

DUAL DEGREES with MEDICINE

The College of Medicine offers dual-degree options for students interested in broadening the scope of their medical education into either biomedical research or public health. Each option is an efficient way of obtaining two graduate degrees.

MD/PhD

The MD/PhD program at SUNY Upstate trains future physician-scientists who combine the practice of medicine in the clinic with biomedical research in the laboratory to understand and treat disease.

The program is committed to the recruitment of students with diverse educational and cultural backgrounds who have a passion for research in the biomedical sciences and clinical care.

Entering students complete the first two years of medical school, then select a laboratory for their doctoral research and complete their PhD (minimum three years) before finishing their third and fourth years of clinical training. MD/PhD students have their tuition waived and receive a generous stipend throughout the program.

MD/MPH

By building on the combined strengths of Upstate's College of Medicine and Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, this dual degree program provides opportunities to students seeking to impact the health of the population.

Students interested in applying to the MD/MPH program must complete all the requirements for admission to the College of Medicine. It is possible to complete both degrees in five years, instead of the six it normally would take to complete both separately.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS

The College of Medicine's Rural Medical Scholars Program

The Rural Medical Scholars Program (RMSP) is designed to identify, recruit and nurture students interested in small-town or rural practice, by offering community-based clinical training.

Our students work in the Finger Lakes, Catskills, Adirondacks and many other beautiful areas. They learn in a community that welcomes them and provides an unparalleled opportunity to learn both the science of medicine and the art of the doctor-patient relationship.

Most students apply for the RMSP during the admissions process, while others do so later.

The Binghamton Clinical Campus

All Upstate medical students spend their first two years at the campus in Syracuse. At the start of the third year, one-fourth of the class moves to the Binghamton Clinical Campus, in a smaller city one hour south of Syracuse for their third year. Many elect to stay there for their fourth year.

Applicants select their campus preferences two weeks after their Interview Day. The campus selection is based on the educational experience students believe will suit them best; there is no difference in residency placements or students' board scores.



OUTCOMES

Upstate's MD/PhD graduates routinely move on to residencies at prestigious academic medical centers throughout the country.

The College of Medicine's Class of 2015 included six MD/MPH students, all of whom said having the MPH was a factor in getting their top choice of medical residency.

"I came here because I'm interested in mental health and human development. I wanted to be as close to human subjects and applied translational research as possible."

— Dan Tylee, student in the MD/PhD program

"Many of the challenges adolescents face are deeply rooted in public health, which I didn't have an appreciation for prior to the public health curriculum. In particular, I narrowed in on the field of eating disorders."

— Nicole Cifra, MD, MPH,
Class of 2016



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