facility and intramural leagues for those interested in sports.

All students are assigned to a quad at the beginning of their first year and they participate in activities, including social and community service opportunities, with their quad throughout their years at Baylor. Quads foster connections between students and contribute to Baylor’s mission of service.

Our location provides many opportunities to pursue outside interests. Right next door to the Texas Medical Center is Hermann Park’s trails, public golf course, 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.

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
M.D./PH.D. STUDENT
THE CITY OF HOUSTON

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 FACTS & FIGURES

1st
AMONG NATION’S 10 MOST POPULOUS CITIES IN TOTAL ACREAGE OF PARK LAND

HOME TO THE

2nd
LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF FORTUNE 1000 COMPANIES IN THE U.S

OVER

145
LANGUAGES SPOKEN

MORE THAN

500
INSTITUTIONS DEVOTED TO PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, HISTORY, AND SCIENCE

60
DEGREE GRANTING COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

12%
BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR COST OF LIVING

LARGEST CITY IN U.S.: 2.3 MILLION RESIDENTS

CONSISTENTLY RANKED AMONG MOST DIVERSE CITIES IN U.S.

PLENTY OF OPTIONS TO OCCUPY YOUR FREE TIME:

• professional, collegiate and recreational sports leagues
• nightlife options around town
• shopping galore
• 350 parks; 95 miles of nature, hiking and bike trails; and three state parks nearby
• more than 10,000 restaurants representing 70 countries and U.S. regions
• water within a short drive (Galveston beaches, Clear Lake, Lake Conroe, and Lake Livingston)

BOTTOM LINE: IT’S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK, PLAY, AND RAISE A FAMILY.

“I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, and I love living in Houston because of the city’s culture. There are so many museums, professional teams, and amazing restaurants that you can always find something to do.”

— ZACHARY SHEPARD
FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT
1900 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. The building was designated a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark in 2015.

1949 The Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was established.

1969 By mutual agreement, the College separated from Baylor University to become one of the few independent medical schools in the U.S. and the name was changed to Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, widely regarded as the father of modern cardiovascular surgery, became the first president of the College.
1971 The Physician Assistant Program began as a certificate program. It was elevated to Bachelor of Science status in 1975 and then Master of Science in 1989.

1983 The Harris Health certificate program for nurse anesthetists moved under the auspices of the College and became a Master of Science program. This was elevated to a doctoral level program in 2012.

2005 In the wake of the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina, University of Tulane School of Medicine temporarily moved to Baylor College of Medicine, allowing all students to complete their academic year on time.

2006 The first Human Genome Project effort at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center was completed, with chromosomes 3, 12, and 30 Mb of X (~10 percent of the genome).

2011 The Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine was founded. It is one of the first of its kind in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict “the bottom billion,” the world’s poorest people who live below the World Bank poverty level.

2013 The Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics program welcomed its first students.

2014 Baylor College of Medicine and Catholic Health Initiatives entered a joint venture partnership to co-own the Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center, formerly St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital.

2015 The Baylor College of Medicine Dan L Duncan Center earned Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute.
THE NEXT STEP

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. This means a very high percentage of our students get accepted into one of their top three choices of residency programs and many of them get their first choice.

MATCH DAY 2016

176 GRADUATES MATCHED IN 26 SPECIALTIES

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1 RADIATION - ONCOLOGY
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1 SURGERY - PRELIMINARY
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55 ARE CONTINUING THEIR TRAINING AT BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

OTHER LOCATIONS AT WHICH OUR GRADUATES MATCHED INCLUDED:

Boston Children's Hospital  UCLA Medical Center
Cleveland Clinic  University of Michigan Hospitals
Duke University Medical Center  University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Johns Hopkins Hospital  Washington University School of Medicine
NYU School of Medicine  Yale New Haven Hospital
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- Diversity helps position Baylor to reduce disparities in health and healthcare access and to better address the needs of the community we serve.
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