

Welcome

Class of 2013

Dear Incoming Student:

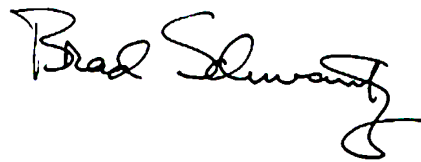
I am very pleased to learn you have accepted the offer of admission to the University of Illinois College of Medicine. I congratulate you on being accepted into medical school and welcome you to our College and to the Urbana-Champaign campus where you will spend your first year of medical school. I know you must be proud of your accomplishments and we in the College look forward to being a part of your future success in medicine.

The College of Medicine Admissions Office has sent you information describing each regional site of the College of Medicine. These descriptions should aid you in your preparations for matriculation this fall. To assist in your planning please refer to the detailed academic calendar for the 2009-2010 academic year as well as the description of the first year curriculum included in this document to acquaint you with the educational program you will pursue in Urbana-Champaign. If you would like clarification on any of the enclosed materials or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Office of Student Affairs in the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign (217-333-8146).

As you know, you may have been assigned to one of our sister clinical sites, Rockford or Peoria, for the last three years of your undergraduate medical education. If at any time you have questions about your clinical site, you should feel free to contact either Angela Schmidt, PhD at Rockford (815-395-5630) or Linda Rowe, PhD at Peoria (309-671-8411). Student conducted tours of their clinical facilities will also be available by arrangement.

Again, I extend to you my sincere congratulations. I wish you every success in your medical career, and I look forward to seeing you on the first day of Orientation on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Schwartz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "B" and "S".

Brad Schwartz, M.D.
Regional Dean, University of Illinois
College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign

Dear Incoming Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance into the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The College has four sites of medical education and one of them is at the Urbana-Champaign campus. Students assigned to the Urbana, Peoria, and Rockford tracks all spend their first year of medical school at the Urbana-Champaign regional campus.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has a worldwide reputation for excellence in scholarship and is in the forefront of major developments in most academic disciplines. In addition to its academic excellence the Urbana-Champaign campus offers an attractive living environment, opportunities for mixing with colleagues from a wide range of academic disciplines, and an enormous variety of recreational activities in sports, the arts, and in entertainment not often found on a medical school campus.

We are confident you will be pleased with a decision to attend the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign. Our program is dedicated to providing quality instruction that will allow you to practice modern medicine and adapt to rapid changes in medicine for years to come. Our basic science departments rank among the best in the nation and our clinical education provides unrivaled experience in the most modern practice of medicine with emphasis on multi-specialty group practice and ambulatory care medicine. We consider that we have an excellent faculty who are dedicated to the education of future physicians, and that we provide unique opportunities for learning medicine.

Please find enclosed additional information about our medical education program and campus.

If you have any additional questions after viewing our website please feel free to call our office at 217-333-8146. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 18th for M-1 Orientation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James W. Hall, Ed.D.
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dear Incoming Student to the University of Illinois College of Medicine:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Illinois College of Medicine. I am extremely pleased that you have been assigned to the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign for your first year of medical education. I am confident that you will find the first year program here both challenging and rewarding. Below we have listed information that we hope you will find helpful.

Orientation

The school year at the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign commences with a **mandatory** four-day student orientation program scheduled for **Tuesday-Friday, August 18-21, 2009**. The orientation will be held in the Auditorium of the Medical Sciences Building. You should plan to arrive at **8:15 a.m. on August 18**. A map of the Urbana-Champaign campus and location of the Medical Sciences Building is included in this document.

The four-day orientation program will introduce you to medical education in general and specifically to the organization of the first year medical education program at Urbana-Champaign. You will also meet your classmates, current medical students, faculty, and administrative staff. We will do our best to answer questions about the curriculum, housing, financial aid, student government, other student organizations, clinical experience opportunities, textbooks, lectures, and other learning resources. **The first day of formal instruction is scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2009.**

Immunization Information

Your original *Immunization Form* must be submitted to the UIC Office of Admissions no later than June 15, 2009. You must have at least the first of the three-injection series for Hepatitis B prior to matriculation, and you must complete the three-part series prior to beginning M-2. Questions about immunizations should be directed to the Office of Admissions at (312)996-5635.

M-1 Proficiency Exams

In support of students who may have taken numerous undergraduate basic science courses, we provide to incoming first year students access to a series of examinations which we call Proficiency examinations. The Proficiency examinations offered are for almost all of the M-1 courses and M-2 Pathology and Pharmacology courses. If you participate and pass any of these examinations, you will be excused from participating in the actual course work during medical school. **All proficiency examinations will be administered on August 17**, the day before Orientation. The application form for proficiency exams is included in this document. It must be received in the Office of Curriculum Management at least 30 days prior to the examination. If you are interested in learning more about the proficiency examinations, please contact Ms. Becky Day at (217)333-3786.

Learning Disabilities

If you have a documented learning disability that has been diagnosed by a licensed clinical professional, please contact our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Officer, Dr. Susan Kies, at 217-333-3786 or at kies@uiuc.edu to discuss the process for requesting disability-related accommodations in medical school. If you have never been tested for a learning disability, but suspect that you might have a learning disability, please contact the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's Division of Rehabilitation-Education Services (<http://www.rehab.uiuc.edu>) at 217-333-4603. Please ask to speak to Dr. Kim Collins. The ideal time to be tested is this summer because their workload is lighter in the summer than in the fall, plus it takes considerable time for the tests to be administered, evaluated and reviewed by the College of Medicine ADA Committee.

Questions?

Although many of you may be familiar with our medical education program, I would encourage you to read carefully the materials in this document. If you have any questions, please contact either Associate Dean James Hall or me at the Office of Student Affairs (217) 333-8146. I would also like to encourage you, prior to your August arrival, to visit our office in room 125 of the Medical Sciences Building on the Urbana-Champaign campus.

Again, I congratulate you on your acceptance into the College of Medicine and your assignment to our first year program. I wish you the best in your current pursuits and look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Few", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nora J. Few, Ph.D.
Executive Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and the Medical Scholars Program

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ESTIMATED EXPENSES
2008-2009 (most recent available)

Expenses	Illinois Resident	Non-Resident
2008-2009 Tuition & Fees (2 semesters)	29,872	58,768
Disability Insurance	64	64
Estimated Room & Board (personal expenses)	15,727	15,727
Estimated Books & Supplies	1,380	1,380
Total	47,043	75,939

**University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign
Curriculum Requirements**

Projected for AY 2008-09 (Revised March 15, 2007)

First Year (M-1) - 2 semesters (16 weeks each)

Total Credit Hours = 39

Fall Semester – 21 Semester Credit Hours

Anatomy I – 3 credit hours
Biochemistry – 3 credit hours
Histology I – 2 credit hours
Immunology/Microbiology I – 3 credit hours
Introduction to Human Disease I – 1 credit hour
Physiology I – 3 credit hours
Embryology I – 2 credit hours
Genetics – 2 credit hours
Medical Statistics – 2 credit hours

Spring Semester – 18 Semester Credit Hours

Anatomy II – 3 credit hours
Biochemistry – 1 credit hour
Histology II – 1 credit hour
Immunology/Microbiology II – 3 credit hours
Introduction to Human Disease II – 2 credit hours
Physiology II – 2 credit hours
Behavioral Science – 2 credit hours
Neuroscience – 4 credit hours

First-Year Program-M-1 Year

The principle that underlies the first-year medical curriculum at Urbana-Champaign is that sound modern medical practice must be based on a thorough working knowledge of the basic medical sciences. Although it is impossible to teach all of the basic science that future physicians will ever need to know, the curriculum is designed to assist student in acquiring requisite knowledge and skills necessary for lifelong self-instruction.

LECTURES & SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION

Lectures and laboratory sessions are the principal vehicles of instruction at the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign. Although a written curriculum is provided for each subject, those documents are perhaps overly inclusive. Lectures serve primarily to highlight certain important aspects of the written curriculum. In addition they provide more up-to-date information, assistance in working with certain aspects of subjects that are perennially found to be troublesome, and an example of how a skilled professional looks at a subject. The faculty seeks to provide lectures in areas where experience indicates that they are required. Although attendance at lectures is not required, it is expected. In many disciplines, as a supplement to lectures, small group instruction is provided.

STUDENT LABORATORIES

Laboratory instruction during the fall semester is provided in gross anatomy, histology, microbiology, immunology, physiology, and introduction to human disease. In the spring semester, laboratory work is offered in gross anatomy, histology, immunology/microbiology and introduction to human disease.

TEACHING FACULTY

The faculty consists of two major groups. The first is the basic science faculty who hold appointments in the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign and in a campus department such as Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Microbiology, or Biochemistry. The second is the clinical faculty, composed of practicing and academic physicians.

Basic Science concepts are presented in lectures, seminars, group discussions, laboratory exercises, and tutorial sessions. The faculty also develops audiovisual aids and other resources for student use. Each basic science faculty member serves as an adviser to several medical students and is available to help students with academic problems. In addition to faculty, each M1 course offers tutorial assistance from upper class medical or graduate students.

CLINICAL PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM (CPP)

The purpose of the CPP is to introduce beginning students to the clinical environment. Students are matched with a clinician preceptor. Students serve primarily as observers. Prior to an assignment with the preceptor, students participate in a physical diagnosis laboratory where they learn the basics of a physical examination.

The experience helps students begin to learn the clinical vocabulary, introduces them to members of a health care team, introduces models of interpersonal skills and professionalism in the clinical environment, and validates the importance of the basic sciences to clinical practice.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESS

During the fall semester there are three sets of examinations that count toward a final grade in each course. The first of these examinations is given in late September. The second of these examinations occurs in late October. The final examinations, given in mid-December, cover material from the entire semester. Anatomy written progress examinations are given on the morning of the laboratory skills examinations. There are seven Anatomy examinations, which count equally toward the final grade, and they are given separately from examinations in other courses. Medical Statistics is coupled with Anatomy for testing purposes.

In the Spring, Anatomy is tested by itself. There are 4 exams. The other courses are tested in March and May. Biochemistry ends with the March exam as it is a semester and a half course.

DECOMPRESSION OF THE FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

The Decompressed First-Year Program permits a small number of first-year students to take up to two years to complete the academic requirements of the M-1 curriculum. The program introduces considerable curricular flexibility for those students who are less well prepared for medical school and for those students who, for other compelling reasons, may need additional time to complete first-year requirements. Students may apply for the program (1) upon matriculations or (2) no later than five working days after the time the second examination results are distributed in the fall semester. Students admitted to the program will be permitted to carry a reduced M-1 course load and will be given two full years to complete the M-1 curriculum and to pass all required M-1 courses. Students in the program will be counseled to participate in campus resource programs devoted to the improvement of study, reading, and time-management skills. They will also be advised to enroll in Urbana campus courses that will strengthen their preparation for the study of the basic medical sciences. As necessary, students will participate in defined tutorial experiences in each of the basic science areas.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN**

Revised 9/6/07

A Program to Decompress the First Year Medical School Curriculum

The Decompressed Program permits a small number of first year students to take two years to complete the academic requirements of the M-1 year. The program introduces considerable curricular flexibility primarily for those students who are less well prepared for medical school, and for students who may need additional time to complete first-year requirements.

Students may apply for the program (1) prior to matriculation, (2) upon matriculation, or (3) no later than five working days after the time the second examination results are distributed to students in the fall semester. Students admitted to the program will be permitted to carry a reduced M-1 course load, and if requirements are met each year, will be given two full years to complete the M-1 curriculum and to pass all required M-1 courses. The College of Medicine Committee on Admissions may require some students to enroll as decompressed student as part of their admission to the College. Any student having a low score on the first and second progress examinations of the fall semester will be encouraged to apply for admission to the program. For students already enrolled, however, the final decision to seek entrance into the program rests with students and may not be mandated by the College of Medicine.

Entrance

Applications for the extended time program will be made to the Associate or Assistant Dean for Student Affairs by individual students after consultation with Campus Faculty Advisors, and the UHP Academic Skills Specialist (for UHP students). A written petition for the program must be submitted no later than five working days after the time the second examination results are distributed to students in the fall semester. The final decision to admit students to the program will be made by the Associate Dean for Academic Student Affairs after consultation with the Student Progress and Promotions Committee. Successful candidates must demonstrate that admission to the program would be of substantial academic or personal benefit. Students admitted to the program would immediately enter into a defined, decompressed, program of M-1 course study. Even though students in the program are participating in a reduced curriculum load they are expected to use the available time to achieve a strong knowledge base in the M-1 courses taken. Students will be counseled to participate in campus and/or College resource programs devoted to the improvement of study, reading, and time-management skills (e.g. the Lifelong Learning Course). They may also be advised to enroll in Urbana campus courses that will strengthen their preparation for the study of the basic medical sciences. As directed, students will participate in available tutorial experiences in each of the basic science areas.

Below is the suggested sequence of courses for students in the two-year program. Admitted students may request other sequences. However, students in the program are expected to participate in approximately fifty percent of the curriculum each year.

Year 1A

Fall

Anatomy (3)
Histology I (2)

Spring

Anatomy (3)
Histology II (1)

Embryology (2)
Genetics (2)
Medical Statistics (2)

11 semester hours

Behavioral Science (2)
Neuroscience (4)

10 semester hours

Summer 1A

Supervised remedial work and make-up examinations, if needed, or participation in campus courses to prepare for the second year in the program.

Year 1B

Fall

Introduction to Human Disease I (2)
Physiology I (3)
Microbiology/ Immunology (3)
Biochemistry (3)

11 semester hours

Spring

Introduction to Human Disease II (1)
Physiology II (2)
Microbiology/Immunology (3)
Biochemistry (1st half of semester) (1)

7 semester hours

Summer 1B

Supervised remedial work and make-up examinations, if needed.

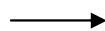
Academic Requirements For Students In The Decompressed Program

Students in the COM-UC Decompressed Program (M-1 Year) will be allowed only one repeat year. To qualify for the repeat year, students must pass all but one course, having passed all previous courses. If a student fails one discipline in Year 1A they qualify for a repeat year – retake all 1A courses. A failure in Year 1B of the Decompressed Program will require a repeat of the entire M-1 year (all courses in year 1A and 1B). If a student fails more than one course after the makeup opportunity, they will be dropped from the College.

How this works:

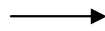
1A

If pass all courses after
Make-up Exams



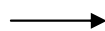
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If fail 1 course after
Make-up Exams



1A

If fail more than 1 course
After Make-up Exam



Dropped from COM

1B

If pass all courses after Make-up Exams	→	M-2
If fail 1 course after Make-up Exams repeat year	→	Retake Entire M-1 Providing there was no other
If fail more than 1 course After Make-up Exams <u>Monitoring of Progress</u>	→	Dropped from COM

Progress of students in the two year program will be closely monitored by their Campus Faculty Advisors, the UHP Academic Skills Specialist and the Associate and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. The Student Progress and Promotions Committee, after consulting with appropriate faculty members, advisors, and the Associate or Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, shall, at regular intervals, review the academic performance of students in the two-year program and shall determine whether a student in the program is making satisfactory academic progress.

Student Status

Students will be assessed tuition based on their hours of enrollment and subject to deadlines for reduction of tuition printed in the appropriate University of Illinois at Chicago Timetable.

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*Approved COM-UC Executive Committee 9/26/07
Approved Educational Policy Committee 9/18/07
Approved Basic Science Subcommittee 9/6/07*

University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign

**DECOMPRESSED PROGRAM
STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM**

- This program is a voluntary program for a limited number of M1 students. An interested M1 must submit his/her request for entry in writing no later than five working days after the second examination results are distributed to students in the fall semester.
- Students admitted to the program will be permitted to carry a reduced M1 course load, and will be given two full years to complete the M1 curriculum and to pass all required M1 courses if progress criteria are met. Even though students in the program are participating in a reduced curriculum load, they are expected to use the available time to achieve a strong knowledge base in the M1 courses taken.
- Students are expected to participate in campus or COM-UC resource programs devoted to the improvement of study, reading, and time-management skills. As necessary, students will participate in available tutorial experiences in each of the basic science areas.
- Students will be assessed tuition based on their hours of enrollment and subject to deadlines for tuition reduction printed in the appropriate University of Illinois at Chicago Timetable.
- The College of Medicine Time Limit Policy States, “Students enrolled in the Decompressed Program must complete their degrees within eight years. A maximum of five years may be allowed to complete M1/M2 years, which includes passing Step 1. Leaves of absence for any reason and periods of required remediation are included within the time limit specified.”
- Students who enroll for fewer than 6 semester hours will not be eligible for federal student loans or for student loan deferment.

For Student to Compete:

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood the policy document ‘*A Program to Decompress the First Year Program as a Means to Improve the Retention of Medical Students.*’

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Student Affairs Officer to Complete:

I, _____, have discussed the conditions of this program with the above student.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
HOUSING

Because Urbana-Champaign is an enormous campus, student housing tends to be tight. To obtain living accommodations that suit both your life-style and price range, you should plan to come to U-C as early in the summer as possible to look for housing.

There are four basic types of housing in this area:

1. **UNIVERSITY-OWNED GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALLS** - there are two graduate halls, **Sherman and Daniels Halls**, located on campus. Their contracts run for one full year, and include a food service option. For more information *write to*:

University of Illinois Housing Division
Housing Contracts
200 Clark Hall, 1203 South Fourth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820
(217)333-7111

University Residence Halls will not open until the Sunday before classes begin.

2. The University also owns one- and two-bedroom apartments for graduate and married students. To receive information and applications for Orchard Down or Green and Goodwin Apartments *write to*:

Family Housing Office
1841 Orchard Place
Urbana, Illinois 61801
(217)333-5656
Fax: (217) 244-1200

3. **HOUSING UNITS** - are privately owned houses and/or residence halls located on and off campus.

Housing Information Office
Room 400 Clark Hall, 1203 South Fourth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820
(217)333-1420
Fax: (217)244-7073

4. **ROOMS AND APARTMENTS** - are scattered throughout the community, with a majority of the units located around the periphery of the campus. The Housing Information Office keeps a list of available apartment rentals. However, your best resources for locating rooms/apartments is by purchasing a copy of the campus newspaper, THE DAILY ILLINI, and/or the local newspaper, THE CHAMPAIGN-URBANA NEWS GAZETTE.

Sometimes the Office of Student Affairs receives phone calls from landlords who prefer to rent their units to medical students, and from recently admitted medical students who are looking for a roommate. Our office will forward this information to all incoming students via email. We have some useful resources linked on our web site <https://www-s.med.uiuc.edu/sa/Incoming/>.

It is very easy for students in this community to be taken advantage of, so give yourself ample time to find the kind of place you desire. If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to give our office a call.