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The University of Mississippi established the Medical Center campus on July 1, 1955, when the School of Medicine was relocated from the Oxford campus to Jackson under the leadership of Chancellor J.D. Williams and Dean David Pankratz. The School of Medicine, originally founded in 1903, had been a two-year course of study. However, the move to Jackson provided a traditional program leading to the four-year MD degree, a medical library and a teaching hospital situated on 164 acres.

The Jackson campus, now referred to as the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), of the University presently serves over 3,000 students through the School of Medicine, established in 1955; the School of Nursing (1958), the School of Health Related Professions (1971); the School of Pharmacy (1971); the School of Dentistry (1973); the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences (2001); and the School of Population Health (2016).

As the academic health sciences campus of the University of Mississippi, UMMC functions as a separately accredited, semi-autonomous unit responsible to the chancellor of the university and through him to the constitutional Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The University of Mississippi Medical Center is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master and doctorate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by telephone (404) 679-4500 or online at www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. For academic questions about the University of Mississippi Medical Center, such as admission requirements, financial aid and educational programs, visit online or call (601) 984-5009.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Mississippi Medical Center is to improve the health and well-being of patients and the community through excellent training for health care professionals, engagement in innovative research and the delivery of state-of-the-art health care.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER VISION

The University of Mississippi Medical Center will be a premier academic health sciences system that is recognized nationally for high-quality clinical care, for innovative research and for training committed health care professionals who work together to improve health outcomes and eliminate health disparities.

FACILITIES

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is located in the heart of the capital city with the original eight-story building now serving as the nucleus of a major academic health sciences complex. The Jackson campus is home to seven health science schools: Medicine, Nursing, Health Related Professions, Dentistry, Graduate Studies, Pharmacy and Population Health. Although the School of Pharmacy is based on the Oxford campus, students receive their final two years of clinical training at the Medical Center. The main campus and clinics of UMMC have grown to over 4 million feet of space and UMMC continues to expand services throughout the State by opening clinics and through collaboration with other providers.

Over the years, the vision and mission of education, research, and healthcare has prompted continuous growth in the form of new buildings and major additions. These include the Arthur C. Guyton Laboratory Research Center (with a later addition); the state’s only children’s hospital (Blair E. Batson) with a two-story addition of a pediatric surgical suite; the School of Health Related Professions building; Winfred L. Wiser Hospital for Women and Children; the Norman C. Nelson Student Union; the Wallace Conerly Hospital for Critical Care; a new adult hospital; a major addition to the School of Nursing; a Classroom Wing; the School of Pharmacy building; the Col. Harland Sanders Children’s Emergency Department; Selby and Richard McRae Children’s Trauma Unit, University Heart, Translational Research Facility and the Phil Bryant Medical Education building. A parking garage was recently completed. Progress extends beyond the Jackson campus and spreads across the state of Mississippi to include multiple clinics in the Jackson area, specialty clinics in Rankin County, and hospitals in Grenada and Lexington. UMMC realizes that exercise and nutrition are essential to health. The addition of the University Wellness Centers located in Madison, and Flowood brings the mission of a healthier Mississippi full circle.

THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEM — The 697-bed University Hospitals and Health System (UHHS) is the teaching enterprise for the University of Mississippi Medical Center's educational programs and the state’s principal diagnostic and referral center. The health system is comprised of six hospitals, including Children’s Healthcare of Mississippi, the Wallace Conerly Hospital for Critical Care, the Winfred L. Wiser Hospital for Women and Infants, University Hospital, Holmes County Hospital and Grenada Medical Center. In addition, UHHS serves the outpatient population in over 25 different ambulatory facilities across the state of Mississippi, with a primary presence in the counties of Hinds, Jackson, Rankin, Lee, and Grenada.

As the state’s only Academic Medical Center, the hospitals and health system focus on quality improvement consisting of systematic and continuous actions that lead to measurable improvement in health care services and the health status of targeted patient groups. The organization strives to be the leader in the delivery of high quality, value based care for all Mississipians. UMMC unites the interrelated activities of education in the health sciences and accepts responsibility for teaching, research, and clinical service. UMMC utilizes efforts to make changes that will lead to better patient outcomes, system performance, enhanced teaching and professional development.

AFFILIATED HOSPITALS — The G.V. ‘Sonny’ Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Jackson, with 163 general patient beds, is the principal teaching affiliate for Medical Center educational programs. The Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, completed in 1972, adjoins the University Hospital as does the Mississippi Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, which opened in 1975.

NORMAN C. NELSON STUDENT UNION — The Norman C. Nelson Student Union houses the bookstore, convention facilities, food services and student facilities. Student facilities include conference room, study rooms, television/recreational areas, gymnasium, running track, aerobics room, exercise facilities, locker room and equipment checkout.
ROWLAND MEDICAL LIBRARY — The nearly 45,000-square-foot Rowland Medical Library is the general library for the Medical Center community. Named in honor of Dr. Peter Rowland, former professor of pharmacology, the library houses a print collection of more than 318,000 volumes and provides access to electronic books and journals. The main floor provides access to current journal and reference collections and a computer lab while the second floor houses textbooks, monographs, bound journals, and archives. There are small group and individual study areas on both floors.

Library services include interlibrary loan, document delivery and circulation along with individual consultation and instruction on information retrieval. The library instructional program introduces students to biomedical literature retrieval skills within the curriculum to facilitate identifying best practice and evidence-based information for clinical decision making. The Medical Center’s wireless network is accessible throughout the library.

Rowland Medical Library is a resource library within the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS
The academic regulations of the institution are set forth in Academic Affairs policy and procedure. All Academic Affairs policy and procedure will conform to SACSCOC expectations to be approved through appropriate institutional procedures, published in appropriate institutional documents, accessible to those affected, and enforced by the institution. These policies and procedures may be available in the UMMC Bulletin, the UMMC Document Center, or in the school-specific student handbooks. Changes may be made to the academic policy or procedure at any time to promote the best interests of the Medical Center and its students. The dean of each school is the final arbiter of academic regulations for that school. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs adjudicates academic regulations that affect more than a single school at the Medical Center.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY — The School of Dentistry offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene and the Doctor of Dental Medicine.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES — The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences offers programs leading to the Master of Science (Biomedical Materials Science (program no longer accepting new graduate students), Biomedical Sciences, and Clinical Investigation) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Biomedical Materials Science (program no longer accepting new graduate students), Biomedical Sciences, Cell and Molecular Biology, Clinical Anatomy, Medical Pharmacology, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, Nursing, Pathology, and Physiology and Biophysics).

SCHOOL OF HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS — The School of Health Related Professions offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management, Health Sciences, Histotechnology, Medical Laboratory Science and Radiologic Sciences, Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging and in Nuclear Medicine Technology, Master of Health Informatics and Information Management, Master of Health Sciences, Doctor of Health Administration, Doctor of Occupational Therapy, and the Doctor of Physical Therapy.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE — The School of Medicine offers a four-year program leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Additionally, a combined MD/PhD program is offered to highly qualified students by the School of Medicine in collaboration with the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

SCHOOL OF NURSING — The School of Nursing offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice. Additionally, the School offers post-master’s certificate programs in adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, neonatal nurse practitioner, nurse educator, nursing and health care administrator, adult-gerontology (primary care) nurse practitioner and primary/acute care pediatric nurse practitioner.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY — The School of Pharmacy offers a seven-year program leading to the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, including three years of a pre-pharmacy early entry program and four years in the professional program. The first two years of the professional program are administered on the Oxford campus and the final two years are administered on the UMMC campus.

SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH — The School of Population Health offers programs leading to a Master of Science (Biostatistics and Data Science and Population Health Science – pending SACSCOC approval), an Executive Master of Science in Population Health Management – pending SACSCOC approval, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Biostatistics and Data Sciences and Population Health Science – pending SACSCOC approval).

ADMISSION
Admission to the University of Mississippi Medical Center is administered under policies established by state law, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Medical Center’s faculty. For program-specific admission requirements, please see the respective schools’ sections of this Bulletin. Admission requirements are subject to change without notice at the direction of the Board of Trustees.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS
Certification of full-, half- or less than half-time enrollment status for loan deferment, medical insurance, etc. is based on hours of enrollment in a term (fall, spring, summer). Listed below are the requirements that determine student status for official enrollment certification purposes by the Office of Student Records and Registrar and for financial assistance. Students are required to be enrolled in at least half-time status to receive federal student loans, be covered for health/medical insurance or to defer repayment of student loans.

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Graduate students enrolled in traditional research-based graduate degree programs (those requiring a thesis or dissertation) are considered full-time students if they are enrolled in 9 credit hours in a semester, except for the summer term when 1 credit hour is sufficient. Additionally, graduate students who are admitted to candidacy and are working on their thesis/dissertation may be classified as full-time while registering for 1 credit hour in any semester. Students and advisors must complete the required Approval to Register form online.

TUITION AND FEES
It is the intent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center to provide the highest quality education at a reasonable cost. Since student tuition and fee charges are used for operating costs, including scholarships and waivers, the Medical Center reserves the right to increase or modify tuition and fees without prior notice subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning as required by the Department of Education. Information regarding tuition and fees for programs available at the Medical Center can be found within the respective schools’ sections of this Bulletin.

PAYMENT — Tuition and fees are assessed either by credit hour, or, in the case of medical and dental students, based on the approved tuition rate for the year. Insurance and test fees are also billed to the student tuition account. Billing statements are emailed to each student’s UMMC email account. Students are expected to check their email account on a regular basis. Payment is due by June 15, September 30 and February 15 for the summer, fall and spring semesters, respectively.

Students who register for courses at the University of Mississippi Medical Center acknowledge a financial obligation when they sign their registration agreement. If payment is not received by the due date, late charges and/or service fees may be assessed on the unpaid balance. Nonpayment of accounts does not constitute class withdrawal or cancellation of health insurance. Delinquent accounts may be reported to outside collection agencies and credit bureaus. Any collection costs or legal fees incurred in collecting unpaid accounts will be charged to the student. Additional information concerning billing and payment of fees is available online.

RETURNED CHECKS — Checks returned by the bank are charged back to the student’s account, and a $30 non-sufficient funds fee is assessed. The student will be notified of the return and must make payment within 15 days or legal action may be initiated. Online payments returned for non-sufficient funds are also subject to the non-sufficient funds fee. Accounts with a balance due to charge backs are subject to late fees.

TUITION REFUNDS — By registering for school, students incur a financial obligation to pay for the entire academic term for which they are registered. Registering for a term includes early registration and all courses added after the student’s initial registration. Students who withdraw or go on an approved leave of absence may be eligible for a refund of their tuition and fees provided they complete the official withdrawal or leave of absence procedures within the refund period. Failure to attend classes is not considered an official withdrawal. For purposes of this section, withdrawals and leaves of absence will all be termed “withdrawals.” Refund dates are included in the academic calendar and are also posted on the student portal. In the event a student who was receiving financial aid drops hours, withdraws or goes on leave of absence, all or a portion of that aid may have to be returned to the source based upon the Return to Title IV (R2T4) calculation performed by the Office of Student Financial Aid as outlined in Federal Regulation 34 CFR 668.22. Tuition reversals based upon last date of attendance may not wholly offset the amount of aid returned and the student will be required to pay the difference to clear their account.

In the event that the student is owed a refund, a check will be mailed to the student at the address provided during the exit process. Students who owe money to the school at the time of withdrawal will be required to pay the account balance at the time they withdraw. If the account is not paid, the account will be considered delinquent and may be referred to an outside collection agency and reported to a credit bureau. The student will be required to pay for any collection costs and legal fees incurred in the collection process.

GENERAL FEES — The following fees are applicable to all students.

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<td>Transcript fee</td>
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<td>Course audit fee</td>
<td>Same per hour rate as tuition</td>
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<td>Returned check fee</td>
<td>$30</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance Education Fee (Distance Education programs only)</td>
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WITHDRAWAL POLICY
Registration for a course makes the student responsible for meeting course requirements until the course is completed or until, with the permission of the dean or designee, the student withdraws from the course. The withdrawal from courses and/or programs policy is available in the UMMC Document Center.

Individual schools may have stricter withdrawal policies, and a student is allowed only as many withdrawals as his/her specific school prescribes.

For program specific withdrawal requirements, please see the respective schools’ sections of this Bulletin.
LEGAL RESIDENCE

The Medical Center applies the definitions and conditions stated here as required by state law in the classification of students as residents or nonresidents for the assessment of fees. Requests for a review of residency classification should be submitted to the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

RESIDENCE OF A MINOR — The residence of a person less than 21 years of age is determined based on the residence of the father, the mother or a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court in Mississippi. If a court has granted custody of the minor to one parent, the residence of the minor is that of the parent who was granted custody by the court. If both parents are dead, the residence of the minor is that of the last surviving parent at the time of that parent’s death, unless the minor lives with a general guardian duly appointed by a proper court of Mississippi, in which case his/her residence becomes that of the guardian. A minor student who, upon registration at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, presents a transcript demonstrating graduation from a Mississippi secondary school and who has been a secondary school student in Mississippi for not less than the final four years of secondary school attendance shall not be required to pay out-of-state tuition.

RESIDENCE OF AN ADULT — The residence of an adult is that place where he/she is domiciled, that is, the place where he/she actually physically resides with the intention of remaining there indefinitely or of returning there permanently when temporarily absent.

REMOVAL OF PARENTS FROM MISSISSIPPI — If the parents of a minor who is enrolled as a student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center move their legal residence from Mississippi, the minor shall be immediately classified as a nonresident student; such a change in classification shall not affect the tuition to be charged upon completion of the semester in which the move takes place.

RESIDENT REQUIRED — No student may be admitted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center as a resident of Mississippi unless his/her residence has been in Mississippi preceding his/her admission.

RESIDENCY PETITIONS — Nonresidents may petition the University of Mississippi Medical Center for a change of residency classification. A person who enters Mississippi from another state and enters a system institution is considered a nonresident, unless the person meets the residency requirements as a minor or adult as set out above. Provided, however, that any person who has attained 21 years of age and has thereafter actually established residency as an adult and resided within Mississippi for 12 consecutive months after attaining 21 years of age upon sworn affidavit and other representation, may petition the University of Mississippi Medical Center for a change in residency classification for the purposes of fees and tuition assessment. The Medical Center may make reasonable inquiry into the validity of the petitioner’s claim. Such petition for change of residency must be made on or before the last day a student may register at the Medical Center without penalty.

LEGAL RESIDENCE OF A MARRIED PERSON — A married person may claim the residence status of his/her spouse, or he/she may claim independent residence status under the same regulations set out above as any other adult.

CHILDREN OF FACULTY OR STAFF — Children of parents who are members of the faculty or staff of the University of Mississippi Medical Center may be classified as residents for the purpose of attendance at the Medical Center.

MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY STATION IN MISSISSIPPI — Members of the U.S. Armed Forces on extended active duty and stationed within Mississippi and members of the Mississippi National Guard may be classified as residents for the purpose of attendance at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Resident status of such military personnel, who are not legal residents of Mississippi, shall terminate upon their reassignment for duty in the continental United States outside of Mississippi.

SPOUSE OR CHILD OF MILITARY PERSONNEL — Resident status of a spouse or child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on extended active duty shall be that of the military spouse or parent for the purpose of attending the University of Mississippi Medical Center during the time that their military spouse or parent is stationed within Mississippi and shall be continued through the time that the military spouse or parent is stationed in an overseas area with last duty assignment within Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments en route from Mississippi.

Resident status of a minor child terminates upon reassignment under Permanent Change of Station Orders of the military parent for duty in the continental United States outside Mississippi, excepting temporary training assignments in route from Mississippi. The spouse or child of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who dies or is killed is entitled to pay the resident tuition fee if the spouse or child becomes a resident of Mississippi. If a member of the U.S. Armed Forces is stationed outside Mississippi and the member’s spouse or child establishes residence in Mississippi and registers at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the Medical Center shall permit the spouse or child to pay the tuition, fees and other charges provided for Mississippi residents without regard to length of time that the spouse or child has resided in Mississippi. A member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the child or spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under another provision of this section while enrolled in a degree or certificate program is entitled to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents in any subsequent term or semester while the person is continuously enrolled in the same degree or certificate program. A student may withdraw or may choose not to re-enroll for no more than one (1) semester or term while pursuing a degree or certificate without losing resident status only if that student provides sufficient documentation by a physician that the student has a medical condition that requires withdrawal or non-enrollment. For purposes of this section, a person is not required to enroll in a summer term to remain continuously enrolled in a degree or certificate program. The person’s eligibility to pay tuition and fees at the rate provided for Mississippi residents under this section does not terminate because the person is no longer a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the child or spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENCE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL — A military person on active duty stationed in Mississippi who wishes to avail himself/herself or his/her dependents to be classified as residents for the purpose of attendance at the University of Mississippi Medical Center must submit a certificate from his/her military organization showing the name of the military member, the name of the dependent, if for a dependent; the name of the organization of assignment and its address (may be in the letterhead); that the military member will be on active duty stationed in Mississippi on the date of registration at the Medical Center; that the military member is not on transfer orders;
and the signature of the commanding officer, the adjutant or the personnel officer of the unit of assignment with signer’s rank and title. A military certificate must be presented to the Office of Student Records and Registrar each semester or tri-semester at (or within 10 days prior to) registration each semester for the provisions of said section to be effective.

The Medical Center complies with section 702 of the Choice Act in determination of tuition for selected veterans and their dependents.

**SUPPORT SERVICES**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center offers a comprehensive program of student support services through the Division of Academic Affairs, the Office of the Chief Student Affairs Officer, the individual schools, the Office of Academic Support, Office of Student Financial Aid, the Office of Student Accounting, the Office of Student Records and Registrar, the Student and Employee Health Service and the University Police. The Medical Center believes these services are an important adjunct to the total educational program and essential to the continuing fulfillment of the institution’s purpose.

**ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT** — Faculty advisors are an important resource for students. Faculty advisers meet with students in the School of Dentistry, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, School of Health Related Professions, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, and School of Population Health.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** — The Division of Academic Affairs promotes the pursuit of excellence in education delivery to students in all academic programs, supports the faculty who provide instruction, and provides leadership to and coordination among services for faculty and students. The Division of Academic Affairs provides expertise and services to faculty and students related to adult education, teaching, learning, professionalism and interprofessional training. Services are provided by the following offices: Academic Development; Academic Effectiveness; Academic Support; Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities; Community Education; Community Engagement and Service Learning; Continuing Health Professional Education; E-Learning; Health Careers Opportunity; Institutional Research; Media Production and Photography; Simulation-Based Education; Rowland Medical Library; and Student Records and Registrar.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT** - The Office of Academic Support provides the following University of Mississippi Medical Center support services.

- **Academic Consulting Services.** Academic Consulting Services are available to students, residents and fellows at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Academic consultants meet individually with learners and provide assistance with developing the skills and behaviors that are essential to academic success and professional development (e.g., time management, study skills, and testing strategies). To make an appointment, complete the Request Academic Consultation online form. [http://www.umc.edu/academic_consulting/](http://www.umc.edu/academic_consulting/)

- **Academic Success Kiosk.** The Academic Success Kiosk (ASK) is an online, self-paced resource available to students at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. ASK addresses time management, study skills, and professionalism. To register, complete the Register for ASK online form. [http://www.umc.edu/ASK/](http://www.umc.edu/ASK/)

- **University Tutoring Services.** University Tutoring Services is a peer tutoring program available to students experiencing academic difficulty who are currently enrolled in the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Supportive instruction is provided by peers with similar educational backgrounds. To request tutoring, complete the Request Tutoring online form. [http://www.umc.edu/University_Tutoring/](http://www.umc.edu/University_Tutoring/)

- **Writing Support Services.** Writing Support Services are available to students at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Writing coaches are available to assist students with assigned coursework and papers. The goal is to add value to the educational experience through writing critique and support. To request writing support, complete the Request Writing Support online form. [http://www.umc.edu/writing_services/](http://www.umc.edu/writing_services/)

- **Academic Accommodations.** The Office of Academic Support manages academic accommodations at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Students in the School of Pharmacy should apply for academic accommodations through the University of Mississippi, Oxford Campus. UMMC policy provides for reasonable academic accommodations to be made for students with verified disabilities on an individualized and flexible basis as specified under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). For more information, individuals should review the Office of Academic Support webpage or contact the office directly. To request academic accommodations, complete the Request for Academic Accommodations form available on the webpage. [http://www.umc.edu/Academic_Accommodations/](http://www.umc.edu/Academic_Accommodations/)

Office of Academic Support
University of Mississippi Medical Center
Verner Holmes Learning Resource Center, U155-A
Phone: 601-815-5064 • Fax: 601-815-5828
[http://www.umc.edu/academic_support/](http://www.umc.edu/academic_support/)

**BOOKSTORE** — Located in the Norman C. Nelson Student Union building, the Bookstore provides Medical Center students with a selection of textbooks, medical instruments, school supplies, insignia items, computer supplies, and gifts. Additional information is available [online](http://www.umc.edu/BOOKSTORE/) and on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com).

**FINANCIAL AID** — The University of Mississippi Medical Center subscribes to the principle that the amount of financial aid granted to a student should be based upon financial need. Therefore, students wishing to apply for financial aid must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) [online](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (using the Medical Center’s Federal School Code number 004688), apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) [online](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and complete loan counseling [online](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). For detailed information regarding the Office of Student Financial Aid’s various programs, procedures, and policies, please visit their website.

**FOOD SERVICES** — Students may find a variety of food service options within the Medical Center, including the University Hospital Cafeteria, Winfred L. Wiser Hospital Dining Room, Methodist Rehabilitation Center Cafeteria, Norman C. Nelson Student Union Commons, Chick Fil A, McDonalds and Subway.

**POSTAL SERVICES** — A contract station of the U.S. Post Office is located on campus and offers most standard services.
SECURITY — The UMMC Campus Police provides service and protection to the Medical Center’s students, faculty, staff, properties and campus. The publication, Guidelines for Campus Security, lists the services provided by UMMC police as they strive to ensure a high quality of student-faculty life by promoting a tranquil, safe atmosphere conducive to the objectives of the Medical Center.

STUDENT HEALTH
The Student and Employee Health Service provides ambulatory medical care to students from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and on a walk-in basis during standard sick-call hours. Under the direction of a board-certified physician, a nurse practitioner and nurses work with patients and collaborate with other providers to provide personalized and timely care to UMMC students. All staff of UMMC’s Student and Employee Health Service have no role in any student’s academic assessment or evaluation and/or decisions in advancement and/or graduation. The only exceptions are for the release of information in accordance with the lawful requirements of Mississippi and the United States. Emergency service is provided in the University Hospital emergency department at nights and on weekends. The Student and Employee Health Service does not provide medical care for dependents of students nor can it reimburse students for treatment received elsewhere. In order to maintain student confidentiality, the Medical Center contracts for mental health services with off-site providers at nearby health care locations. Information on these providers can be obtained on the Employee and Student Health website.

DRUG POLICY — Pursuant to the Anti-Drug Abuse Act passed in October 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226), the Medical Center is committed to maintaining a drug-free work place and to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. All students are to abide with this policy. The institution has educational resources available for students regarding the dangers of alcohol and illicit drug abuse through Employee and Student Health Services. Policies for a Drug Free Campus is available on the Campus Police website.

Policy:
1. You are prohibited from being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while on campus, in other training sites, such as affiliated hospitals and clinics, and in extramural settings for elective courses.
2. The possession, transfer, purchase or sale of illegal drugs is a violation of the law and is strictly prohibited; such action will be reported to law enforcement officials and to licensing agencies when appropriate.
3. The use, sale or possession of an illegal drug in your capacity as a student is cause for your dismissal from school.
4. Any student who commits an unlawful act on or off the Medical Center or whose conduct discredits the Medical Center in any way will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
5. No alcoholic beverage may be brought or consumed on the Medical Center premises.
6. Prescription drugs may be brought and used by you on the Medical Center premises only in the manner, combination and quantity prescribed, as long as your ability to perform as a student is not affected.
7. Any student who’s on- or off-duty abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs or improper use of prescription drugs interferes in any way with his/her performance as a student will be referred to Student and Employee Health Services for evaluation and/or testing.

HEALTH INSURANCE — Hospitalization insurance is mandatory for students attending the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Students may enroll in the group plan offered by the Medical Center or must demonstrate comparable coverage under another provider. Students not enrolled in the Medical Center’s student group health insurance plan will be required to complete a waiver online in the student portal specifying the name of their insurance carrier. The student insurance plan is administered by the Office of Student Accounting, and any questions regarding enrollment or coverage should be addressed directly to Student Accounting.

APPLICATION FOR, CHANGES TO, AND CANCELLATION OF STUDENT INSURANCE ---

New Students apply online via the Student Portal.

Open Enrollment is held annually during the month of August, with coverage beginning on September 1. Any student may apply during open enrollment, and the application is online in the Student Portal.

Changes to existing coverage may be made during open enrollment. Changes that can be made during open enrollment include adding dependents or changing coverage options. Changes made in months other than August require a special qualifying event and are subject to time restrictions. Special qualifying events include involuntary loss of coverage, marriage, birth or adoption of a child, or a qualified child support order. Documentation is required for all special qualifying events. Students on family plans who desire to drop dependents may do so at any time. In most events, changes will be effective the first of the following months, however special rules apply A CHANGE FORM must be completed in the Student Accounting Office for all types of coverage changes and may be made at any time by contacting the Student Accounting Office.

Cancellation of Coverage must be made through the Student Accounting Office. Completing an Insurance Waiver will NOT cancel existing coverage. Cancellation may not be made for partial months or retroactively. A Cancellation Form must be completed in the Student Accounting office, and must be received and processed prior to the month being canceled.

Students will be automatically dropped from the policy after graduation, or other separation from enrollment, unless they qualify and apply for continuation of coverage. Students may be cancelled for nonpayment of premiums. This could result in permanent loss of coverage under the student group insurance plan. It is the student’s responsibility to read all materials related to health insurance policy provisions. Questions should be addressed to the Office of Student Accounting.

IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINATIONS — The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, in cooperation with the Mississippi Department of Health, has issued regulations requiring proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella of all students, unless exempt because of (a) actual or suspected pregnancy (measles or rubella vaccines are not required for females who are pregnant; if pregnancy is suspected, a valid certificate of medical exception from a health provider is required until pregnancy is resolved); (b) medical contraindication; or (c) birth prior to 1957. The UMMC Healthcare Professional Student Immunization Requirements policy is available in the UMMC Document Center. Questions about the policy should be directed to the Office of Student and Employee Health.
ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a condition which destroys the body’s immune (defense) system and allows life-threatening infections to develop. It has no known cure or vaccine for prevention, and an individual can transmit the virus even in the absence of symptoms. Current medical knowledge indicates that transmission is primarily through sexual contact or through the sharing of intravenous drug paraphernalia. According to the Centers for Disease Control, contracting the disease in most situations encountered in an individual’s daily activities is not known to occur. Terms associated with AIDS include:

- HIV - human immunodeficiency virus (the causative agent of AIDS).
- HIV antibody - a protein in the body produced in response to exposure to the human immunodeficiency virus.

The Medical Center does not routinely screen students, faculty or staff for antibodies to HIV or ask if they are HIV-positive. However, students who know they are HIV-positive are encouraged to report this fact to the director of the Student and Employee Health Service so they can obtain appropriate medical care, consultation and counseling for their own protection and that of others. The information will remain confidential as a part of the student’s medical record.

Students with AIDS, and those with other manifestations of HIV infection, are deemed to have a handicapping condition as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Selection of applicants for the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s educational programs is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, sex, color, religion, marital status, age, national origin, disability or veteran status.

The school in which the student is enrolled will make every reasonable accommodation to enable a student who is HIV-positive to successfully complete the requirements of his/her educational program. The school also will make available career counseling should the student wish to review his/her educational objectives in light of the realities of HIV infection.

HIV-infected students may have their educational program modified by their school to limit any potential risk of disease transmission. Restrictions on any clinical assignments and/or off-campus clinical rotations or externships will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Immunizations — Students who have HIV infection are not exempted from Medical Center requirements for non-live virus vaccinations. However, because of potentially serious consequences for HIV-infected persons receiving live virus vaccines, HIV-infected students who are required to receive such immunizations should consult the Student and Employee Health Service or the Hinds County Department of Health for current recommendations.

Testing and Care — Students who wish to get HIV antibody testing will be referred to the Hinds County Department of Health or the Student and Employee Health Service. Students who become HIV-positive during the course of their enrollment may get appropriate medical care, consultation and counseling through the Student and Employee Health Service.

Confidentiality — Medical information will not be released to any person, group, agency, insurer, employer or institution without specific written consent of the patient or legal guardian except as required by law. Every effort will be made to preserve the confidentiality of the medical record of a student who is HIV-positive. Knowledge of a student’s HIV status will be limited to those with an absolute necessity to know.

Public Health Reporting Requirement — The Medical Center complies with all public health reporting requirements of the Mississippi State Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control. Students who are known to be HIV-positive are reported to the State Department of Health.

Personnel — Since many people with HIV infections are not identified in advance, universal precautions, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and by OSHA, guide Medical Center procedures for the handling of blood and body fluids of any student, employee or patient. Questions regarding these safety guidelines should be directed to the director of Student and Employee Health Services or to the dean of the school in which the student is enrolled.

Universal Precautions — Manuals and procedures in use at the Medical Center cover the precautions which should be taken when handling infectious materials.

All Medical Center personnel, including students, use disposable, one-use needles and other equipment if the skin or mucous membranes of patients, employees or students will be punctured. Extreme caution should be exercised when handling sharp objects, particularly in disposing of needles. All used needles should be placed in a puncture-resistant container designated for this purpose. Needles should never be bent or recapped after use. Blood-soiled articles should be placed in puncture-proof bags and labeled prominently before being sent for reprocessing or disposal in accordance with Medical Center infection control guidelines. Students who have questions about universal precautions or other Medical Center infection control guidelines should see the infection control website.

Teaching Laboratories — Laboratory courses requiring exposure to blood, such as courses in which blood is obtained by finger-prick for typing or examination, must use disposable equipment. No lancets or other blood-letting devices should be re-used or shared.

Behavior Risk — Medical Center students who are HIV-positive and are aware of their condition and engage in behavior which threatens the safety and welfare of other students, patients or Medical Center personnel may be subject to disciplinary action.

Applicability of Other Medical Center AIDS Policies — More specific written guidelines and procedures are the responsibility of the individual schools and may be developed, as needed, by the deans and department heads. All unit policies must comply with those for the institution as a whole.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Associated Student Body (ASB) is the student government organization of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Comprised of elected representatives and designated officers from the Schools of Dentistry, Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, Health Related Professions, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Population Health the ASB meets with and provides information and opinions of student concern to the Medical Center administration and faculty. ASB also develops activities relating to academic programs and sponsors extracurricular activities including intramural sports and publication of the campus yearbook (Medic) and the student newspaper (Murmur).
STUDENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There are active professional organizations for students enrolled in the various academic programs at the Medical Center. Information on these organizations may be obtained from each school’s Office of Student Affairs.

STUDENTS’ RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SCHOLARSHIP AND PROMOTION — Promotion of students is dependent upon the satisfactory completion of each year’s work. Promotions within the academic divisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center are considered on the basis of recommendations by individual instructors, on departmental evaluations and on the student’s total record. The faculty of each of the academic programs has the obligation and right to determine methods for evaluating a student’s performance and to evaluate each student individually in compliance with applicable Medical Center, school and departmental regulations.

Regulations for all of the programs have their basis in the Medical Center’s vision to be a great academic health sciences center dedicated to improving lives. Information about the scholarship and promotion policies may be found in each school’s section in this Bulletin or student handbooks. Inherent in these policies is the right of students to use the institutional student appeals process to seek redress of decisions involving academic status, disciplinary matters and other areas of student life.

Students dismissed for academic reasons or subjected to disciplinary action may appeal the decision as stated in the letter of notification from the academic program in which the student is enrolled. The Institutional Executive Officer has delegated full authority regarding student appeals to the various academic deans; therefore, the decision of the dean for the program in which the student is enrolled is final. However, if a student provides compelling evidence of incorrect application of the school-specific appeal process, a procedural appeal may be considered at the institutional level.

Students who wish to appeal decisions, in such matters as student financial aid, should contact the appropriate office. The student will be notified in writing about the appropriate appeals process.

In all cases of student appeals, students are free to present pertinent information and material, to have an attorney present or to bring faculty and other appropriate spokespersons to the appeal hearing. The faculty and administration reserve the right to make changes in curricula regulations when such changes are determined to be in the best interest of the student, the school and the institution.

NON-ACADEMIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION — All students enrolled in any educational program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and ethical manner appropriate to a professional student whether on or off campus. Examples of unprofessional conduct include, but are not limited to: dishonesty, cheating, falsifying documents, accessing or divulging protected health information, violating the Medical Center Information Policy, and knowingly violating any other Medical Center policy. Any student who does not meet the standards of professional conduct as defined in his/her school’s Student Handbook may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the institution. Students have the right to appeal any adverse disciplinary action as outlined in their school’s student handbook.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS — Students seeking to resolve an academic or misconduct complaint will seek resolution through the school’s published administrative channels, entering at the appropriate level and proceeding in the order stated. All decisions by the school’s dean or executive faculty concerning academic matters are final. Procedural appeals may be filed to the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. Information on academic and conduct complaints are published in the Bulletin and also included in the individual school’s handbook. Information about student complaints may be found on the Student Comments and Complaints website. The Student Complaints policy is available in the UMMC Document Center.

A student seeking to resolve a non-academic or non-misconduct complaint will seek resolution through the appropriate office on campus designated to address the particular student concern. Issues involving such matters as sexual harassment, discrimination, disability, employment or mistreatment fall under the institutional policies that are handled by specific offices, such as the Office of Human Resources or the Equal Employment Opportunity Office. The Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedure (Title IX) for Students and Employees policy is available in the UMMC Document Center.

RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY — The Medical Center embraces religious diversity for individuals of all faiths. It is the intent of the institution to make every effort to reasonably accommodate individuals based on their religious beliefs. Observation of religious holidays in all faiths will be supported except when detrimental to patient care or established policies. Conflicts between religious obligations and patient care obligations are handled much as they would be in clinical practice. That is, patient care responsibilities take precedence unless coverage has been previously arranged.

In an effort to respect students’ religious customs, academic departments will attempt to adjust schedules to allow the observance of these holidays. Any observance of religious holidays will not be a negative factor in the grading of a student’s performance. In the event the conflict is with an essential experience (e.g., board exams), then these essential experiences will take precedence. It is the student’s responsibility to inform the appropriate person in the department prior to or at the initial clinical rotation orientation of his/her request for accommodation so that patient care and on-call responsibilities can be met in full. It is also the student’s responsibility to obtain coverage so that patient care and on-call coverage are not compromised. In the event students cannot obtain coverage, they are expected to meet their responsibilities by taking call regardless of the schedule conflict.

Conflicts with religious observances and daily patient care or educational activities will be resolved by the department on a case-by-case basis. These arrangements must be made in advance and must be satisfactory to the department.

Questions and requests for additional information should be directed to either the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, student affairs officers or the director of pastoral services.

FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

Student Access to Records — Each year, the Medical Center informs entering students of their rights of access to their official records as stated in the law. By written request to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, students who are or who have been in attendance may review recorded information maintained by the institution for use in making decisions about students.
Recorded information includes grades, copies of correspondence sent to the students by the educational programs and other institutional offices, and completion of licensure applications. The recorded information may also include an electronically stored transcript of courses and grades and a folder containing application materials and supporting documents, such as transcripts from previous schools and supplementary material submitted with the application.

Confidential letters or statements of recommendation to which students have waived access rights are not available for inspection. As defined by the law, students do not have access to medical, psychiatric or comparable records if these are used exclusively for treatment purposes. However, students may designate an appropriate professional to examine these records. Students do not have the right to see parents’ financial records submitted to the institution. Students do not have access to instructional, supervisory and administrative personnel records which are not accessible or revealed to any other individual; campus security records which are used exclusively for law enforcement purposes, and which are not disclosed to individuals other than law enforcement officials; and employment records except when such employment requires that the person be a student.

**Release of Information** — The institution is prohibited from releasing educational information or personally identifiable information other than directory information about the students without their written consent except to specified agencies and persons such as school officials and certain federal or state offices as defined in the law. A description of directory information can be found in the Notification of Directory Information Under FERPA policy located in the UMMC Document Center.

Under the law, students may not see confidential letters or statements of recommendations written prior to January 1, 1975, and may, but are not required to, waive the right of access to future confidential letters of recommendations. The institution secures from students their instructions regarding their access rights to confidential letters or statements of recommendation written on their behalf while enrolled at the Medical Center. These signed statements are permanently filed in the students’ folders. Any questions concerning student access to records should be directed to the Registrar.

**Accuracy of Educational Records** — The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, allows students to challenge the contents of their educational records on the basis of accuracy. Students who request that information be amended or deleted from their records on the basis of incorrect information should first submit their request to the official primarily responsible for the information. If the matter is not resolved to their satisfaction, students may request a formal hearing before an appropriate institutional body or consult Section 99.36 of the law’s regulations for additional grievance procedures. The Office of Student Records and Registrar will furnish a copy of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 1974, upon request. Notification of rights guaranteed under PL 93-380 and policies and procedures pertaining to educational records is provided to all students through this Bulletin section, by a memorandum distributed at the time of registration, and in the orientation sessions for the school year.

**Equal Employment Opportunity Statement** — The University of Mississippi Medical Center complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, handicap or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.
By CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, the governance of The University of Mississippi and the other public institutions of higher learning in the state of Mississippi is vested in a Board of Trustees appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. After January 1, 2004, as vacancies occur, the 12-member Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall be appointed from each of the three Mississippi Supreme Court districts, until there are four members from each Supreme Court district.

The terms are staggered so that all members appointed after 2012 will have a term of nine years. The Board of Trustees selects one of its members as president of the board. The board maintains offices at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211.

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POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

RESIDENCIES
Postgraduate training for physicians is offered at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the disciplines listed below. Application should be made to the appropriate department.

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PSYCHOLOGY

A residency in clinical psychology, approved by the American Psychological Association, is offered. The program is one year in duration starting July 1. Visit the Psychology Internship Training Program website at www.umc.edu/psychology-internship for applications and information.

DENTISTRY

The School of Dentistry offers a one-year general practice residency, a one-year advanced education in general dentistry residency program, a two-year pediatric dentistry residency and a four year oral-maxillofacial surgery residency program. For information on these programs, visit the School of Dentistry website at www.umc.edu/sod.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS

The Department of Physical Therapy offers two residency programs, one in Neurologic Physical Therapy and one in Sports Physical Therapy.

- The Neurologic Physical Therapy residency program is a cooperative effort between the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the School of Health Related Professions, St. Dominic Outpatient Rehabilitation Services and Methodist Rehabilitation Center. This program is 12 months in duration, beginning in September and ending the following August. The program is accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education. The program prepares the resident to take the Neurology Specialty Examination offered by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. The resident is a full-time employee of UMMC and receives a competitive salary with a full benefits package. Contact and application information is available on the Neurologic Physical Therapy website.

- The Sports Physical Therapy residency program is a cooperative effort between the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the School of Health Related Professions, University Hospitals and Clinics, University of Mississippi (Oxford Campus), New Orleans Louisiana Saints, and local Mississippi high schools and colleges. This program is 14 months in duration, beginning in late June and ending in late August the following year. It is accredited by the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education, the accrediting body for the American Physical Therapy Association. The program prepares the resident to take the Sports Specialty Examination offered by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. The resident is a full-time employee of UMMC and receives a competitive salary and a full benefits package. Contact and application information is available on the Sports Physical Therapy website.

- The Pediatric Physical Therapy residency program is a cooperative effort between the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the School of Health Related Professions, St. Dominic Outpatient Rehabilitation Services, Hinds County Schools, Rehabilitation Consultants, and A Focused Brain. This program is 12 months in duration, beginning in late August and ending the following August. The program was awarded candidacy status by the American Physical Therapy Association, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education and will be eligible for accreditation following graduation of the first resident. The program prepares the resident to take the Pediatric Specialty Examination offered by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. The resident is a full time employee of UMMC and receives a competitive salary with a full benefits package. Contact and application information is available on the Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency website.

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SCHOOL OF HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS
The Division of Orthotics and Prosthetics offers two residency programs, one in Orthotics and one in Prosthetics.

- The Orthotic and Prosthetic residency programs are each 12 months in duration and typically begin in July and ends the following year. The Orthotic and Prosthetic residency program is a cooperative effort between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the School of Health Related Professions. There are four phases of the residency: Clinical Observation & Technical Assistance Phase; Clinical Assistance Phase; Direct Supervision Phase; and Indirect Supervision Phase. The program is accredited by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE). The program prepares the resident to take the American Board of Certification Examinations. The resident is a full-time UMMC employee and receives a salary and benefits package. Contact and application information is available on the Orthotics and Prosthetics website.
School of Medicine

The University of Mississippi Medical Center
## ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019
### M1 and M2 SEMESTER ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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## JUNIOR MEDICAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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**Note:**
1) Clinical activities of students may vary and may not conform to this schedule.
2) The required junior medical Clinical Skills Assessment will be scheduled between May 10-30, 2019. Each student will test for one day in this time period. The student will be notified of details regarding scheduling of this required activity.

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### SENIOR MEDICAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**July 1, 2018 – May 24, 2019**

**SUMMER AND FALL SEMESTERS**

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**Note:**
Monday, March 11, 2019 Preparation meeting for SOAP for students who did not match in NRMP
HISTORY
A special act of the Board of Trustees created the School of Medicine in 1903. Except for the 1909-1910 session when clinical training was provided at the Charity Hospital in Vicksburg, it operated continuously as a two-year school on the Oxford campus for more than half a century. In the summer of 1955, the school was moved to the state capital at Jackson and expanded to include the third and fourth years. The first class was graduated in June 1957. The School of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

MISSION
The School of Medicine's principal mission is to offer an excellent, comprehensive and interrelated program of medical education, biomedical research and health care. Through these programs, the ultimate goal of the School is to provide quality and equitable health care to all citizens of Mississippi, the region and nation. A core value of this mission is respect for the multiple dimensions of diversity reflected in all people.

In support of this mission, the School offers an accredited program of medical education that trains a diverse, skilled, compassionate, and respectful physician workforce in numbers consistent with the health care needs of Mississippi, professionals who are responsive to the health problems of the people, aware of health care disparities, and committed to medical education as a continuum which must prevail throughout professional life. In addition, the School seeks to expand the body of basic and applied knowledge in biomedical sciences for the state, nation and the world, and to improve systems of health care delivery and demonstrate model patient care for all members of our diverse community.

Approved by the Executive Faculty Committee, April 28, 2011

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
The educational program of the School of Medicine is designed to achieve the multiple goals of dissemination of knowledge through teaching, application of knowledge through clinical practice, and creation of new knowledge through scientific research. The specific educational program objectives set forth below reflect the essential requirements for physicians to act in an ethical and altruistic fashion while providing competent medical care and fulfilling their obligations to their patients.

I. Graduates must demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the structure and function of the human body to recognize alterations from the normal. They must recognize the various causes of such abnormalities and their pathogenesis. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:
   • Knowledge of the normal structure and function of the human body and each of its major organ systems.
   • Knowledge of the molecular, biochemical and cellular mechanisms which help maintain the body's homeostasis.
   • Knowledge of the various causes (genetic, developmental, metabolic, toxic, microbiologic, autoimmune, neoplastic, degenerative, and traumatic) of diseases and the ways in which they impact on the body (pathogenesis).
   • Knowledge of the altered structure and function (pathology and pathophysiology) of the body and its major organ systems that are seen in various diseases and conditions.
   • An understanding of the power of the scientific method in establishing the causation of disease and efficacy of traditional and nontraditional therapies.

II. Graduates must utilize the necessary diagnostic and interventional skills to accurately evaluate, diagnose and plan treatment appropriate for each patient. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:
   • Competence in obtaining an accurate medical history that covers all essential aspects of the patient's history, including issues related to age, gender, ethnic and socioeconomic status.
   • Competence in performing both a complete and an organ system specific examination, including one for mental status.
   • Competence in performing routine technical procedures including, at a minimum, venipuncture, inserting an intravenous catheter, airway management, inserting a nasogastric tube, inserting a Foley catheter and suturing simple lacerations.
   • Competence in interpreting results of commonly used diagnostic tests and procedures, i.e., laboratory, roentgenographic, electrocardiographic.
   • Knowledge of the most frequent manifestations of common disorders.
   • Ability to reason deductively in solving clinical problems.
Medical educators have a duty to convey the knowledge and skills required to deliver the profession's contemporary standard of care, to professional values by observing and emulating role models who epitomize authentic professional values and attitudes. The learning environments conducive to conveying professional values must be grounded in integrity. Students learn enduring lessons of the doctor-patient relationship and sustain the profession of medicine as a moral enterprise. This covenant serves as both a commitment to provide care to patients who are unable to pay and to advocate for access to health care for members of traditionally underserved populations.

III. Graduates must demonstrate those characteristics, attitudes and values that are needed to provide ethical and beneficent medical care for all patients. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:

- Knowledge of theories and principles that govern ethical decision making, and of the major ethical questions in medicine, particularly those at the beginning and end of life and those that surface from the rapid expansion of technology.
- Honesty and integrity in all interactions with patients, families, colleagues and others with whom physicians must interact in their professional lives.
- A commitment to advocate the interests of one’s patients over one’s own interests at all times.
- An understanding of the threats to medical professionalism posed by the conflicts of interest inherent in various financial and organizational arrangements for the practice of medicine.
- Capacity to recognize and accept limitations in one’s knowledge and clinical skills, and a commitment to continuously improve one’s knowledge and abilities.

IV. Graduates must employ systematic approaches for promoting, maintaining and improving the health of individuals and population. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:

- Knowledge of the important non-biological determinants of poor health and of the economic, psychological, social and cultural factors that contribute to the development and/or continuation of maladies.
- Knowledge of the epidemiology of common maladies within a defined population and the systematic approaches useful in reducing the incidence and prevalence of those maladies.
- The ability to identify factors that place individuals at risk for disease or injury, to select appropriate tests for detecting patients at risk for specific diseases or in the early stage of disease, and to determine strategies for responding appropriately.
- The ability to retrieve from electronic databases and other resources, manage and utilize biomedical information for solving problems and making decisions that are relevant to the care of individuals and populations.
- Knowledge of various approaches to the organization, financing and delivery of health care.
- A commitment to provide care to patients who are unable to pay and to advocate for access to health care for members of traditionally underserved populations.

V. Graduates must demonstrate the ability to engage in an interprofessional team in a manner that optimizes safe, effective patient- and population-centered care. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:

- Ability to establish and maintain a climate of mutual respect, dignity, diversity, ethical integrity and trust among health professionals.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with patients, patients’ families, and colleagues and others with whom physicians must interact in their professional lives.
- Compassionate and nonjudgmental treatment of all patients, and respect for the privacy and dignity of all patients.
- An understanding of, and respect for, the roles of other health care professionals, and of the need to collaborate and work with others in caring for individual patients and in promoting the health of defined populations.

VI. Graduates must demonstrate the qualities required to sustain lifelong personal and professional growth. At the completion of the medical school curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate:

- Commitment to engage in lifelong learning to stay abreast of relevant scientific advances.
- The ability to use self-awareness of knowledge, skills, and emotional limitations to engage in appropriate help-seeking behaviors.
- The ability to provide leadership skills that enhance team functioning and the learning environment.

A COVENANT FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION

THE TEACHER-STUDENT RELATIONSHIP

Preparation for a career in medicine requires the acquisition of a large base of knowledge. It also demands the virtues that form the basis of the doctor-patient relationship and sustain the profession of medicine as a moral enterprise. This covenant serves as both a commitment and a reminder to teachers and students that their conduct in fulfilling their mutual obligations is the medium through which the profession instills its ethical values.

PRECEPTS

Medical educators have a duty to convey the knowledge and skills required to deliver the profession’s contemporary standard of care, to instill the values and attitudes required to preserve the medical profession’s social contract across the generations.

The learning environments conducive to conveying professional values must be grounded in integrity. Students learn enduring lessons of professionalism by observing and emulating role models who epitomize authentic professional values and attitudes.
Fundamental to the ethic of medicine is respect for every individual. Mutual respect between learners, as novice members of the medical profession, and their teachers, as experienced and esteemed professionals, is essential for nurturing that ethic. Given the inherently hierarchical nature of the teacher-student relationship, teachers have a special obligation to ensure that students are always treated with respect.

**COMMITMENTS OF FACULTY**

- We pledge our utmost efforts to ensure that all components of the educational program for medical students are of the highest quality.
- As mentors for our student colleagues, we pledge that we will maintain high professional standards in all of our interactions with patients, colleagues, and staff.
- We pledge that we will respect all students as individuals, without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, age, or sexual orientation; we will not tolerate anyone who manifests disrespect or who expresses biased attitudes toward any student.
- We pledge that students will have sufficient time to fulfill personal and family obligations, to enjoy recreational activities, and to obtain adequate rest; we will monitor time required for “call” on clinical rotations.
- In nurturing both the intellectual and the personal development of students, we pledge to celebrate expressions of exemplary professional attitudes and behaviors, as well as achievement of academic excellence.
- We pledge that we will not tolerate any abuse or exploitation of students.
- We pledge that we will encourage any student who experiences mistreatment or who witnesses unprofessional behavior to report the facts immediately to appropriate faculty or staff; and we pledge that we will treat all such reports as confidential and will not tolerate reprisals or retaliations of any kind.

**COMMITMENTS OF STUDENTS**

- We pledge our utmost efforts to acquire the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors required to fulfill all educational objectives established by the faculty.
- We pledge that we will cherish the professional virtues of honesty, compassion, integrity, fidelity, and dependability.
- We pledge to respect all faculty members and all students as individuals, without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, age, or sexual orientation.
- As physicians in training, we pledge that we will embrace the highest standards of the medical profession and conduct ourselves accordingly in all of our interactions with patients, colleagues and staff. We pledge to respect all individuals without regard to gender, race, national origin, religion, age or sexual orientation.
- In fulfilling our own obligations as professionals, we also pledge to assist our fellow students in meeting their professional obligations.

**MEDICAL STUDENT PROFESSIONALISM CODE**

As a student of Medicine, I am now a member of the medical community, and as a member, I accept responsibility for my conduct and expect the highest standards of myself. I will also support others in upholding these standards. I understand that the behavior and attitudes of the individual medical student reflects on our classmates, our school, our families, our communities, and our profession. I recognize that it is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the medical profession. As a medical student in lecture, lab, small group, an administrator’s office, support staff’s office, clinic or the hospital, whether patients are present or not, I will act in a professional manner.

I pledge to uphold the following tenets of professionalism:

**Honesty and Integrity**

- I will demonstrate truthfulness and fidelity in academic and clinical activities, including examinations, evaluation, and any other representation of my work.
- I will not participate in or be a party to unfair advancement of academic standing.
- I will be truthful in all interactions with patients, peers, and faculty.
- I will be honest in the collection, interpretation, and reporting of data pertinent to academic work or patient care.
- I will adhere to the highest standard of integrity in professional relationships, including those with industry representatives.

**Respect for Others**

- I will demonstrate the highest standards of ethical and professional behavior in the academic and clinical setting.
- I will not discriminate against patients or their families based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, diagnosis, socioeconomic status, or ability to pay.
- I will treat my classmates, staff, those of various medical disciplines, and all health care team members with respect.
- I will display and expect non-discriminatory behavior toward and from my supervisors, my peers, and staff with whom I work.
- I will respect that faculty have devoted their time and experience to teaching medical students in lectures, labs, small groups, simulations, clinics, and hospitals.
- I will show respect in all oral, written, and e-mail communications, including patient presentations, clinical documentation, course evaluations and challenges to grades or test questions.
- I will protect patient confidentiality, discussing information with no one who does not have legitimate need to know.
- I will uphold the dignity of our patients.
- I will respect others by dressing appropriately, including wearing a clean white coat and appropriate identification during all anticipated patient or simulated patient contact. The Professional Appearance Policy for University Hospitals and Clinics can be found in the Student Handbook.
Reliability and Responsibility

- I will maintain patient well-being as my main focus and primary responsibility.
- I will fulfill responsibilities assigned to me with careful consideration of consequences to both patients and colleagues, recognizing that my failure to contribute fully increases the workload of others and may compromise the well-being of our patients.
- I will be punctual.
- I will educate myself about the ethical standards of my profession and the legal standards that may apply to my patients.
- I will acknowledge my strengths as well as my limitations, offering assistance when I am able and seeking assistance when necessary.
- I will not be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs while performing academic or clinical responsibilities.

Commitment to Self-Improvement

- I will continue to strive for knowledge, skills, competence, and best practices.
- I will prepare to the best of my ability for class, labs, small groups, clinic, and rounds.
- I will commit to participate through attendance in class, labs, small groups, and clinical settings.
- I will demonstrate willingness to share in the learning process with peers, faculty and staff to promote the student-teacher relationship and to assist others in meeting professional obligations.
- I will seek assistance from colleagues or professionals for any problems that adversely affect my education, quality of patient care or service to society.
- I will willingly assess my progress and identify areas for improvement and issues for continued learning.
- I will incorporate feedback into self-improvement.
- I will effectively use technology to manage information for patient care and self-improvement.
- I will continue to strive to become an honest, responsible and compassionate member of the medical profession, with service to and well-being of the patient as my guide.

Finally, as a student, I will adhere to UMMC policies on professionalism, conduct, personal appearance, patient confidentiality, and compliance.

POLICY ON PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

Students enrolled in the School of Medicine must develop the professional behaviors expected of a physician. Students will be evaluated in the areas of attentiveness, maturity, cooperation, responsibility, personal appearance, respect (for authority, peers, patients and other members of the health care team), communication, judgment, ethics, honesty, morality, as well as other characteristics of professionalism important for a career in medicine.

Each day, a medical student will encounter a number of people who will observe professional or unprofessional behaviors. These people may report compliments or concerns related to the professional behavior of a student through verbal, written, or other reporting mechanisms. Examples of report sources include: faculty members, residents, nurses, other health care providers, other medical center employees, medical school peers, patients, or patient’s family members. Reports of exemplary professional or unprofessional behaviors or concerns should be made to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or the Vice Dean for Medical Education and can be completed using the electronic student evaluation system E*Value.

When a student receives a report of a concern related to unprofessional behavior, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or for Vice Dean for Medical Education will meet with the student to discuss the incident.

Following the initial meeting with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or for Vice Dean for Medical Education, the following actions will be taken:

1. If the incident is felt to be minor:
   - The initial interview and counseling session, as well as further monitoring of a student’s performance in the area of concern may suffice.
   - Other Associate Deans in the School of Medicine may be asked to participate in counseling and meeting with the students. The counseling session will be documented in the student’s file in the office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or Vice Dean for Medical Education, but the report will not carry forth to future evaluations if the behavior does not recur and if there are no other reports of unprofessional behavior.
   - If the reported incident, upon investigation, is found to be frivolous and not valid, this fact will be clearly documented in the student’s file.

2. If the incident is of serious concern or if there has been a pattern (greater than two) of minor incidents, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs or Vice Dean for Medical Education, or other Associate Deans in the School of Medicine will interview and counsel the student as above and may:
   - Discuss the incident with the Dean’s Council, and recommend that the student be placed on leave of absence.
   - Discuss the incident with the Dean’s Council, and recommend that the student be placed on probation for unprofessional behavior.
   - Discuss the incident with the Dean’s Council, and recommend that the student repeat the course.
   - Discuss the incident with the Dean’s Council, and recommend the student repeat the academic year.
   - Discuss the incident with the Dean’s Council, and recommend the student be dismissed from the School of Medicine.

These recommendations will be presented to the Dean of the School of Medicine for approval.

The Mechanism for Appeal is outlined in the Student Handbook.
A student who returns after a suspension, dismissal, or withdrawal for unprofessional behavior will automatically be on academic probation for at least one academic semester.

A student dismissed from the School of Medicine for unprofessional behavior may appeal for re-admission to advanced standing.

PROGRAM
The School of Medicine offers a course of study leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The four-year course leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE
The degree of Doctor of Medicine is conferred upon candidates of good moral character who have studied in a LCME-accredited medical school at least four academic sessions, of which the last two sessions must be spent in the regular four-year course of this school; who have properly fulfilled all academic requirements of the medical curriculum; and who have discharged all financial obligations to this school. The diploma is awarded summa cum laude to the graduate who ranks first in the class in academic achievement, magna cum laude to the graduates who rank second, third, and fourth, and cum laude to the graduates who rank fifth through tenth.

THE CURRICULUM IN MEDICINE
The purpose of the medical curriculum is to give students with high academic promise the opportunity to develop the knowledge, clinical skills, attitudes, and behaviors of excellent physicians. The fundamentals of medicine are taught by a distinguished faculty in a caring environment.

The curriculum in medicine consists of four academic sessions. During the two preclinical years, students learn the sciences basic to the study of medicine and participate in laboratory exercises, small-group discussion, computer-assisted learning, independent study, and patient simulation. The first year (M1) curriculum was revised with the goal of increasing integration, improving the sequencing of course content, and providing earlier clinical experience for medical students in a manner similar to what already occurs in the second year (M2) curriculum. Sophomore students must complete Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) to be eligible for promotion to the junior year. Students may begin the junior (M3) year on a contingent basis pending receipt of the results of their initial USMLE Step 1.

The third year involves full-time clinical study as students rotate through the major clinical disciplines and selected electives. Students also participate in the team care of patients in the University Hospitals and Clinics, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and various community settings. ACLS and the required technical skills must be completed in the third year. The student must demonstrate skills in specified technical procedures and complete the documentation by the end of the third year.

POLICY ON ACADEMIC STATUS
PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE
The Promotions Committee shall be the primary body to act upon matters of student academic evaluation for promotion, recommendation for graduation, withdrawal, and dismissal. The committee shall consist of faculty members in appropriate teaching departments in the School of Medicine. The Chairman of the Promotions Committee shall be appointed or designated by the dean. The Promotions Committee shall be responsible for decisions regarding promotion and academic status in each year and for recommendation for graduation to receive the MD degree. These recommendations shall be sent to the Dean and shall be presented to the Executive Faculty of the School of Medicine for review prior to final implementation or notification of the student.

GRADING
Each department directing a course or clinical block shall specify the requirements of that course or block, and the standards by which students of that course or block are evaluated and shall submit electronically in SAP for each student a numerical percentage grade for that course, with 70.0 as the minimum passing grade.

Each department shall submit electronically in SAP grades in completed courses within 30 days of the final examination. When national testing examinations are to be used in the compilation of final grades, student grades must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of the results of such examinations. To promote this all Medical Student Clinical Performance Evaluations (MSCPE) should be submitted in electronic evaluation system in time to allow grade calculation. In general all should be complete within 3 weeks of the final examination.

A grade of incomplete will be given when, at the end of a regular course period, additional work is required, due to non-completion of a portion of the course requirements, i.e., lost time or missed examination because of illness or other extenuating circumstances. A grade of incomplete may be removed by completing missed work, or by successful completion of examinations, whichever is appropriate. A grade of incomplete must be removed within twelve months.

A grade below 70.0 is a failing grade, given when a student demonstrates deficiency in required performance, and will require significant make-up work or reexamination, or repeating the course.

If a student is required to repeat a portion of a course including examination(s), an entire course, or an entire year of study, the initial grade and the subsequent grade are both recorded on permanent records of that student, with the initial grade used to compute class academic rank and grade point average (GPA).

At the end of each academic year, a weighted average will be computed to determine a class ranking which may provide a means to determine honors, awards, and scholarships specifying an academic rating as a stipulation, or which may be used in transfers to other schools.

Student performance at UMMC is evaluated according to academic criteria, not on the basis of opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. A course director (defined as one who has responsibility for a class or directed individual study) is given the authority
over all matters affecting the academic conduct of that instructional unit, including assignment of grades. The course director shall be presumed to have assigned the proper grade until it is proven otherwise. The burden of proof to the contrary rests with the student. Students shall have protection against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. It is expected that the method of grading by instructors be made clear to students and that instructors be required to justify disputed grades. All records on which grades are based are expected to be retained on file for a minimum of six months following scheduled completion of any instructional unit. Disputes associated with the assignment of grades must be filed with the instructor's chair/department head and the School of Medicine in writing within 10 working days of the receipt/posting of the grade. The chair/department head will have 10 working days to respond to the student's dispute. If the student still feels the matter has not been resolved appropriately, a written appeal shall be made to the dean (See MECHANISM FOR APPEAL).

A course director may change a reported grade only if the original grade was incorrectly assigned due to clerical or computational error, or if a student meets the requirements for the removal of an “I” grade.

PROMOTION
To be eligible for promotion, a student must achieve a grade of not less than 70.0 in each course, have no incomplete grade, and have a weighted average of 75.0 or higher. Sophomore students must also pass Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) to be eligible for promotion to the junior year. Senior students must also have passed USMLE Step 2 (clinical knowledge and clinical skills) to be eligible for graduation.

At the end of the year, a student who has no failing grades, but has a weighted average below 75.0, will be required to satisfactorily complete remedial work prior to promotion or graduation; in such a case, remedial work may include the possibility that an entire academic year be repeated.

A student must satisfactorily complete all requirements before being promoted to the next higher academic year and before beginning courses in the next higher academic year. An exception to the latter may temporarily be made when grades are not immediately available as in the case of delayed national test results. Under no circumstances will a student with known and unremediated academic deficiencies be allowed to begin courses in the next higher academic year.

Students with failing grades in one or more courses shall be placed on academic probation, and if not dismissed, will be required to remove probationary status by reexamination, by repeating a course, or by repeating the year, as required by the Promotions Committee, Executive Faculty and Dean. The Promotions Committee shall take into account a student’s overall performance and extenuating circumstances before reaching a final decision in this regard.

Students who are required to repeat an entire year, shall register for the actual credit hour value of that year, and shall pay the usual fees of a full-time student for the period of time specified.

Sophomore students, satisfactorily completing all course work for the second (M2) year, may begin the junior (M3) year on a contingent basis, pending receipt of the results of their initial USMLE Step 1. Students who fail Step 1 may continue with the junior year, completing the rotation that is in progress if the student is in passing status. At the end of said rotation, such students will be placed in Independent Study for a period not to exceed 10 total weeks. Students who receive a passing score on USMLE Step 1 during this period qualify for promotion and may resume their junior (M3) year on the next available block. A passing score on the repeated attempt must be received before a student can resume their junior (M3) year and begin clinical work. No junior (M3) medical student will be allowed to spend more than 10 total weeks in Independent Study without being required to repeat the junior (M3) year.

Students who fail to receive a passing USMLE Step 1 score and miss more than 10 total weeks of the junior (M3) year will be placed on leave and be required to repeat the junior (M3) year in its entirety. To be eligible for a repeated attempt of the junior (M3) year, students must take USMLE Step 1 by April 1, allowing them to restart the junior (M3) year from its beginning with the next class. Repeating students will also be required to complete a 30 day clinical refresher course held during the month of May. Students who fail to follow this process will be dismissed from the School of Medicine.

Senior students, satisfactorily completing all course work for graduation but failing to receive a passing score on USMLE Step 2, will be given one year beyond the original expected date of graduation to pass Step 2 and to receive their degree. Students failing to pass Step 2 within that year are no longer eligible for the MD degree without additional course work at this school. Such additional course work shall consist of a remedial third (M3) year of medical school, which must be taken and passed in its entirety with all examinations. Any failed course or National Board examination in the remedial year may not be repeated, and such a failure will result in the student’s dismissal from medical school. Following satisfactory completion of the entire remedial year, students again become eligible for the MD degree and have one additional year to pass the USMLE Step 2. Thereafter, students are no longer eligible for the MD degree and will be dismissed from the School of Medicine.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Leave of absence from medical school may be granted by the dean or his/her administrative designee under the following conditions:

1. For students in good academic standing to pursue training as a medical scientist (i.e., to pursue research experience or to complete a Master’s or PhD degree).
2. Leave of absence for students with academic, personal, financial, or medical problems may be granted in special circumstances.
If the leave of absence is granted during the academic year for the remainder of that academic year with the potential of returning to repeat the entire academic year, final grades in courses which have been completed will be recorded in the Office of Student Records and Registrar. Grades in courses in progress shall be reported to the Office of Student Records and Registrar as “withdrawn.”

WITHDRAWAL
A student with academic, personal or health problems precluding satisfactory performance or continued enrollment which require more than one academic semester of leave, may be allowed to withdraw.

At the time of withdrawal, final grades in courses which have been completed will be recorded in the Office of Student Records and Registrar. Grades in progress shall be returned to the Office of Student Records and Registrar with a determination of “withdrawn.”

Any withdrawal by a student shall be presented to the appropriate Promotions Committee, which shall determine conditions under which a student may be readmitted, if at all, and shall make such recommendations to the dean and Executive Faculty. The student shall be informed of readmission eligibility status and requirements.

Students who voluntarily withdraw may not be readmitted except as a beginning first-year student (i.e., no advanced standing) if over two years have elapsed since withdrawal. If two years or less have elapsed since withdrawal, a student may be admitted to advanced standing but must repeat entirely any course/block not previously completed. Alternatively, depending on academic standing and time elapsed, a student may be required to repeat the entire academic year from which he/she withdrew.

In the event of withdrawal prior to the end of the first semester of the first year, the student will not be eligible for readmission, except that he/she may apply for admission to the first year class as any other new student.

A student who withdraws and has been declared eligible for readmission must apply for readmission by petitioning the dean, stating the reasons for his/her withdrawal and why he/she now believes he/she is able to pursue academic studies successfully. This petition shall become a part of the student’s permanent record.

DISMISSAL
A student dismissed from the School of Medicine shall not be eligible for readmission in advanced standing. Such students shall not be precluded from applying for readmission to the first-year class as any other new candidate. Dismissal from the School of Medicine may be for:

1. Academic failure. Included are: (a) students who have academic deficiency in the current school year; (b) students who have a repeat failing grade in any repeated course or block or who failed any course or block in a repeated year; (c) other failure as determined by the Promotions Committee.
2. Health reasons. In this category are students who by reason of health, including behavioral and psychiatric disorders, are precluded from satisfactory academic performance or satisfactory performance as a physician in the practice of medicine.
3. Conviction of a felony.
4. Conduct deemed to be other than honorable or ethical (i.e., cheating on examination, taking credit for work not one’s own, etc.)
5. Any student who commits an unlawful act on or off the Medical Center or whose conduct discredits the Medical Center in any way will be subject to disciplinary action, up to, and including, dismissal.

MECHANISM FOR APPEAL
The Executive Faculty shall act as an appeal body for all academic and/or unprofessional behavior matters that concern grades, promotion, conditions imposed by suspension, dismissal or withdrawal. Students shall be notified of adverse academic decisions such as requirements for remedial work, conditions upon withdrawal, or dismissal. Each student shall be notified of his or her right to appear before the executive faculty to appeal such decisions. Any request for appeal must be by written petition to the dean within 14 days of the recommendation of the sanction. Failure to make a written appeal within this 14-day time period shall constitute a waiver of the right of appeal and shall result in the sanction becoming final as recommended. A member of the faculty also may appeal to the executive faculty on behalf of a student. During an appeal hearing before the executive faculty, the student shall be permitted, at his/her expense, to have an adviser or legal counsel represent him or her at the hearing and through all other stages of the disciplinary process. The role of the counsel shall be limited to an advisory capacity only. He/she will not be permitted to make opening or closing statements/questions, choose witnesses, or make concluding statements on his/her behalf. The student is entitled to present witnesses or other evidence, question opposing witnesses, and make opening and concluding statements on his/her own behalf.

The Executive Faculty shall record all hearings, which record shall be preserved until the time for all avenues of appeal available to the student shall have expired. The executive faculty shall have the right to approve the recommended sanction, impose a lower sanction or no sanction, or impose a harsher sanction than recommended. The executive faculty shall render a written decision within ten (10) working days of the completion of the hearing, and shall notify the student with a copy of the written decision. All decisions by the Executive Faculty concerning academic matters are final. The student shall have the right to file a procedural appeal in writing to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Provost within five (5) working days. In the case that a procedural violation is found to have occurred, the case will be returned to the point of procedural issue and readdressed.

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PRE-APPLICATION COUNSELING
Students wanting to become a doctor should visit the Association of American Medical Colleges’ (AAMC) website, “Considering a Medical Career.” The UMMC Medical School Admissions website contains useful information which outline medical school education, preparation, useful links, a timeline for applying, degree programs offered by this school, the selection process, entering class statistics and some reasons why you should attend the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.
Pre-application counseling is available for prospective applicants and post-application counseling is available for unsuccessful applicants. To make an appointment, call the medical school admissions office (601-984-5010). After the Admissions Office confirms an appointment, a student seeking pre-application counseling will be given a Pre-application Counseling Form on which background information is obtained that will be useful during counseling. E-mail communication with the Admissions Office is encouraged.

**ADMISSION TO THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM**
Details about the admissions process, including deadlines and links to the application and admission test, can be found at the school’s website; select the “Students” tab. Information will be listed under “Prospective Students”.

The authority to select applicants for admission to the School of Medicine is vested in the Admissions Committee. The committee, appointed by the dean of the School of Medicine, is chaired by the associate dean for medical school admissions and is composed of members of the basic science and clinical faculty. No student may enroll for courses in the School of Medicine, either as a regular full-time student or as a special part-time student, without being admitted by the committee.

Correspondence regarding admission (such as requests for counseling and application status updates) should be addressed to: Associate Dean for Medical School Admissions, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505; telephone (601) 984-5010; Fax (601) 984-5008; E-mail AdmitMD@umc.edu.

Letters of evaluation must be submitted directly to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

Official admissions records (such as transcripts) are handled in the Office of Student Records and Registrar and become the property of the School of Medicine. They cannot be returned to the applicant or forwarded to another school or individual. Correspondence regarding official records should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505, telephone (601) 984-1080.

Selection of applicants is made, without regard to race, creed, sex, color, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability or veteran status. Qualified handicapped students will be considered in relation to the Technical Standards which follow.

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, RETENTION, PROMOTION AND CERTIFICATION FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE**
Because the M.D. degree awarded to a senior medical student signifies that the holder is prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Successful students should not only demonstrate honesty, integrity, reliability, and responsibility, but also clear respect for others and cultural sensitivity. Students are expected to excel in a rigorous academic environment and clearly demonstrate academic and personal achievement and a commitment to self-improvement and professional behavior. A graduate from the College of Medicine is expected to have a strong sense of commitment to serving his or her community, adhere to high ethical standards, and to be sensitive to individual, cultural, and ethnic differences that exist in society. Students must be able to meet these technical standards with or without reasonable academic accommodations.

**Observation:** The medical student must be able to observe and participate in demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences, including, but not limited to, physiologic and pharmacologic demonstrations in animals, microbiologic cultures, and microscopic studies of microorganisms and tissues in normal and pathologic states, and anatomical specimens. The student must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand. Observation necessitates the functional use of the senses of vision, hearing, and somatic sensation. It is enhanced by the functional use of the sense of smell.

**Communication:** The candidate must be able to demonstrate and use (in English) the knowledge acquired during the medical education process to elicit, convey, clarify and transmit information (both in oral and written form) effectively, accurately, efficiently and sensitively to patients, their families and other members of the health care team. Candidates must be able to communicate with patients in order to elicit information regarding mood, activity and posture and perceive nonverbal communication. Communication and transmission of information includes reading, writing, hearing and speech. For example, candidates must be able to present legible, accurate and skillful information in oral and written form to a preceptor, professor, teammate, patient, patient’s family, and other members of the health care team. Candidates must also be able to effectively and efficiently participate in fast paced, small group discussions/interactions and in patient care settings where clinical decisions may depend on rapid communication.

**Motor Coordination and Sensory Skills:** Sufficient motor function, tactile ability and sensory abilities are required to attend and participate effectively in all classroom, laboratories, conferences, clinical settings, and activities that are part of the curriculum. Medical students must have somatic sensation and the functional use of the senses of vision, hearing, and equilibrium. They must have sufficient exteroceptive sense (touch, pain and temperature), sufficient proprioceptive sense (position, pressure, movement, stereognosis and vibratory) and sufficient motor function to perform the activities described in the sections that follow. Students must also be able to consistently, quickly, and accurately integrate all information received by whatever sense(s) and have the intellectual ability to learn, integrate, analyze and synthesize data, and the appropriate behavioral and social skills for patient interaction.

Students should have sufficient motor function to obtain information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic maneuvers; to do basic laboratory tests; to carry out diagnostic procedures; to read electrocardiograms and radiographs; and to conduct anatomical dissections in the basic sciences and clinical years. A student should be able to execute the motor movements reasonably required to provide general and emergency care to patients. Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of physicians are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, application of pressure to stop bleeding, opening of obstructed airways, suturing of simple wounds and performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers. General care would include, but not limited to neurological, gynecological, prostate, pediatric, obstetric examinations (with appropriate instruments), wound repair and the application of pressure to stop bleeding. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.
Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities: A student must demonstrate the ability to integrate, assimilate and memorize large amounts of detailed and complex information and to process that information. Additional abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of physicians, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, the student must be able to comprehend three dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of structures.

Behavioral and Social Attributes: The medical education process is both demanding and challenging. A student must possess the emotional health required to fully use his or her intellectual abilities; to exercise good judgment; to promptly complete the responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients; and to develop mature, sensitive and appropriate relationships with patients. Students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress; independently and competently. They must be flexible and able to adapt to changing environments, and capable of functioning in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients.

The possession of interpersonal skills is equally important. The candidate should demonstrate compassion, empathy, a caring attitude, tolerance, an acceptance of differences, personal generosity toward others, thoughtfulness and a general concern and respect for other individuals.

All students are expected to act as professionals and to be responsible for themselves and their own behavior and actions. Professional behavior would include such things as completing promptly all assignments and responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients; and to develop mature, sensitive and appropriate relationships with patients. Students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress; independently and competently. They must be flexible and able to adapt to changing environments, and capable of functioning in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Medical school admissions requirements nationwide have for the most part remained unchanged for decades. While students who have achieved them performed well in medical school, these requirements have often burdened and even discouraged non-science majors from applying to medical school and they impeded creativity in undergraduate premedical education. Furthermore, they fail to convey the need to cover modern topics. After considering the ongoing transformation in medical school admissions, the array of admissions requirements used by medical schools nationwide and the type of applicant this medical school seeks to educate, an Admissions Task Force appointed by the vice dean of the School of Medicine (SOM) concluded that 1) it was in the best interest of this medical school to abandon the current list of prescribed courses; and 2) to afford applicants flexibility in meeting requirements for admission. Recommendations of the Admission Task Force were endorsed by the SOM Admissions Committee and approved by the Council of Deans.

Dates for phasing out current admissions requirements, phasing in new admissions criteria options (detailed in chart) and when Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT®) scores from the current (MCAT1991) and forthcoming (MCAT2015) exams will be acceptable are summarized in the following table. Further explanation of each admissions criteria option follows. Applicants must indicate on the SOM Secondary Application which criteria they wish to use to qualify for admission and courses taken or planned that fulfill that option.

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*Application must be submitted during previous calendar year

CURRENT ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA OPTIONS

Students, in consultation with a premedical adviser, should develop proficiency in a specific major area of study while in undergraduate school and acquire a background in the humanities and social sciences. Non-science majors with an interest in medicine are encouraged to apply.

Course credits are acceptable from only accredited U.S. colleges and universities. The applicant must show credit for at least three years of college work, totaling not fewer than 90 acceptable semester hours. These minimum 90 hours consist of courses required for entrance to this medical school and other courses required by an undergraduate institution for a baccalaureate degree. None of the 90 semester hours of minimum collegiate course work may be met by the following: correspondence courses; courses in physical training, military science, or dogmatic religion.

Strong preference is given to applicants who will have completed all requirements for a baccalaureate degree prior to entering medical school. For those applicants applying with the minimum 90 acceptable semester hours, a maximum of 65 semester hours of credit from an accredited community college may be applied toward the minimum 90 acceptable semester hours required for admission. College graduates may complete additional post-baccalaureate coursework to satisfy prerequisites at any accredited U.S. college or university, regardless of the number of community college credit hours applied toward their completed undergraduate degree.
An applicant must indicate on the SOM Secondary Application which of the following three admissions criteria options they wish to use to qualify for admission and courses taken or planned that fulfill that option.

For all options described below, the admissions committee evaluation of academic performance will not be limited to these courses; an applicant’s entire academic record is subject to evaluation.

**End-Point Courses** - The objective of this option is to describe what courses need to be taken; but, not the path to achieve this end point. Undergraduate institutions will decide acceptable pathways to these end-point courses that may include traditional course requirements, condensed or novel requirements.

Any applicant selecting this option must document on a transcript that required end-point courses have been taken; well prepared applicants may also indicate which recommended courses have been taken.

No required End-Point course should be taken online.

**The following courses are required:**

- Life Sciences: 2 semesters of any combination of the following:
  - Cellular Biology
  - Physiology
  - Embryology
  - Immunology & Serology
  - Microbiology
  - Neuroscience
- Biochemistry: 1 semester
- Physics: 2nd semester

**Familiarity with the following subjects is recommended:** content might be acquired by taking courses by that name, courses with different names but similar content or self-study:

- Algebra
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Sociology

**Course-Competency Maps** - Applicants eligible for this admissions criteria option are limited to those enrolled at institutions with departments that have constructed course-competency maps that have been submitted to the School of Medicine and approved by the Admissions Committee. The current list includes:

- Millsaps College - Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Physics
- Mississippi College - Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mathematics Computer Science, Physics
- Mississippi State University - Agricultural & Biological Engineering, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
- University of Mississippi - Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Mathematics, Philosophy & Religion, Physics & Astronomy

The current model for this option is derived from 2010 Howard Hughes Medical Institute - Association of American Medical Colleges report, Scientific Foundations for Future Physicians. These competencies or their source may change.

To qualify for admission, an applicant must complete any combination of courses, whose combined content has been mapped to cover the 37 learning objectives that can provide the following eight entering medical student competencies:

- E1 - Apply quantitative reasoning and appropriate mathematics to describe or explain phenomena in the natural world.
- E2 - Demonstrate understanding of the process of scientific inquiry, and explain how scientific knowledge is discovered and validated.
- E3 - Demonstrate knowledge of basic physical principles and their applications to the understanding of living systems.
- E4 - Demonstrate knowledge of basic principles of chemistry and some of their applications to the understanding of living systems.
- E5 - Demonstrate knowledge of how biomolecules contribute to the structure and function of cells.
- E6 - Apply understanding of principles of how molecular and cell assemblies, organs, and organisms develop structure and carry out function.
- E7 - Explain how organisms sense and control their internal environment and how they respond to external change.
- E8 - Demonstrate an understanding of how the organizing principle of evolution by natural selection explains the diversity of life on earth.

**Novel Curricular Tracks** - Applicants eligible for this admissions criteria option are limited to those enrolled at institutions that have devised novel premedical curricula that have been submitted to the School of Medicine and approved by the Admissions Committee. Institutions currently developing Novel curricula include Millsaps College and the University of Mississippi.

To qualify for admission, an applicant must complete an approved track of multidisciplinary courses that integrate the learning objectives that can provide entering medical student competencies.

**Indication of Courses that Fulfill Admissions Criteria Options** - Upon receipt of an AMCAS® application, the medical school admissions office will email an applicant instructions for completing the supplemental application through the AMCAS Applicant Gateway. This supplemental application, among other information, will ask applicants to select the admission criteria option they wish to use to qualify for admission and courses taken or planned that fulfill that option. Options include the following:

- End-point Courses
  - Applicants must select and list the courses taken that fulfill this option in the prerequisites section
  - Applicants will be given the option to list the number and name of courses taken or planned that are recommended under this option

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• Course-Competency Maps
  - Applicants must list the number and name of courses planned whose content maps to learning objectives that can provide the desired competencies.
  - This option applies only to students at schools with course-competency maps previously approved by the SOM admissions committee.

• Novel Curricula
  - Applicants must list the number and name of courses planned that comprise eligible novel curricula. This option applies only to students at schools with novel curricula previously approved by the SOM admissions committee.

Non-Traditional Applicants - There is no time limit on the validity of a baccalaureate degree; however, the Admissions Committee has concerns when relevant courses have been taken 10 or more years ago. Required courses should be recently completed or current regardless of the option chosen. End-point courses (life sciences, biochemistry or physics) or any course used to meet the course-competency map option that were completed 10 more years prior to applying are not acceptable. Applicants have the choice of either repeating 10 year old courses or completing new coursework to satisfy the selected admissions option.

Conditional Acceptance - Acceptance to this medical school is conditional; the Admissions Committee may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, patterns of unprofessional behavior and incidents discovered in a criminal background check.

RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION
The Office of Student Records and Registrar is responsible for determining whether or not an applicant meets the requirements for being a legal resident of Mississippi for the purpose of enrollment. When requested, applicants must complete a Request for Review of Residency Classification form and provide copies of a driver’s license, car registration, car tag, voter registration card, proof of in-state banking and proof of a permanent in-state domicile. A copy of the Request for Review of Residency Classification form can be acquired from the School of Medicine web page or the Office of Student Records and Registrar (601-984-1080).

ADMISSIONS STANDARDS AND LEGAL POLICY
For admission purposes, the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center gives preference to residents of the State of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and JHL Policy 610. As such, the School of Medicine currently accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. The School of Medicine may choose to not accept applications from students who cannot demonstrate residency as defined by Miss. Code § 37-103-7 and 37-103-13. In recent years, it has not been possible to admit nonresidents of the State of Mississippi.

MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TEST
The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) web page for student services provides valuable information on medical schools and electronic access to the following:

• American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) Applications – All applications must be made through AMCAS®, a nonprofit, centralized application processing service for applicants to the first-year entering classes at participating U.S. medical schools. The AMCAS® application is available only online. More information may be obtained by writing to the American Medical College Application Service, 2501 M Street, NW, Lobby-26, Washington, DC 20037-1300 or by e-mail: amcas@aamc.org.

• Medical College Admission Test (MCAT®) - All applicants for admission to the School of Medicine must take the MCAT®. The test is computer-based, offered at specific test sites only and offered multiple times each year. By following a well-planned schedule, the premedical student should be ready to take the test no later than the late spring of the junior year and release scores to all schools to which they intend to apply. Selection of applicants for the medical school class entering in a given calendar year will be based, in part, on MCAT® scores acquired during the previous three calendar years only. Selection of alternates may include consideration of MCAT® scores acquired in the same calendar year. MCAT® information (including test sites, registration deadlines and testing dates) and registration may be accessed online. This information can also be acquired from most college premedical advisers or writing to the MCAT® Program Office, P.O. Box 4056, Iowa City, Iowa 52243-4046.

• Fee Assistance Program (FAP) - The AAMC FAP is designed to be used in conjunction with registration for the MCAT® and/or for application to medical school through the AMCAS®. The FAP is provided to assist individuals with extreme financial limitations whose inability to pay the full MCAT® registration fee or the AMCAS® application fee would prevent them from taking the examination or applying to medical school. Further information and the FAP application are listed at the website. The supplemental application fee for this medical school will be refunded for applicants who are approved for FAP.

• Nonacademic and Personal Preparation - Applicants are advised that in addition to academic preparation, MCAT® performance, and interviews, the Admissions Committee seeks evidence of: health related experiences, volunteer/community service activities, and leadership as well as other notable time commitments such as employment, athletics, research, hobbies, etc. Experience (volunteer or paid) in a health related environment is strongly encouraged. These activities should be listed and explained by the applicant in the Work/Activities section of the AMCAS® application.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Applicants are advised that everyone who completes a file by published program deadlines will be considered for admission; however, since those who submit applications and complete files early may have an advantage in the selection process, the following timeline is strongly
suggested. During the fall of the junior year, traditional applicants (who plan to enter medical school the August after graduation from a four-year baccalaureate degree-granting program) are recommended to begin the timeline below. Non-traditional applicants should consider a similar timeline beginning about two years before the anticipated fall enrollment in medical school.

- **September** - Begin preparation for Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
- **April/May** - Take 1st MCAT
- **May** - Request transcripts & faculty evaluation letters be sent to AMCAS
- **June** - Complete and submit on-line American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application
- **Summer** - Repeat MCAT, if needed
- **September** - Interviews begin

The tables that follow summarize dates for submitting required documentation to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC). Details for the Early Decision Program (EDP), Regular Decision Program (RDP) and Combined MD/PhD Program follow.

Applicants should submit all documents as early as possible and well ahead of deadlines. Applicants alone are solely responsible for ensuring all required documents reach the appropriate offices by the specified deadlines. An applicant file lacking any item on the specified deadline will be considered incomplete and ineligible for consideration for admission. The Associate Dean for Medical School Admissions may, for good cause shown, grant individual deadline extensions if the applicant can document that circumstances beyond his/her control were encountered that prevented timely arrival of required documentation.

To monitor timely document receipt, an applicant should:

- Contact AAMC to confirm his/her AMCAS® application is complete and transcripts for all college course work have been received.
- Access the School of Medicine’s restricted Secondary Application System to confirm that the secondary application, supplemental application fee, transcripts for all college course work and required faculty Letters of Evaluation have been received.
- An applicant’s file for this medical school is not considered complete until all of these items have been received. Due to the volume of material received, anticipate a few days delay between receipt and posting of information to this site.
- For questions pertaining to transcripts, contact the Office of Student Records and Registrar.
- For everything else, contact the Associate Dean for Medical School Admissions.

### EARLY DECISION PROGRAM (EDP)

Students interested in early acceptance may apply for admission under the EDP. Two important aspects of the EDP should be understood:

1. The applicant can apply to only one school of choice until a decision is received and, if accepted, must attend that school; (2) if not accepted under the EDP, the applicant may be reconsidered as a RDP applicant by that school and is automatically eligible to apply to other schools. Since EDP decisions are rendered before most RDP applications are reviewed, only above average applicants are competitive for the EDP. The typical entering class at this medical school has an undergraduate biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics (BCPM) cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 and MCAT® scores that average 9 in verbal reasoning, physical science and biological science.

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⁴Letters of evaluation, must be written by faculty who taught the applicant preferably pre-requisite courses and who can provide information not readily available elsewhere. No specific format is required; however, the Premedical Faculty Appraisal Form may be provided to letter writers to indicate areas of interest to the Admissions Committee. Above all, we seek information on an applicant’s approach to academic studies including how difficulties encountered along the way were dealt with. A minimum of three faculty letters is required; however, one composite evaluation from a pre-professional advisory committee will suffice. Supplemental letters should be kept to a minimum. When appropriate, a supplemental letter from a physician the applicant has shadowed or current employer may be considered by the admissions committee; but it does not replace required faculty evaluations. All letters of evaluation must be submitted directly to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

Both AMCAS® and the Medical Center require receipt of specific documents by specified deadlines summarized above. Applicants who wish to apply for the EDP must submit a web-based AMCAS® application and transcripts of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate work to AAMC. In addition, EDP applicants must submit a web-based Secondary Application to UMMC, transcripts of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate work to the Office of Student Records and Registrar and three faculty letters of evaluation to the associate dean for medical school admissions. A final decision on EDP applications will be rendered on or before October 1.

### REGULAR DECISION PROGRAM (RDP)

Students may simultaneously apply for admission to multiple medical schools under the RDP. Both AMCAS® and the Medical Center require receipt of specific documents by specified deadlines summarized above. Applicants wishing to apply for the RDP may begin on June 1 and must submit a web-based AMCAS® application by October 15 and transcripts of all undergraduate and post-baccalaureate work to...
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**COMBINED DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)/DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAM (PhD)**

The MD/PhD program is offered to highly qualified students by the School of Medicine in collaboration with the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. The program is designed primarily to train physician scientists who seek a professional career combining clinical skills and research. For this combined program, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered in the health sciences programs. Information can be found [online](#).

Students interested in pursuing the MD/PhD program must complete all medical school application materials. In addition, applicants must:

- Complete the MD/PhD Motivation and Significant Research essays in their AMCAS application, describing all relevant research experience and research presentations;
- Submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores;
- Submit at least one supplemental faculty letters of evaluation from someone able to evaluate the applicant’s research potential.
- Adhere to RDP deadlines.

Applicants to this combined degree program must be sequentially accepted for admission by the admissions committees of both the School of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

The MD/PhD program is a seven-year program. During the first three years, the student is enrolled respectively in the freshman, sophomore and junior medical courses/clerkships. For the following three years, the student is enrolled in courses required by a relevant graduate program in the biomedical sciences, which are listed under the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, and performs independent scientific research leading to the successful defense of a PhD dissertation. During the final year, the student is enrolled in senior medical courses.

A limited number of stipends are available for students enrolled in this combined degree program. Competitive scholarships may also be available which offer a waiver of medical and graduate school tuition.

It is also possible for first- or second-year medical students not currently in the MD/PhD program to pursue an MD/PhD degree. Interested students should contact the graduate program director of a specific program about the possibility of pursuing a PhD degree in that program before applying to graduate school.

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ADVANCED STANDING TRANSFER

Applications for admission to advanced standing at levels up to the beginning of the junior year in the University of Mississippi School of Medicine are considered by the Admissions Committee. Prior to admissions committee deliberations, the associate deans for admissions, student affairs and academic affairs consult with the dean of the School of Medicine who determines whether space exists within the pertinent medical student class. This process ensures that adequate resources exist so that the training of currently enrolled students will not be adversely affected.

Advanced standing applicants must be currently enrolled and in good academic standing at an LCME accredited U.S. medical school and strong preference is given to those who fulfill Mississippi residency requirements (see Admissions, Standards and Legal Policy). The applicant will be required to submit evidence of withdrawal in good standing from the LCME accredited medical school previously attended and a
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A prospective applicant for transfer should email or write the Associate Dean for Admissions, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505, or visit online for information concerning applications. Completed application must be returned to this address by March 31.

APPLICANT EVALUATIONS AND DECISIONS

In 2010, leadership of the Association of American Medical Colleges challenged medical schools to transform the admission process in several ways. For example, they encouraged schools to employ a holistic admissions review that affords each applicant balanced consideration of life experiences, personal attributes and academic metrics, and to select not only those who can succeed but those who can contribute to the diversity of a medical school class that can serve as a driver of educational excellence. To meet this challenge, the University of Mississippi's School of Medicine (SOM) employs the following steps for evaluating applicants and the information they submit in American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) and SOM Secondary applications. This process is aligned with the mission and diversity interests of this medical school.

Mississippi Residency

For admission purposes, the School of Medicine (SOM) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as a practice, does not admit nonresidents of the State of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and IHL Policy 610; see Admissions Standards and Legal Policy. As such, the SOM currently accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.

Residency determination is not based solely on information provided in an AMCAS® application; it is based on information provided in the UMMC Secondary Application and, when requested, a Request for Review of Residency Classification form and supporting documentation. Questions regarding residency classification should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

Life Experiences

The admissions committee values applicant experiences in the following areas:

- Health care - Shadowing (individual physicians or hospital/clinic programs), premedical organizations, health-related courses or clinical training, employment or volunteering at a health care facility including nursing homes, medical research involving contact with patients or patient records, primary health care provider, work with medically underserved populations or rural medicine programs, participation in health care pipeline programs
- Volunteer/community service - Social and other campus, community and faith-based organizations, campus ambassador/recruiter, disaster relief, mentoring/tutoring/coaching and other
- Leadership/responsibility - Elected office, supervisor or other role with responsibility in social or other campus, governmental or military organizations, mentoring/coaching
- Research - Employment or volunteer work in a basic science or clinical laboratory
- Employment - Any part- or full-time employment concurrent with or independent of enrollment in school
- Other significant time commitments - Participation in collegiate, semi- or professional level athletics (including cheerleading) or artistic endeavors (theater, band, orchestra) and other major time commitments beyond those already listed

File Review Subcommittee (FRS)

Three members of a FRS, whose access to an American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) application is limited to Work/Activities and Essay sections only, read and score activities in each area of interest. Scores are based on the number of activities, the length of time devoted to each activity, the quality, or lack thereof, of the description of the activity.

Experience scores are used to screen applicants for interviews, render admissions committee decisions and post-application counseling for unsuccessful applicants.

Personal Attributes

The admissions committee values applicants who possess the following personal attributes.
The first four attributes are scored by the same three File Review Subcommittee (FRS) members who score the applicant’s experiences. FRS members have limited access to the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) application Work/Activities and Essay sections only. Scores are based on reading these sections of the application and evaluating what the applicant has done to illustrate initiative, interaction with diverse people, and motivation for medicine as well as the clarity with which this has been conveyed in the written application.

The admissions staff scores workload and desire to learn.

Attribute scores are used to screen applicants for interviews, render admissions committee decisions and post-application counseling for unsuccessful applicants.

Academic Metrics
Grade Point Averages (GPAs) and Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT®) scores comprise the academic metrics considered for admission. For information regarding when and how they are applied in the admissions process, see Interviews and Admissions Committee Deliberations.

- **GPAs** - The scholastic record in courses preparatory for the medical school curriculum is important. This is summarized as the applicant’s cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA). Due to variations in grading schemes between schools, only GPAs calculated in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) application will be considered.

It is recommended that students receive a grade in all courses that satisfy the admission criteria option selected by the applicant to qualify for admission (see Admissions Criteria), avoiding courses with pass-fail grades. Academic averages are calculated on a 4.0 basis. If a course is repeated, all grades are used in calculating the average.

The admissions criteria option selected in the SOM Secondary Application determines which GPA will be primarily considered in evaluating whether or not the applicant qualifies for admission; however, grades in all academic course work may be considered during admission committee deliberations.

AMCAS® cumulative undergraduate biology, chemistry, physics and math (BCPM) GPA will be used to assess applicants who select the following options: 1) pre-requisite courses; 2) end-point courses; and 3) course-competency-maps for science majors.

In addition to considering any available BCPM GPA, AMCAS® cumulative undergraduate all other GPA and grades in pertinent courses will be used to assess applicants who select the following options: 1) course-competency-maps for non-science majors; and 2) novel premedical curricula.

The minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA required for automatic file review and consideration for interviews is 2.8. For applicants with a GPA close to but below this threshold, a file review will be conducted that includes any available post-baccalaureate and graduate GPAs, MCAT® scores, life experiences and personal attributes to determine if, on a case-by-case basis, the admissions committee finds a compelling reason to invite the applicant to interview.

- **MCAT® Scores** - An equally important metric is scores reported for the applicant’s performance on the MCAT®. Applicants must take the MCAT® and release score reports to this medical school. Selection of applicants for the medical school class entering in a given calendar year will be based, in part on MCAT® scores acquired during the previous four calendar years only.

The minimum MCAT® sum (add scores for all sections on any one exam) required for automatic file review and consideration for interviews is 21 (493 on the 2015 MCAT), provided that no one section score is less than 5 (121 on the 2015 MCAT 1991 format). The highest MCAT® sum on any single examination will be considered for applicants who report scores for more than one MCAT®. For applicants whose MCAT® score is close to but below this threshold, a file review will be conducted that includes GPAs, life experiences and personal attributes to determine if, on a case-by-case basis, the admissions committee finds a compelling reason to invite the applicant to interview. While initial emphasis is placed on the sum of section scores, individual section scores will be examined for balance.

The typical entering class at this medical school has an average BCPM GPA of 3.6, overall GPA of 3.7 and an MCAT® sum of 28 (MCAT1991 exam).

Interviews
Applicants should not present themselves for interviews until requested to do so by the associate dean for medical school admissions.

Selection for Interviews
Criteria for selecting interviewees are established by the SOM Admissions Committee. Selection for interviews is based on a balance between life experiences, personal attributes (those evaluated by reading the AMCAS® application) and metrics. Criteria may vary slightly from year to year depending on the number of applications received and the quality of the applicant pool.

Applicants with minimum metrics (2.8 GPA and 21 or 493 on the 2015 MCAT®) will automatically have their files reviewed by a File Review Subcommittee (FRS) to determine if there is evidence of life experiences and personal attributes that this medical school values and seeks in its students and graduates. Notable deficiencies in either experiences or attributes may result in applicants with high metrics not being invited to interview.

Applicants whose GPA or MCAT® sum are close to but below thresholds listed above, may have their files reviewed by a FRS to determine if there is compelling evidence of life experiences or personal attributes that this medical school values and seeks in its students and graduates. Notable experiences or attributes may result in applicants with low, but acceptable, metrics being invited to interview.
Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs)
The MMI consists of a circuit of eight to ten interview “stations”, each of which provides a ten minute scenario-based encounter. Each station has a trained rater who is a member of the Interview Subcommittee; therefore, each applicant will be evaluated by approximately eight to ten different raters. The station scenarios do not test or assess scientific or clinical knowledge; instead, they focus on personal competencies such as oral communication skills, service orientation, respect for others including compassion and empathy, critical thinking and decision making, teamwork, awareness of ethics, maturity, coping skills and opinions on health care issues.

Additional information will be provided to applicants when they are invited to interview and during the admissions interview day program.

Scheduling Interviews
Applicants whom the admissions committee selects are notified to contact the Admissions Office to schedule their interview date. Interviews are generally scheduled two days each month from August through December.

Interview Day Program
All MMI participants must sign a School of Medicine Participant Agreement and Statement of Confidentiality. Applicants will be provided a copy to read and sign during the Registration and Welcome (see below).

The following schedule is for illustrative purposes only. While times beyond registration may vary, it is imperative that applicants plan to arrive well ahead of time to ensure participation in the complete program.

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Faculty Letters of Evaluation
Evaluations must be written by either faculty who taught the applicant, preferably courses used to satisfy admissions criteria, or faculty who supervised the applicant conducting research outside the classroom. A minimum of three faculty evaluation letters or one composite is required. Composite letters must contain the names of faculty who participated in the evaluation of the applicant.

All letters must be printed on institutional letterhead, signed by the author(s) and state the course(s) in which he/she taught the applicant.

Letter Content
This medical school seeks information on unique contributions that an applicant might provide to a medical school class and the presence, or absence, of any of the following core, entry-level competencies for entering medical students. Authors are encouraged to consult AAMC Guidelines for Writing a Letter of Evaluation for a Medical School Applicant for details.

**Thinking & Reasoning Competencies**
- Critical Thinking
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Scientific Inquiry
- Written Communication

**Science Competencies**
- Living Systems
- Human Behavior

**Interpersonal Competencies**
- Service Orientation
- Social Skills
- Cultural Competence
- Teamwork
- Oral Communication

**Intrapersonal Competencies**
- Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others
- Reliability and Dependability
- Resilience and Adaptability
- Capacity for Improvement

Supplemental letters should be kept to a minimum. When appropriate, a supplemental letter from a physician the applicant has shadowed or current employer may be considered by the admissions committee, but it does not replace required faculty evaluations.
Letter Submission
Instructions for submitting letters are provided to applicants in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS®) application. In all cases, applicants must provide authors a letter request form generated from the applicant’s AMCAS® application. Letters sent directly to this medical school will not be accepted.

Letters of evaluation can be submitted online as a .PDF file to the appropriate site:
- AMCAS® Letter Writer Application - This application enables letter writers to upload documents securely to AMCAS® rather than send letters via the mail. If you are interested in this option, and can upload a .PDF version of your letter, make note of the requesting applicant’s AAMC ID and AMCAS® Letter ID included in the letter request form.

Mail hard copy to AMCAS® for scanning into .PDF file. If you select this option, attach the letter request form to your letter(s) and mail to:
Attn: AMCAS Letters
American Medical College Application Services
P.O. Box 18958
Washington, DC 20036

AMCAS® will acknowledge receipt of your letter; this office will not. AMCAS® will load .PDF files into applications and distribute your letter electronically to all medical schools indicated by the applicant in his/her AMCAS® application.

Applicants who reapply must submit new evaluation letters with each application.

Admissions Committee Deliberations
The authority to select applicants for admission to the School of Medicine (SOM) is vested in the admissions committee. This committee is chaired by the associate dean for medical school admissions and composed of members of the basic science and clinical faculty and community representatives appointed by the dean of the school of medicine. No student may enroll for courses in the SOM, either as a regular full-time student or as a special part-time student, without being admitted by the committee.

The medical school Admissions Committee reviews the entire file for every interviewed applicant. Committee deliberations include a discussion of: where an applicant was raised and educated noting financial, educational and socioeconomic advantages and disadvantages; an applicant’s life experiences and personal attributes including scores assigned by the File Review Subcommittee; personal attributes reflected in the written application, performance on multiple mini interviews rated by members of the Interview Subcommittee and faculty evaluations; and academic metrics including trends in GPAs and MCAT® scores. Attention is given to applicants who in the opinion of the Admissions Committee best fulfill the mission and diversity interests of the SOM.

Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or veteran status. Qualified handicapped students will be considered in relation to the technical standards.

Decisions Rendered
Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis; therefore, the sooner an applicant applies, the earlier his/her file will be reviewed and considered for interviews. If files are complete, applicants are discussed within two to three weeks of interviews and one of three decisions rendered: 1) acceptance; 2) decision postponed; or 3) no position available for this year.

Applicants to the Early Decision Program will be notified as soon as a decision has been rendered; applicants to the Regular Decision and Combined MD/PhD programs will be notified starting October 16 and thereafter as soon as a decision has been rendered. All applicants receive a final disposition of their application not later than March 15. Final notification will be one of the following: 1) acceptance; 2) placement on the alternate list; or 3) no position available for this year.

Alternates will be used to fill any vacancies that may occur if accepted applicants choose not to attend. Any applicant who does not gain acceptance is invited to schedule an appointment after February 15th for post-application counseling on how to improve the competitiveness of their application should the applicant choose to subsequently reapply.

Conditional Acceptance
Acceptance to this medical school is conditional. The admissions committee may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, patterns of unprofessional behavior and incidents discovered in a criminal background check.

Criminal Background Checks (CBCs)
Any preadmission agreement executed by the health care program with a student shall be void if there is a disqualifying incident or pattern of unprofessional behavior in the CBC prior to enrollment. Since clinical rotations are an integral part of the education of medical students at University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC), all applicants accepted to the School of Medicine (SOM) must undergo both the CBCs described below.

- AAMC-Facilitated CBC - All successful applicants to the SOM undergo a centralized Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)-facilitated CBC. Certiphi Screening, Inc., a Vertical Screen® company, will conduct a CBC based on inspection of local, state and national records. Upon initial acceptance to this or any other participating medical school, applicants will be provided electronic access to consent that will give permission to initiate the CBC.

When the Certiphi CBC is complete, accepted applicants will be given 10 calendar days to review the report on a secure website. Applicants may release reports immediately or contest inaccuracies prior to releasing it to the requesting medical school. If the applicant does not respond within 10 calendar days, the report will be released automatically.
Each medical school must issue a block. Visiting students from other schools for clinical clerkships and electives must possess qualifications equivalent to students in this medical school. Approval by the chairman of the appropriate department and by the dean of the parent LCME-accredited or AOA-accredited school, in the U.S. or Canada and who are formally approved by their parent school can be offered a senior elective in the School of Medicine.

Application Service (VSAS). Verification of credentials for prospective visiting students is part of the application process for the extramural application. The University of Mississippi School of Medicine participates in the American Association of Medical College’s (AAMC) Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS). The VSAS process can be found online, and the registrar, must occur within 30 days of the occurrence of the criminal action. The steps involved in evaluating a criminal background history are described in the SOM Procedures for Criminal Background Checks.

Subsequent Convictions - Applicants are responsible for notifying the associate dean for medical school admissions if any further criminal action occurs subsequent to submitting an AMCAS® application or the conduct of CBCs described above. This includes the following: if you are convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, any misdemeanor or felony crime(s) after the date of your submission of the medical school application and prior to your medical school matriculation. Your communication must be in writing, and must occur within 30 days of the occurrence of the criminal action.

Other Nonacademic and Personal Attributes
In addition to interviews, evidence for these attributes is acquired from “work/activities” listed on an applicant’s AMCAS® application. Examples of what the Admissions Committee seeks include evidence of: exposure to clinical medicine (volunteer work or employment at a hospital, clinic, nursing home or hospice, shadowing physicians, participating in medical missions); interaction with diverse people; volunteer service; community activities; leadership; academic pursuits beyond the classroom (such as research); cultural interests and other activities that require commitment of time outside the classroom (employment, athletics, artistic performance). Applicants who acquire such experience while maintaining high academic performance and time management skills possess qualities that can contribute to success in medical school.

RESPONSE TO LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE
Upon notification of acceptance, an applicant will be provided on-line access to Information and Instructions, Statement of Acceptance, Criminal Background Check, Technical Standards, Academic Accommodations, and White Coat Ceremony forms that must be read, completed and submitted electronically within 15 days after the date of notification that the applicant has been accepted. Failure to do so within the specified period may automatically void the offer of acceptance.

- **Statement of Acceptance** - A form for applicants to indicate their intention to attend this medical school.
- **Criminal Background Check Form** - A description of CBC policies and procedures for this medical school that includes an applicant’s responsibility to report, to the Associate Dean for Admissions, any incident that occurs subsequent to a CBC check.
- **Technical Standards** - A description of Technical Standards applicants are expected to meet for admission, retention, promotion and certification as an MD.
- **Academic Accommodations Form** - A description of Academic Accommodations policies and procedures can be found online.
- **White Coat Ceremony Form** - A form that enables an accepted applicant to verify the listing of his/her name and specify the size of the coat that he/she will receive at a ceremony held during orientation.

The medical school admissions committee may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, unprofessional behavior and incidents in a criminal background check.

VISITING STUDENTS
For medical students at University of Mississippi School of Medicine who wish to take senior electives at other medical schools - The Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) is the AAMC application designed to make it easier for medical students to apply for senior electives at other U.S. medical schools. Information regarding the VSAS process can be found online. Each medical school must issue a student authorization before he/she may log into VSAS. You will be notified of these authorizations by e-mail.

If you are applying to a medical school that does not use VSAS, please use the Extramural Electives Compendium (EEC) for visiting student application information or the individual medical school website.

For medical students at other schools who wish to take senior electives at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine - Senior medical students who are enrolled in good standing in an LCME-accredited school, or an American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-accredited school, in the U.S. or Canada and who are formally approved by their parent school can be offered a senior elective in the School of Medicine. The Office of Student Affairs and Registrar’s Office verifies the credentials of visiting senior medical students, formally registers them, and maintains a roster of these students.

The University of Mississippi School of Medicine participates in the American Association of Medical College’s (AAMC) Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS). Verification of credentials for prospective visiting students is part of the application process for the extramural block. Visiting students from other schools for clinical clerkships and electives must possess qualifications equivalent to students in this medical school. Approval by the chairman of the appropriate department and by the dean of the parent LCME-accredited or AOA-accredited school, as well as verification of: professional liability insurance coverage, individual health insurance, HIPAA certification, OSHA certification, criminal background check, BLS/ACLS training, and immunization compliance for the visiting student is required. The registrar,
in consultation with the associate dean for student affairs, screens applications to ascertain that applicants are enrolled in good standing in LCME- or AOA-accredited U.S./Canadian medical schools, that applicants are (or will be) senior medical students, and that applicants have been granted approval by their school. Final acceptance of the applicant, on a space available basis, for a senior block in our program is vested in the department.

Evaluations of these students are provided to their parent schools by the respective departments offering the electives. Health services are available to visiting students through Student-Employee Health and University Hospital. The liability insurance policy for our students provides coverage for visiting senior medical students; however, if visiting students have liability insurance coverage in effect through their parent schools, our student policy then provides only secondary coverage for them.

Prospective visiting students should visit the AAMC's Visiting Student Application Service (www.aamc.org/vsas VSAS Application) or write the Office of Student Records and Registrar, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505, for information and an application.

ACCEPTED APPLICANTS
For useful information, accepted applicants are encouraged to consult the web pages of Student Affairs and Office of Medical Education.

Contact Information - Accepted applicants must keep all contact information (especially e-mail address, preferred mailing address and telephone numbers) updated in the AMCAS® application until arrival for orientation. Updates must also be provided to the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

Start Date - There is a mandatory orientation and registration for the entering class held in the fall. The Associate Dean for Student Affairs will mail further details during the summer. For questions, call (601) 984-5012.

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
Medical school tuition for residents of Mississippi and non-residents is shown in the table below. The tuition assessment includes required registration, laboratory and library usage fees. Medical school tuition is assessed in accordance with financial aid disbursement regulations. Health insurance is mandatory. A group plan is available for UMMC students. Participation in a group disability insurance plan is mandatory for all medical students. Pending IHL approval, tuition for the 2018-2019 year is $30,143 for Mississippi residents, and $70,796 for non-residents.

A disability insurance fee of $55 per year is assessed with the first tuition assessment. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Students registered in the combined MD/PhD program will pay graduate tuition for graduate hours and medical tuition for terms they are enrolled as a medical student. A nonrefundable supplemental application fee of $50 is required. Current medical school tuition information can be found on the student accounting website under “Doctor of Medicine.”

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE STUDENT HANDBOOK
The purpose of the School of Medicine Student Handbook is to provide students with specific information concerning school policies, regulations and services. As a student at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, you have a responsibility to read and become familiar with the contents of this handbook and all other such publications distributed by the institution. All members of the Medical Center community endeavor to create and maintain an environment that is safe, friendly, and conducive to learning. Students are provided with a physical copy of the handbook during M1 orientation. This publication is subject to change. The most up-to-date edition can always be found on the School of Medicine’s website.

REQUIRED LAPTOPS
Entering medical students are required to have a laptop computer that meets the annually revised UMMC Minimal Laptop Specifications that are posted on the School of Medicine website. Funds are budgeted in the student financial aid package to cover the cost of a laptop computer. Students should purchase a laptop meeting or exceeding the UMMC Minimal Specifications from regular retail channels. Laptops from any IBM-PC or Apple compatible manufacturer should be acceptable. Students will be personally responsible for maintenance/repair of their laptop. All students are required to maintain up to date virus and spyware detection software to allow access to the UMMC public wireless network. Students should acquire their laptop prior to the first week of August. Students will need to bring their functional laptop to a computer orientation seminar to be held on the last day of registration/orientation before classes.

REQUIRED CLICKERS
Entering medical students are also required to purchase an Interwrite PRS RF Clicker Personal Response System or a Turning Point license for use on a laptop in personal device from the UMMC bookstore prior to the beginning of classes. Models from other manufacturers or from previous years will not be compatible with the classroom participation systems in use during medical school classes.

Questions about required products or the laptop specifications should be emailed to eCampus@umc.edu.

TEXTBOOKS AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
Students must provide their own required textbooks and special equipment, including stethoscopes and dissecting instruments, as specified throughout the course of study. These items are normally available through the Medical Center Bookstore.

FINANCIAL AID
The website for the Office of Student Financial Aid is designed to serve students in all schools at this medical center; however, the information presented below is particularly useful for medical students. Consult Student Financial Aid for general information and access the Incoming Student link and Frequently Asked Questions.

About 90% of first year students at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine receive some form of merit/need based financial aid. Financial aid sources are diverse and include private donations, institutional accounts, state, and federal governmental programs. The most
authoritative and up-to-date information is available at the Student Financial Services website. Questions beyond what is provided here should be directed to Student Financial Aid or (601) 984-1117.

Timeliness for making financial aid awards, mailing statements, posting credits and issuing award checks are approximate; variations may occur due to specific program requirements that this institution cannot control. For example, policies governing military scholarships require the institution to invoice the student for tuition/fees before funds will be provided to credit the account. It is important for students to become familiar with policies governing their specific awards.

Every attempt is made to provide incoming students accurate figures for the cost of attendance and financial aid awards in advance of enrollment; however, these figures are not fully under institutional control. For example, increases in tuition and fees mandated by the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning and increases in medical insurance premiums charged by insurance carriers may not be imposed until the summer before enrollment. Some forms of financial aid may be able to accommodate these increases while others may not.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN PROGRAMS

State Funded Financial Assistance - Under the governance of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid is responsible for the administration of all state-funded financial aid programs, including grants, scholarships and loans. These funds provide assistance to Mississippi residents in pursuit of their educational and professional goals. Several programs are designated to provide financial assistance to medical students.

State Medical Education Loan/Scholarship - (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Pediatrics) Accepted applicants and matriculated medical students are eligible to apply. Online applications must be submitted to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid before March 31. Applicants accepted to medical school after this deadline (for example, from the alternate list) may still qualify for funds if an online application is submitted before the above deadline. All of these programs incur service obligations in State of Mississippi Physician Shortage Areas. The list of counties that qualify is extensive, but subject to change on an annual basis. For further information, contact Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6453, (601) 432-6997 or (800) 327-2980.

FEDERAL SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN PROGRAMS

The Direct Unsubsidized Loan - This loan is available to students regardless of income or need. With an unsubsidized loan, you are responsible for all interest that accrues during in-school, grace and deferment periods. You may choose to pay the interest portion only while in school, which would keep your loan balance at principal. If you choose to defer such payments, the interest will be capitalized, resulting in an increase in both total debt and the amount of monthly payments. Loans are usually issued for a single academic year, and both eligibility and amount are recalculated annually throughout your academic career.

Your Direct Loan eligibility is determined by the Financial Aid Office and is based on information you provided in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Federal criteria include:

- Enrollment in an eligible school at least half-time in a degree program
- U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or eligible noncitizen status
- Satisfactory academic progress (as determined by the Office of Financial Aid)
- No unresolved defaults or overpayments owed on Title IV educational loans and grants
- Satisfaction of all Selective Service Act requirements

Federal Scholarships/Loans for Disadvantaged Students - The University of Mississippi School of Medicine annually applies to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Bureau of Health Profession’s (BHP) for funds to assist needy students finance their medical school education. The amount of funds awarded to the institution varies each year based on: availability, the proportion of graduated students going into primary care, the proportion of underrepresented minority students, and the proportion of graduated students going into medically underserved communities.

Permitting funding, you are eligible to apply for Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) and Loans for Disadvantage Students (LDS) funds if you:

a) have been accepted to or are currently enrolled in this medical school;

b) are a citizen, national, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico or the Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated State of Micronesia; and

c) are from an environmentally or economically disadvantaged background.

Participating medical schools are responsible for selecting SDS and LDS recipients, making reasonable determinations of financial need, and providing funds that do not exceed the cost of attendance (tuition, reasonable educational expenses and reasonable living expenses).

EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FUNDS

American Medical Association (AMA) Fund - The AMA Foundation created several scholarship opportunities designed to help students face the financial challenge of paying for a medical school education. Additional information is available online which provides a comprehensive list of AMA financial aid resources, including information about medical education financing and student debt, as well as information on a variety of scholarships and service opportunities.

The Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship (formerly known as The National Scholarship) - This $10,000 scholarship was created in 2004 by the AMA Foundation as part of its ongoing effort to provide financial assistance to medical students facing a spiraling debt load. In its first year, one scholarship was awarded; since then, the Foundation has expanded the program and more scholarships have been added. The Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship provides the highest level of tuition assistance available from the
Bryan Barksdale, MD, School of Medicine Scholarship, formal preparation for a career in medicine. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

Thomas M. Blake Dean’s Merit Scholarship was established in 2003 to recognize a medical student who demonstrates an ability and potential for success in medicine, and accepted institutional financial aid guidelines. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing. Recipients must commit to reside and practice medicine in Mississippi for a period of five years (60 consecutive months). Reimbursement for educational expenses previously paid is available.

Questions about these scholarship opportunities should be directed to Dina Lindenberg, Program Officer, (312) 464-4193. Application materials are available from the Associate Dean for Medical School Admissions.

The American Medical Association-Educational Research Foundation loan program is a source for loans to medical students, interns, and residents. Students are eligible to apply for loans upon the successful completion of two or more quarters of medical school.

Greenwood Leflore Hospital Educational Reimbursement Agreement - This program will provide the cost of medical school attendance for an African American medical student at least 21 years old who upon completion of his/her educational and residency requirements will serve as a licensed physician employed by the hospital in Greenwood, MS, or as a member of hospital’s active medical staff in private practice in the hospital’s service area as a participating provider in Medicare, Medicaid and similar programs for a period of five years (60 consecutive months). Reimbursement for educational expenses previously paid is available.

Additional information and a copy of the agreement are available from the Associate Dean for Medical School Admissions.

Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program - In 2007, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, creating a unique longitudinal program that identifies rural college students who aspire to return to their roots to practice medicine. Academic enrichment, faculty and physician mentoring plus solid medical school financial support through the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program will enable capable young Mississippians to address the challenge of Mississippi’s health care crisis. Additional information is available online and Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216-4505, 601. 815.9022.

The Armed Services Health Professions Scholarship Program through the Army, Navy, Air Force and the USPHS offers Health Professions Scholarships to students interested in serving in the military. Students are required to serve a year as a commissioned officer for each year of participation in the program, with a two-year minimum. These scholarships provide tuition, other academic fees, required books, required equipment, and a monthly living stipend.

UMMC INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS
(Scholarships awarded on merit, no application necessary)

James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 through a gift to the Medical Center. At least one scholarship is available each year in the School of Medicine. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

Thomas M. Blake Dean’s Merit Scholarship was established in 2003 to recognize a medical student who demonstrates an ability and willingness to accept responsibility, exercise initiative, and utilize innovative approaches.

Frank Bradley Baker Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship endowment sponsored by the Class of 1965 of the School of Medicine to honor and memorialize their deceased classmate, Frank Bradley Baker. This scholarship is administered by the School of Medicine Loan and Scholarship Committee according to the criteria developed by the Class of 1965. It is awarded to the sophomore with the highest academic average for the preclinical years.

Maribel Barber Scholarship in Medicine was established in 1972 through a bequest to the University of Mississippi for outstanding medical students who are legal residents of Mississippi. Four-year scholarships are awarded. Recipients are selected for their scholastic promise and leadership qualities. To retain the award in succeeding years, the recipient must maintain satisfactory academic progress during formal preparation for a career in medicine.

Bryan Barksdale, MD, School of Medicine Scholarship, made possible by the Barksdale Foundation Account, is awarded to a first-year medical student who is a Mississippi resident. The Barksdale Foundation Account provides scholarships to promote excellence among School of Medicine students and to achieve educational benefits to students derived from a diverse student population. Recipients are selected by the School of Medicine Scholarship and Awards Committee. Selection is based on prior academic achievement, the student’s potential for success in medicine, and accepted institutional financial aid guidelines. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing. Recipients must commit to reside and practice medicine in Mississippi for a period of five years.

Max, Doris and Jewel Blackmon Trust Fund Scholarship provides scholarships for outstanding medical students enrolled in this School of Medicine who have been selected by the Scholarship and Awards committee on the basis of academic potential or financial need. The scholarship may be renewed annually if the student remains in good scholastic standing. Preference is given to students who intend to practice in Mississippi.

A. Wallace Conerly MD Scholarship, which honors Dr. Conerly’s service as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine from 1994-2003, provides both medical and graduate tuition for outstanding MD/PhD students.

John C. and Nina S. Culley Memorial Scholarship was established in 1968 through a $50,000 bequest from Dr. John Culley to the University of Mississippi. When earnings permit, the scholarship is awarded to the top premedical student at the University of Mississippi who applies to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine by November 1 of the year preceding admission.
Hattiesburg Physicians’ Scholarship was established in 1983 by the Board of Directors of the Hattiesburg Community Blood Center, Inc. Award recipients must be sophomores or juniors in the upper one-third of their class. Preference is given to medical students from the Hattiesburg area.

Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Minority Scholarship is available to three minority students in the School of Medicine M1 class every year who, in the opinion of the Admissions Committee, are most likely to provide health care to underserved Mississippians.

Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Scholarships, established by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, are awarded to outstanding students selected on the basis of their premedical record and financial need.

F.A. Hunt Scholarship was established through a bequest from Fannie Gordon Hunt to honor her husband. It is awarded annually on the basis of academic excellence.

Dr. M. Winter Jackson Medical Scholarship is awarded to a third-year student on the basis of academic standing, potential for growth and development in the chosen field and need. In the first year the scholarship is awarded, a fourth-year recipient also will be chosen. In subsequent years, the third-year student selected to receive the scholarship also will receive it in the fourth year of medical school if he/she continues to meet the criteria.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry O. Leonard Scholarship Fund was established in June 1988, by Helen G. Snider in memory of her aunt and uncle. Dr. Leonard was in general practice in Coffeeville for many years. Juniors in good academic standing with proven financial need are eligible for the Leonard Scholarship. Recipients must plan to go into the practice of family medicine and must commit to practice in state for a period of five years following graduation and residency training.

Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Scholarship Fund, established in June 1988, by Helen G. Snider in memory of her aunt and uncle. Dr. Leonard was in general practice in Coffeeville for many years. Juniors in good academic standing with proven financial need are eligible for the Leonard Scholarship. Recipients must plan to go into the practice of family medicine and must commit to practice in state for a period of five years following graduation and residency training.

John F. Lucas Sr., MD, Scholarship was established by family and friends of Dr. Lucas, an obstetrician-gynecologist in Greenwood for more than 48 years. Incoming freshmen from Leflore, Sunflower, Washington, Bolivar, Humphreys and Yazoo counties are eligible. Selection is based on financial need.

James A. McDevitt, MD, Medical Scholarships, established through a bequest from Alma Valentine McDevitt in memory of her husband, are awarded to worthy and deserving medical students. The scholarships are renewable for each year of medical school provided the recipient maintains good academic standing.

Fred McDonnell, MD, School of Medicine Scholarship, made possible by the Barksdale Foundation Account, is awarded to a first-year medical student who is a Mississippi resident. The Barksdale Foundation provides scholarships to promote excellence among School of Medicine students and to achieve educational benefits to students derived from a diverse student population. Recipients are selected by the School of Medicine Scholarship and Awards Committee. Selection is based on prior academic achievement, the student’s potential for success in medicine, and accepted institutional financial aid guidelines. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing. Recipients must commit to reside and practice medicine in Mississippi for a period of five years.

Medical Alumni Scholarship is awarded to a rising M3 who is in the top half of his or her class, has no other M3 scholarship, and intends to practice in Mississippi after completing all training.

Miller-Pittman Medical Scholarship was established through a bequest from the late Mary Eugenia Miller. The scholarship is designed to assist "deserving medical students enrolled in the School of Medicine."

Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association Scholarship Fund is applied toward tuition. Preference is given to an incoming M1 who is an African American or represents another minority group.

Don Mitchell, MD, School of Medicine Scholarship, made possible by the Barksdale Foundation Account, is awarded to a first-year medical student who is a Mississippi resident. The Barksdale Foundation provides scholarships to promote excellence among School of Medicine students and to achieve educational benefits to students derived from a diverse student population. Recipients are selected by the School of Medicine Scholarship and Awards Committee. Selection is based on prior academic achievement, the student’s potential for success in medicine, and accepted institutional financial aid guidelines. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing. Recipients must commit to reside and practice medicine in Mississippi for a period of five years.

Nina Bess Goss-Moffitt, MD, Scholarship, established by Dr. Ellis M. Moffitt in 1999 in memory of his wife, Dr. Nina Bess Goss-Moffitt, who was a longtime member of the Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior faculty. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of need and potential for successful completion of the four-year curriculum. Recipients will receive the Goss-Moffitt scholarship each year in medical school if they remain in good academic standing.

Norman C. Nelson, MD, Scholarships, established as the Dean’s Scholarships in 1988, were designated in the name of Dr. Norman C. Nelson in 1994, in honor of his 21-year tenure as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine. Nelson Scholarships are awarded to superior students who have exceptional academic potential. The scholarship is renewable each year if the recipient remains in good academic standing.

Orr-Russwurm Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial support to a student in any medical center school planning a full or part-time career in Christian missionary work.

William K. Purks, MD, Scholarship, established by the Vicksburg Hospital Medical Foundation in 1990, is awarded to a freshman medical student selected on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, character, and potential in the field of medicine. This scholarship may be renewed for each year of medical school.

Regions Bank Scholarship, established in 1986, goes to a senior in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and promise in the field of medicine.

Ottilie Schillig Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 through a gift to the Medical Center from the Schillig Trust. Miss Schillig, a native of Port Gibson, was a noted concert singer. At least one scholarship is available each year in the School of Medicine. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.
Robert E. and Margaret Shands Memorial Fund was established in 1963 by Mrs. Robert E. Shands in memory of her husband, Dr. Shands, a medical certificate alumnus of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, who had served as president of the Medical Alumni Chapter. This scholarship fund exists to provide financial assistance to students of medicine. The Shands children redesignated the scholarship as a memorial to both their parents in 2000.

E.H. Sumners Foundation Scholarships were established in 1977 by Mrs. E.H. Sumners of Eupora, MS, to provide scholarship assistance for students from Webster, Montgomery, Attala, Carroll and Choctaw counties who are enrolled at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Trustmark National Bank Scholarship, established in 1988, is awarded to a junior medical student in recognition of scholastic excellence.

Helen Reeves Turner, MD, PhD Scholarship was established in 2013 and is awarded each year to a deserving student from one of the Medical Center Schools. The recipient of this award, selected by the dean or his designee, exemplifies Dr. Turner’s outstanding attributes of leadership, education and service.

Pearl L. and Otis Walters Scholarship was established by a bequest from the Walters to the University of Mississippi Foundation.

John Houston Wear Foundation Scholarships were established by the Wear Foundation to aid worthy students. These scholarships are awarded for academic excellence.

L.D. Webb, MD, Memorial Scholarship was established with a bequest from Dr. Webb in 1990. A two-year alumnus of the Ole Miss School of Medicine who earned his MD at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Webb was in family practice in Calhoun City for more than 35 years. First-year students who demonstrate financial need and academic promise are eligible for this scholarship renewable for each year of enrollment if the student remains in good academic standing. Preference is given to students from northeast Mississippi.

Dr. Bill Weatherford Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually, was established in 1984. The recipient must be a Jackson County resident with demonstrated financial need.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship was established by the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation. These awards are available to female medical students who show evidence of financial need.

Hazel Wilmington Medical Scholarship, established in 1992, is awarded to a freshman medical student based on demonstrated financial need and overall promise in the field of medicine. The award is renewable each year if the recipient maintains good academic standing.

Meyer & Genevue Falk Scholarship, established in 2012, is awarded to deserving, needy, studious. Enrolled students who have the academic capacity and desire to minister to the medical needs of others as determined by scholarship committee.

Dorothy Palmer Landrum & C. Thomas Hill, Jr. M.D. Scholarship, established in 2008, is awarded as an academic scholarship under guidelines of the Department of Financial Aid. Recipients will be selected by the scholarship selection committee.

Drs. Edward E. Smith & Margie Lancaster Smith Scholarship, established in 2013, is awarded to a MS resident and rank academically in the incoming class.

UMMC INSTITUTIONAL LOAN FUNDS

Idalou Bagley Memorial Cancer Educational Loan Fund was established by Clara Bagley in memory of her sister, Idalou Bagley. Recipients should be in their fourth year of medical school and display an interest in cancer research or cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Googe Memorial Medical Loan Fund was established in 1979 by family of the late Dr. and Mrs. George W. Googe of Rienzi. Dr. Googe practiced medicine in Northeast Mississippi for more than 50 years. Students who have successfully completed at least two quarters in medical school may apply. Applicants must show evidence of financial need and be in good academic standing. Preference is given to applicants from Alcorn and Prentiss counties.

Robert Wood Johnson Loan Fund, made possible by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, provides low interest loans to medical students who show evidence of financial need.

Kellogg Loan Fund was established in 1942 by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a loan fund of $10,000 for the purpose of providing loans for assistance to medical students.

Levine Loan Fund, established by the late Dr. Julius Levine, is available to junior and senior medical students who are native Mississippians and who show evidence of financial need.

George C. and Laura B. McKinstry Scholarship/Loan Fund was established in 1973 by Dr. McKinstry in memory of his father and mother to provide low-interest loans to needy students in the School of Medicine and the Graduate Programs.

G.D. Shands Memorial Loan Fund was established in 1943 by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Hill Saunders in memory of Mrs. Saunders’ father, Lt. Gov. Garvin D. Shands, who for many years was Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law. This fund exists for the benefit of medical students.

R.J. Nichols Loan Fund was established in memory of Dr. R.J. Nichols to provide loans to medical students who demonstrate financial need and academic promise.

J.K. Oates Loan Fund was established in 1957 in honor of Dr. J.K. Oates to provide loans to worthy medical students.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Omega Alpha – a national honorary medical society installed on the Medical Center campus in 1958. Undergraduate membership is based entirely on scholarship, personal honesty and leadership potential. Alumnus membership is granted for distinctive achievement in the art and practice of scientific medicine and honorary membership is granted to eminent leaders in medicine and allied sciences.

The Society of the Sigma Xi – a national honorary society installed on the Medical Center campus in May 1967. The society is dedicated to the encouragement of original investigation in the pure and applied sciences. Membership requirements include noteworthy achievement as an original investigator in a pure or applied science.
Phi Kappa Phi – a national honorary scholastic fraternity installed on the Oxford campus in 1959. It is open to those medical, dental, graduate, nursing and health related students who qualify.

Gold Humanism Honor Society - a national honorary society installed on the Medical Center campus in 2005. This society honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Members are selected by a peer nomination and faculty nomination process.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
American Medical Association-Medical Student and Student National Medical Association - Active chapters provide students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs.

University Medical Society - Through this society, a component society of the Mississippi State Medical Association, official voting delegates participate in the House of Delegates of the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Organization of Student Representatives of the Association of American Medical Colleges - Medical students also participate as voting delegates for this organization.

AUXILLARY ORGANIZATION
Medical Student Family Alliance (MSFA) - This organization is for spouses, significant others and families of medical students to promote closer friendships through informational programs, service projects and social events to help prepare them for their roles in the health care community.

THE MEDICAL ALUMNI GUARDIAN SOCIETY
The society is a special organization sponsored by the medical alumni to encourage extraordinary giving by alumni, friends and faculty of the School of Medicine. The gifts, representing either current or deferred contributions, may be restricted or undesignated. The membership holds the responsibility of insuring that available funds are distributed to the School of Medicine as well as serving as trustee for specially designated charitable programs.

AWARDS AND PRIZES
Alford Memorial Award, established by the Class of 1967 in memory of Raymond Alford, consists of a plaque on which is engraved the name of the medical student who achieves the highest academic record during the freshman year.

Chris Allenburger Memorial Award, established in 1986 by Dr. and Mrs. Gray Hilsman, is a cash prize awarded to a senior medical student or a resident who best displays clinical skills indicative of the courage, dedication, empathy and love shown by Chris Allenburger.

Alpha Omega Alpha Student Scientific Award, given by the Mississippi chapter, consists of a certificate and cash prize awarded annually to a medical student for the best original paper.

American Medical Association Scholars Fund Award is made possible by gifts to the foundation from state physicians and the Mississippi State Medical Association Alliance. The award is presented to a student for superior academic performance to offset tuition expenses.

American Society of Clinical Pathologists Award is given to a capable sophomore medical student who shows special promise for a career in pathology. The award includes a book provided by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and a certificate from the Department of Pathology.

Blair E. Batson Award for Excellence in Pediatrics recognizes a senior whose clinical performance and devotion to pediatrics are judged superior in the class by the pediatric faculty. It is given to honor Dr. Blair E. Batson, first chairman of the Department of Pediatrics.

Thomas M. (Peter) Blake, MD Award, established in 2001 by the Department of Medicine in memory of Dr. Peter Blake who served as the course director for Physical Diagnosis from 1955-90. This award consists of an engraved plaque, cash and a textbook on advanced physical diagnosis and is presented to a medical student in recognition of academic excellence in the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course, and a pursuit of knowledge, professionalism, and reliance on self rather than others in the ultimate achievement of his/her own goals.

Thomas J. Brooks Jr. Award in Preventive Medicine, established to honor the first chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine and sponsored by the department and Connaught Laboratories, Inc., is awarded annually to a junior who has demonstrated excellence in the course composing the preventive medicine block the previous academic year.

Margie Bulboff Award established in 2001 by the Office of Alumni Affairs in honor of Margie Bulboff, a long-time Department of Pathology employee and friend to generations of medical students. This $1,000 scholarship goes to a second-year medical student in good standing who successfully balances the demands of the educational program with family, community, philanthropy and intramural activities. The Bulboff Award is presented on Honors Day.

CIBA Award is presented to a sophomore medical student selected by the class members in recognition of outstanding community service.

Clinical Skills Assessment Award recognizes a senior student for outstanding performance on the end of third-year Clinical Skills Assessment exam. The exam is designed to teach and evaluate students’ clinical skills including verbal and written communication, history, and physical examination, differential diagnosis and professionalism.

Dr. Wally Conerly Community Service Award is presented to a third- and/or a fourth-year medical student who most exemplifies Dr. Conerly’s outstanding attributes of leadership and community outreach and service. The award is sponsored by the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Virginia Covington and Kay Fulton Award was established by the Class of 2006 and consists of a cash prize and certificate given to a medical student participating in a medical mission trip. The recipient should be viewed as a role model and demonstrate a compassion for others.
Dean’s Awards are presented annually to selected students with outstanding academic records from the M1, M2 and M3 years. These awards currently are $1,000 for each of the recipients. Awards are subject to renewal provided the recipient maintains academic standing in the upper one-third of the class.

Charles L. Dodgen Memorial Award is given to a third-quarter freshman in memory of Dr. Charles Dodgen, who served on the UMMC Biochemistry faculty from 1958 to 1980. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the Admissions Committee. Recipients of this award are chosen on the basis of overall performance and professional potential.

Daryl Douglas Memorial Award, established by the Class of 1978 in memory of Daryl Douglas, a classmate, consists of a plaque on which are engraved the names of sophomore students who most consistently demonstrate readiness to serve and assist their classmates in the pursuit of medical knowledge and skills.

Medical Student Service Award in Emergency Medicine is presented to a senior medical student interested in emergency medicine for recognition of outstanding care to patients in a manner that exemplifies professionalism and a humanistic approach to patients, their families, and fellow health care workers.

Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award is presented to a senior medical student who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in emergency medicine.

Carl Gustav Evers Award was established in 1993 by the Mississippi State Medical Association Foundation in memory of Dr. Evers, who was professor of pathology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Medicine at the time of his death in November 1992. This award is given to a senior medical student who has demonstrated qualities of scholarship, peer to peer support, and exceptional leadership in student activities of the American Medical Association and the Mississippi State Medical Association.

Leonard W. Fabian Award, established in 1992 by the Department of Anesthesiology to honor its first chairman, consists of a certificate and a gift from the department. It is presented to a senior medical student in recognition of outstanding achievements in anesthesiology.

Family Medicine Award, sponsored by the Department of Family Medicine and the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, goes to a senior who demonstrates excellence in family medicine. It includes a cash prize, textbook and inscription of the student’s name on a plaque.

William B. Gallagher Award, established in 1969 in memory of Dr. William B. Gallagher, is a cash prize given to the senior considered most outstanding in obstetrics-gynecology.

Ernest W. Goodpasture Award is given to the sophomore pathology student with the highest grade in pathology. The tangible components of this award are a cash prize and a certificate, both from the Department of Pathology.

James E. Griffith Pulmonary Award is sponsored by the American Lung Association and is in memory of Dr. James E. Griffith. It is given yearly to a fourth-year medical student who shows interest in pulmonary medicine.

William Forrest Hutchison Memorial Award was established in 1996 in memory of Dr. William Forrest Hutchison by his family. Dr. Hutchison was a member of the School of Medicine faculty from 1955 until 1990. The award is given to a sophomore in the top 25 percent of the class who demonstrates excellence in and a commitment to community service.

Donald T. Imrie Award, established by the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery to honor Dr. Imrie, is a book prize and certificate to a senior for outstanding performance in orthopaedics.

Waller S. Leathers Award is a medal given on Commencement Day to the graduating student with the highest academic average for the four years in medical school. The medal is awarded in memory of the first dean of the School of Medicine, Waller S. Leathers, M.D.

Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins Book Awards are for academic excellence in the anatomical sciences. One award is given to the medical student with the highest academic standing in gross anatomy and neurobiology and the second to the highest ranking student in medical histology.

Blanche Lockhard Scholarship Endowment in Medicine provides an annual award toward tuition for a deserving female medical student. Dr. Lockhard was an obstetrician-gynecologist and a longtime member of the School of Medicine’s clinical faculty.

Robert A. Mahaffey Jr. Memorial Award, established in 1976 in memory of graduate student, Robert A. Mahaffey Jr., includes a cash prize, certificate and plaque. The award goes to a PhD candidate chosen for exceptional research potential by the graduate faculty in pathology.

McGraw-Hill, Merck and Lange Book Awards consist of medical books presented to senior, junior, sophomore and freshman students in recognition of scholastic excellence.

J.P. “Jake” Mills Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology was established in 2000 in memory of J.P. “Jake” Mills of Tupelo, who served on the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning from January 1992, until his death April 17, 1999. Students eligible for this award are seniors who have matched for residency training in obstetrics and gynecology. Preference is given to those students who plan to practice in Mississippi.

Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Society Awards are given to two senior medical students for excellence in otorhinolaryngology and ophthalmology. The awards consist of plaques on which the names of recipients are inscribed.

Mississippi Psychiatric Association Outstanding Senior Award is a certificate awarded to the senior with the most outstanding clinical and academic record in psychiatry.

Neuroscience Research Award, sponsored by the Mississippi Chapter, Society for Neuroscience, consists of a cash prize and certificate, and recognizes meritorious research in the neurosciences.

Department of Ophthalmology Award is a cash prize and award given to a senior medical student for excellence in the field of ophthalmology.

Department of Otolaryngology and Communicative Sciences Award is a book award and certificate given to a senior medical student for excellence in the field of otorhinolaryngology.
David S. Pankratz Scholarship, awarded in memory of the first dean of the four-year School of Medicine and first director of the Medical Center, is a cash prize given to a sophomore student in recognition of outstanding academic achievements in the freshman medical year.

Department of Pathology Prize consists of a cash prize presented to the sophomore student or students with superior scholastic performance in pathology.

Powell Award for Excellence in Family Medicine is sponsored by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. A cash prize and textbook are presented to the senior student demonstrating excellence in family medicine. The recipient’s name is engraved on a plaque.

Brenda Joy Nicholson Pritchard Scholarship Fund was established in 1999 with a bequest from the estate of Sarah Margaret Ridgell Nicholson and named for her daughter, a graduate of University Medical Center School of Medicine and Pathology Residency. This scholarship is given to a deserving medical student ranked in the top half of the class with financial need.

Professor of the Year Awards were established by the University of Mississippi Medical Alumni Chapter and consist of a cash prize in recognition of teaching excellence. The clinical professor is selected by the senior class and the preclinical professor by the sophomore class.

Joey Purvis Memorial Fund Award honors Joey Purvis, a member of the Class of 2002, who was killed in an automobile accident while in route to Pennsylvania State University Medical Center to interview for an ob-gyn residency position. This award goes to a medical student who best exemplifies Joey’s caring concern for patients and fellow students.

Rear Admiral Dennis Wright Military Medical Student Award honors Rear Admiral Dennis Wright, a 1968 graduate of the School of Medicine, and is presented to a medical student enrolled in a military program, in recognition of outstanding achievement in medical course work.

Rice-Holland Memorial Award, established in memory of Dr. James C. Rice and Dr. William C. Holland, former chairmen of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, consists of a cash prize awarded to an outstanding medical student in pharmacology.

Curtis Delgadillo Roberts MD, Scholarship in Medicine honors the memory of a longtime Brandon family physician who died in 1989. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of exceptional merit and/or exceptional need and potential for successful completion of the four-year curriculum. Preference is given to Rankin County residents.

Stanley C. Russell Award was established by Dr. Russell’s family in 2001 in celebration of his 70th birthday. Eligible students are seniors who plan to go into a residency in family medicine. Selection is based on academic excellence, character, bedside manner and commitment to practice in a rural area of Mississippi. The Russell Award is presented on Honors Day.

W.B. Saunders Medical Physiology Award consists of a book award and framed certificate presented to the medical or graduate student with superior scholastic performance in the medical physiology course.

Sigma Xi Student Research Awards consist of a certificate and a cash prize awarded annually to a medical student and a graduate student for the best original research work.

Robert D. Sloan Award honors the first chairman of the Department of Radiology. It includes a textbook and plaque and goes to the senior considered most outstanding in radiology.

Mark T. Smith Memorial Award was established by the Class of 2000 in memory of Mark Thompson Smith, a classmate, to a medical student with a true caring Christian spirit and attitude towards classmates, instructors, and patients; with intellectual curiosity in the field of medicine, and enthusiasm for life with a heartfelt smile even when confronted with a challenge.

J. Robert Snavely Award, established in memory of Dr. J. Robert Snavely, first chairman of the Department of Medicine, consists of a plaque and cash awarded to a senior medical student for outstanding scholastic achievement in internal medicine.

Department of Surgery Prize is awarded to the senior medical student for outstanding performance in surgery during the clinical years.

Virginia Stansel Tolbert Award, sponsored by the Mississippi State Medical Association, is a cash prize and plaque given to a medical student who has demonstrated superior scholarship and leadership in campus activities. Additionally, the recipient must exhibit interest in issues which affect the profession and willingness to devote time and effort to those matters.

Helen R. Turner Academic Medicine Award, established in 2012 by the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, honors Dr. Helen Turner and her contributions to academic medicine, which have laid a foundation for success to benefit the next generation of health care professionals, their future patients, and the communities in which they will serve. This award is presented to a fourth year medical student selected on the basis of demonstrated promise in the field of academic medicine.

Jimmy Waites, MD, Student of the Year Award, sponsored by the Mississippi Physicians Care Network and the Medical Alumni Chapter, consists of a cash prize and plaque designation. The award honors the memory of Dr. Waites who was a longtime family physician in Laurel and a member of the School of Medicine’s second graduating class. The award is presented to a graduating senior medical student selected by the senior class in recognition of those qualities most desired in a physician - which Dr. Waites so exemplified.

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In the fourth year, all students must take MED 651 Medicine and CONJ 652 Senior Seminar. In addition, students must choose one course each in the following core areas:

**Ambulatory (choose one)**
- EM 680 Emergency Medicine
- FM 651 Family Medicine Preceptorship
- FM 652 Family Medicine Clerkship
- MED 652 Ambulatory Medicine
- MED 673 Ambulatory Internal Medicine In Economically Underserved Areas of Mississippi

**Pediatrics (choose one)**
- PED 651 Pediatric Ambulatory Care
- PED 652 Pediatric Externship
- PED 653 Neonatal Medicine
- PED 655 Pediatric Cardiology
- PED 656 Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
- PED 658 Pediatric Neurology
- PED 663 OB/GYN Fundamentals of Gynecologic and Minimally Invasive Surgery

**Surgery (choose one)**
- NS 655 Neurosurgery
- OB/GYN 663 OB/GYN Fundamentals of Gynecologic and Minimally Invasive Surgery
- OPTH 660 Ophthalmology II
- ORTHO 657 Orthopedic Surgery
- ORTHO 658 Outpatient Orthopedic Surgery
- OTO 661 Otolaryngology - Surgical
- SURG 652 General Surgery
- SURG 653 Cardiothoracic Surgery
- SURG 654 Surgical Critical Care
- SURG 655 Pediatric Surgery
- SURG 656 Vascular Surgery
- SURG 657 Trauma Surgery
- SURG 658 Urology
- SURG 660 Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- SURG 665 Breast Surgery
- SURG 666 Outpatient Surgery Clinic
- SURG 668 Transplant Surgery

Students must also select four electives in the fourth year. Although any fourth-year course/clerkship may be taken as an elective, no student shall be allowed to count the same course/clerkship (such as PED 651) twice to satisfy the Core Pediatric requirement and the Core Ambulatory requirement. Within the eight required months, no student shall be allowed to take the same course/clerkship twice for credit or be given credit for more than two months of extramural coursework.

Arrangements for extramural courses to be taken for credit shall be made in advance by the student with the appropriate department, the associate dean for student affairs and the registrar.

Students will be certified for graduation only after all requirements for graduation are completed. These requirements include passing the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills Exams.

Medical students are not required to participate in any procedure or service for which they have religious objection. Students must attend all required educational sessions whether or not they have religious objection to the material discussed and are responsible for the educational content of the session. In addition, students may not refuse to provide care to a patient based on religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, patient diagnosis, or any other patient personal characteristic. It is required that students communicate with the course or clerkship director at the beginning of the course or clerkship when they are aware that procedures to which they object may occur.

**DEPARTMENTS OF INSTRUCTION**

**ANESTHESIOLOGY**
Douglas R. Bacon, MD, MA, Professor and Chair

**CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**
Jane Reckelhoff, PhD, Professor and Chair

**DERMATOLOGY**
Robert T. Brodell, MD, Professor and Chair

**EMERGENCY MEDICINE**
Alan Jones, MD, Professor and Chair

**FAMILY MEDICINE**
Shannon Pittman, MD, Professor and Chair

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
MEDICINE
Javed Butler, MD, Professor and Chair

MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY
Larry S. McDaniel, PhD, Professor and Chair

NEUROBIOLOGY AND ANATOMICAL SCIENCES
Michael N. Lehman, PhD, Professor and Chair

NEUROLOGY
Scott Stringer, MD, Professor and Interim Chair

NEUROSURGERY
H. Louis Harkey III, MD, Professor and Chair

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
Jermaine Gray, MD, JD, Professor and Chair

OPHTHALMOLOGY
Kimberly Crowder, MD, Professor and Chair

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AND REHABILITATION
George V. Russell, MD, Professor and Chair

OTOLARYNGOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIVE SCIENCES
Scott P. Stringer, MD, MS, Professor and Chair

PATHOLOGY
Timothy Allen, MD, Professor and Chair

PEDIATRICS
Mary B. Taylor, MD, Professor and Chair

PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY
Richard J. Roman, PhD, Professor and Chair

PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS
John E. Hall, PhD, Arthur C. Guyton Professor and Chair

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
Joshua Mann, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair

PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR
Scott Rodgers, MD, Professor and Chair

RADIATION ONCOLOGY
Srinivasan Vijayakumar, MD, DMRT, DABR, FACP, Professor and Chair, Director, UMMC Cancer Institute

RADIOLOGY
Timothy C. McCowan, MD, Professor and Chair

SURGERY
Christopher D. Anderson, MD, Chair and Associate Professor

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

YEAR 1
ANAT 611. Medical Gross Anatomy. A study of the human body, including dissection, with an emphasis on clinical applications. Traditional Lecture/Lab (12 credit hours)
ANAT 613. Medical Histology and Cell Biology. A study of the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs. Traditional Lecture/Lab (7 credit hours)
ANAT 616. Medical Developmental Anatomy. A study of human development utilizing congenital defects as a basis for understanding normal development from conception to birth. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)
BIOCH 610. Biochemistry. Comprehensive course in human biochemistry including protein and nucleic acid structure, enzyme function and regulation, cellular membranes, molecular genetics and protein synthesis, signal transduction and hormonal control mechanisms,
vitamins, the metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and protein, cellular bioenergetics and the synthesis of lipids, carbohydrates, proteins and nucleic acids. Traditional Lecture (10 credit hours)

CONJ 611. Medical Neuroscience and Behavior I. This course provides an introduction to the anatomical, physiological, and behavioral basis of the human nervous system with an emphasis on clinical presentation. A variety of teaching modalities are used including didactic learning sessions, team-based learning, active learning groups, laboratories, and clinical experiences. Traditional Lecture (12 credit hours)

CONJ 612. Introduction to the Medical Profession I. This course is designed to develop skills that medical students must master to practice high-quality, cost-effective, and patient-centered medicine in the modern world in which knowledge is progressing exponentially and in which technology has permeated our society. Physicians in the 21st century must possess the ability to constantly seek, evaluate, analyze, and assimilate new knowledge; to communicate efficiently and effectively with patients; to collect and document historical and physical information from their patients; to work in collaborative teams with members of other health care disciplines; to improve the health and well-being of their communities; and to meet the societal expectations of behavior for medical professionals. To meet these needs, Introduction to the Medical Profession I combines aspects of biostatistics, evidence-based medicine, community and population health, and patient care skills taught in a progressive manner to facilitate the development of these critical skills. Traditional Lecture (12 credit hours)

PHYSIO 611. Medical Physiology. Study of the functions of the body with special emphasis on the relationships of the different organs to each other. This course is given in the winter and spring semesters of the first year. Traditional Lecture (12 credit hours)

YEAR 2

CONJ 622. Intro to the Medical Profession II. This second year course is designed to build upon the concepts learned in Introduction to the Medical Profession I (IMPI) and to further develop the skills needed to practice medicine in the 21st century. Members of all clinical departments participate in this course designed as further introduction to clinical medicine, bridging the gap between the basic sciences and clinical application. This course will help students improve communication and the ability to work on a health care team. It provides an opportunity to develop clinical reasoning skills. Classroom instruction in history taking, physical examination, and clinical reasoning is supplemented by weekly tutorial sessions conducted by members of the faculty. This course also continues to develop the students’ skills in ethics, population health, and health systems science. Traditional Lecture (14 credit hours)

CONJ 628. Medical Neuroscience and Behavior II. This course provides an introduction to neurology, psychopathology and neuropsychopharmacology. It highlights treatment options with an emphasis on clinical presentation and diagnosis identification. A variety of teaching modalities are used including didactic learning sessions, case-based learning, active learning groups, and clinical experiences with actual or standardized patients. Traditional Lecture (8 credit hours)

MICRO 611. Medical Microbiology. Students will learn fundamentals of both the function and development of the human immune system and etiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis, laboratory diagnosis, and treatment of microbial agents (bacteria, fungi, parasites, and viruses) causing human disease. Extends through the first, second and third quarters of the second year. Traditional Lecture/Lab (12 credit hours)

PATH 621. General and Systemic Pathology. Concepts of disease. This course extends over winter and spring semesters of the second year and is designed to give the student a broad conceptual understanding of disease processes as they relate to the ill patient. This course primarily deals with disease processes from the perspective of anatomic and clinical pathology, with pathophysiological principles emphasized throughout. Students are also introduced to the principles of appropriate utilization of the anatomic and clinical pathology laboratories, as well as to the proper interpretation of laboratory results. Self-study and small group seminar teaching are emphasized as part of the case study approach, along with self study of virtual online gross and microscopic surgical and autopsy material. Traditional Lecture (14 credit hours)

PHARM 620. Intro to Pharmacology & Therapeutics. Students are introduced to the principles underlying the use of pharmacological agents in medical practice. Concepts related to drug distribution, drug-receptor interaction and drug metabolism are considered. In addition, the mechanism of action, therapeutic effects, adverse side-effects and common clinical applications of various drugs and drug classes are presented through a combination of lectures and clinical correlations. This course is given during the winter and spring semesters. Traditional Lecture (12 credit hours)

YEAR 3

ANES 630. Survey of Anesthesia. A two week elective course for students with an interest in Anesthesiology. The goals of the course are to introduce M3 students to the daily practice of anesthesia and to improve the student’s understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of pain, including the psychosocial and economic impact of pain on the patient and society. The student will spend time with the practitioners in several subspecialties (pediatrics, chronic pain management, general and obstetrical anesthesia) learning about the specialty and discussing how anesthesia fits into and helps fulfill their life goals. (Four (4) students each rotation unless special permission granted by course director. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

CONJ 632. Independent Study. Independent Study (IS) in the SOM is a self-paced course which allows students in the 3rd year curriculum to complete academic requirements or projects for the year without distracting from the clerkship schedule. It allows students to remain in their assigned M3 group with the intent to rejoin the group at the completion of the course. Independent Study is scheduled for 2 weeks in the 3rd year curriculum. This time frame can be extended up to but not to exceed 10 weeks within the 3rd year. Approval for the extension must be given by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Students who request an extension of the time in independent study will be required to submit a plan of study to demonstrate good time management. There will be no grade at completion of this course. Traditional - EL Independent Study (0 credit hours)

CONJ 633. M3 Medical Student Research Program. A two-week research block required by students who are in the Medical Student Research Program (MSRP). During this rotation, third year medical students will gain experience in designing a research project, conducting experiments, analyzing data, preparing a manuscript for submission, and preparing a poster for presentation. Students in the MSRP will
work with their assigned mentor for the duration of the rotation. At the end of the M3 year, all third-year MSRP students are expected to present their research in a poster format at the MSRP Research Day or similar activity. Traditional - EL Laboratory (5 credit hours)

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**CONJ 634. Evolution in Health and Disease 634.** This elective provides third-year medical students the opportunity to explore the relevance of concepts and principles from evolutionary biology and human evolution to medical practice and research, and to gain a deeper understanding of health and disease in populations. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations except the second rotation in May, June and July.) Traditional Independent Study (5 credit hours)

**CONJ 636. Public Health.** This elective provides third-year medical students the opportunity to work with the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) to learn the broader scope of public health as it relates to the individual and the community. Activities will include restaurant and wastewater inspections, TB outreach activities to the homeless, and disease intervention investigations. Additional activities such as disease outbreak investigations, disaster preparedness involvement and other public health experiences will be included as opportunities arise. There will also be opportunities for direct patient care in the MSDH clinics. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations except the second rotation in May, June and July.) Traditional Independent Study (5 credit hours)

**DERM 640. Dermatology.** During this two-week rotation, third-year medical students will gain experience in the evaluation and treatment of the 20 most common dermatologic conditions encountered in an academic clinic setting and less common “classic” entities. The student will participate in “team-based” patient care involving dermatology residents, primary care residents, and a full-time attending dermatologist. Over the course of two weeks, they will be awarded increasing responsibility for taking histories, describing patients using dermatologic terminology, and synthesizing an initial differential diagnosis and will learn to perform a KOH preparation and scabies preparation. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**DERM 641. Rural Dermatology.** This is a M3 two-week Rural Dermatology (Louisville clinic) rotation where medical students will gain experience in the evaluation and treatment of the common dermatologic conditions encountered in the rural setting. The medical student will join the full-time dermatologist as well as any currently rotating residents and participate in outpatient dermatology clinics as well as inpatient consultations (at Winston Medical Center in Louisville). Utilizing a team-based approach, the students over the course of a month gain increasing responsibility for taking histories, describing physical findings, and synthesizing a differential diagnosis – and contributing toward the treatment plan at a level appropriate to the student’s training level. Students will also have exposure to procedures such as KOH preparation, scabies preparation, local anesthesia, shave and punch biopsies, surgical excisions, and suturing. Nightly reading is expected focused on enhancing the care for patients seen each day. The students will also have opportunities to participate in some teleconferences with the larger dermatology department in Jackson as time permits. Less-structured learning will occur in the clinic and students will be expected to teach patients and other students – as applicable – and to learn themselves as opportunities arise. The primary sites for this rotation will be the UMMC Dermatology satellite clinic in Louisville, MS and the nearby Winston Medical Center hospital and emergency department. Furthermore, twice-monthly clinics will be held at the main UMMC Pavilion and or Grants Ferry locations. Students should expect to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from clinic sites, and for local accommodations if necessary. Rotational positions will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis. Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**EM 630. Emergency Medicine: Life-Saving Skills.** The purpose of this course is to prepare students to master the rapid assessment and management of emergency medical conditions. The first week of the rotation is simulation based. Skill training modules teach adult basic and advanced airway management, arterial and central vascular access, lumbar puncture, and key resuscitative concepts. These modules include on-line self-directed learning and hands-on instruction using task trainers. Students will also manage patients in life-threatening conditions using high fidelity adult simulators. The students with form code teams and develop the cognitive and hands on skill necessary to successfully participate in a team resuscitation effort. Emphasis is placed on urgent patient assessment, situational awareness, application of ACLS protocols, skilled and timely execution of life-saving interventions, usage of equipment (code cart, defibrillator), team work and communication. During the second week of the rotation, students participate in patient care in three to four, 8-hour long shifts in the Emergency Department. Evaluations include pre- and post-tests, check-list of simulated patient management scenarios and assessment of clinical performance during shifts in the Emergency Department. (Six (6) students each rotation. Available all rotations September through May.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**FM 631. Family Medicine Preceptorship.** This course is designed to introduce the third-year medical student to the concepts of family medicine. The six-week experience includes a four-week preceptorship working one-on-one with a family physician in private practice within the state. Students are matched with preceptors outside the Jackson metropolitan area and housing can be arranged if needed. During the remaining two weeks, the student will work with Department of Family Medicine faculty and residents at either Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, University Medical Center, Flowood Family Medical Center, or Lakeland Family Medical Center. Traditional Clinical Rotation (16 credit hours)

**FM 632. M3 Elective in Medical Ethics.** The two-week elective in Medical Ethics is designed to give the junior medical student an overview of ethical dilemmas that are encountered in ambulatory and inpatient practice. An emphasis is placed on self-study and reflection to allow each student to explore and expand his or her own ethical beliefs. Available for four (4) students per elective cycle. Traditional - EL Thesis (5 credit hours)

**MED 631. Medicine Clerkship.** This clerkship includes subject matter basic to the practice of caring for the adult patient in Internal Medicine. Students are assigned to hospital services at The University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Students learn to sharpen the assessment skills, record detailed histories, perform physical examinations and participate in clinical evaluation and therapy of patients as an integral member of the treatment team, working closely with the housestaff. Full time and clinical faculty
provide instruction on ward rounds seven days a week. Both faculty and housestaff evaluate the student's performance. Students must successfully complete all components in order to receive credit for the clerkship. Traditional Clinical Rotation (20 credit hours)

**MED 633. Clinical Endocrinology.** This elective is provided for third year students in order to develop a reasonable approach to the broad spectrum of endocrine disorders. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 634. Outpatient Care of the Geriatric Patient.** This elective provides third year students with the opportunity to care for geriatric patients. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 635. Hematology/Oncology.** During this elective, students will be exposed to a wide variety of patients with malignancies of solid organs, as well as benign and malignant diseases of the blood. (Three (3) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 636. Infectious Disease.** This elective provides third year students with the opportunity to develop history taking and physical exam skills pertinent to the evaluation of patients with an infectious disease. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 637. Pulmonary Medicine.** This course provides exposure to patients with pulmonary disorders in a combined in/outpatient educational experience. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 638. Rheumatology.** This elective provides third year students with the opportunity to care for patients with rheumatic disorders in the combined in/outpatient setting. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 640. Ambulatory Internal Medicine Clerkship.** The students will be exposed to a variety of pathologic conditions commonly encountered in the outpatient setting. (One (1) student each rotation. Available August through November and January through May.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**MED 641. Cardiology.** This M3 elective provides a combined inpatient/outpatient educational experience for junior medical students. Students will see patients with cardiology faculty and assist in obtaining medical histories, performing physical examinations, formulating differential diagnoses, and ordering appropriate diagnostic studies and therapeutic plans. Students will also spend time participating in interpretation/observation of selected cardiology imaging studies to include cardiac catheterization and echocardiography and will undergo focused training on electrocardiographic interpretation under the supervision of Cardiology faculty. This elective will provide a basic understanding of the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of common cardiac diseases. Student responsibilities will include approximately 40 hours of participation per week. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**NEUR 632. Clinical Neuroscience.** The Neuroscience Clerkship is a cooperative effort involving six departments: Neurobiology and Anatomical Sciences, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Radiology. The clerkship is administratively managed by Neurology. During this clerkship, students will expand their clinical knowledge of neuroanatomical principles discussed during the M1 curriculum and learn how medical problems that affect the nervous system are diagnosed and treated. Students will be assigned to clinics and hospital services at the UMMC and VAMC. Emphasis will be placed on the neurologic history and clinical examination in patients with acute and chronic neurologic diseases. Students will also be required to attend and participate in multidisciplinary conferences. Traditional Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**NEUR 633. Clinical Neuroscience Elective.** The clinical neuroscience elective is administratively managed by Neurology. During this elective, students will expand their clinical knowledge of neuroanatomical principles discussed during the M1 curriculum and learn how medical problems that affect the nervous system are diagnosed and treated. Students will be assigned to clinics and hospital services at UMMC. They will have a choice of NSICU, general service, neurosurgery, or stroke service. They can choose either one or two of these options during their two week elective. Emphasis will be placed on the neurologic history and clinical examination in patients with acute and chronic neurologic diseases. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**NS 630. Neurosurgery 630.** The M3 neurosurgery elective is a two-week rotation in Neurosurgery where third year medical students will gain experience in the evaluation and treatment of neurological surgery problems encountered in an academic medical center. The primary goal of this course is to introduce M3 students to the daily practice of neurosurgery. Students will focus on diagnosis and management of common neurosurgical problems, related surgical procedures, and consultation. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**OB/GYN 631. Obstetrics and Gynecology.** The third-year clerkship in obstetrics-gynecology is designed to provide a strong clinical base in normal and abnormal obstetrics and gynecology along with exposure to the subspecialties and health maintenance strategies for women. Students rotate in small groups through labor and delivery, the high risk obstetric service, the women’s urgent care center, gynecology, urogynecology and/or gynecologic oncology over a 6 week time frame. Students participate in all aspects of outpatient and inpatient care. They also assist during selected surgical cases. Obstetrical delivery experience is provided with supervision by attending faculty and residents. An interactive didactic lecture series is supplemented by weekly tutorial clinical problem solving sessions with faculty preceptors. Students actively participate in resident and faculty teaching rounds and attend all departmental conferences, including grand rounds and preoperative conference. Traditional Clinical Rotation (16 credit hours)

**OPHTH 630. Introduction to Ophthalmology.** The purpose is to give M-3’s a brief overview of the clinical and surgical practice of ophthalmologists. This will include teaching students very basic eye examination techniques and diagnoses, geared toward a primary care physician. (One (1) student in August. Two (2) students each rotation September through May.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**ORTHO 630. Orthopedic Surgery.** This 2-week course will give medical students the opportunity for exposure to the care of orthopedic patients through operative, clinical and emergency room assignments. Students will become familiar with and gain a basic understanding of musculoskeletal orthopedic problems. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available November through May.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**OTO 630. Otolaryngology.** Students will become familiar with the integration of otolaryngology with other medical and surgical specialties and gain hands on exposure to the subspecialties of otolaryngology. (Three (3) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

**PATH 630. Pathology: Anatomic Elective.** Students will be introduced to surgical pathology, autopsy, cytopathology and subspecialties. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations. MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)
PATH 631. Pathology: Clinical Elective. This course provides a practical approach to the study of pathology and the interpretation of results in clinical practice. (Two (2) students each month. Available all rotations. MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

PED 631. Junior Pediatrics. This course is required of all third year students. Traditional Clinical Rotation (16 credit hours)

PED 632. Child Development & Behavioral Pediatric. This elective is comprised of a two week block of outpatient child development and behavioral pediatrics. It focuses on the pediatrician's part in a multidisciplinary approach to the evaluation and treatment of children and youth developmental and behavioral disorders including ADHD, learning disabilities, Tourette's Syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, behavioral disorders, and intellectual disabilities. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

PSYCH 631. Junior Clerkship in Psychiatry. This course introduces students to the clinical practice of psychiatry with the opportunity to extend and deepen their exposure to the field. In addition, this course will provide additional experience and training in the theoretical principles of the psychiatric interview, differential diagnosis and individual treatment plans. The bulk of time in this course (85-90%) will be spent in clinical settings under the supervision of attending psychiatrists and psychologists as well as senior residents in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The remaining time (10-15%) will be spent in discussions of advanced reading assignments with faculty in the Department. Available all months. Two (2) students per block, depending on the number of students concurrently in the Psychiatry Clerkship (PSYCH 631). Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

RADIO 631. Intro to Diagn. & Interven. Radiology. This course is for all students, including those targeting radiology as a career as well as those who plan to enter other medical specialties. The two-week course is designed to introduce students to all major imaging modalities and equip students with practical knowledge regarding anatomy, advantages and disadvantages of each imaging modality, safety issues related to medical imaging, and a basic approach to image interpretation. (Six (6) students each rotation. Available all rotations except December.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 631. Surgery. The basic comprehensive course in surgery includes case studies, conferences, quizzes, ward rounds, outpatient clinic, and operating room time for 8 weeks. Didactic and clinical experiences include material from all surgical specialties. Application of anatomy and physiology to the recognition, evaluation, and operative treatment of common surgical diseases is emphasized along with pre and postoperative care of surgical patients. Students are assigned patient care responsibilities under faculty and housestaff supervision including participation as part of an in-hospital on-call team. Students are required to participate in all aspects of patient care and to attend student centered and Departmental core conferences. Traditional Clinical Rotation (20 credit hours)
Surgery, or Veterans Administration), at the discretion of the Course Director, depending upon total number of students enrolled. (Four (4) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 633. Veterans Administration General Surgery. Students will participate in the diagnosis and treatment of a broad spectrum of general surgery problems. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 634. Cardiothoracic Surgery. This elective is designed for students with interests in adult or pediatric cardiothoracic disease. Students will be able to choose between two weeks on either the Pediatric or Adult Cardiothoracic services. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 635. Pediatric Surgery. The student will participate in the surgical management of pediatric patients with a variety of surgical problems. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 636. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Students will be introduced to the basics of plastic surgery including skin and tissue graphs, vascularized flaps and free flaps, craniofacial procedures and microsurgery. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 637. Surgery Critical Care. The student will be an integral part of the team participating in the daily care of trauma and general surgery patients in the surgery intensive care unit. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 638. Surgical Research. This elective is designed for students who have had previous and ongoing research experience with a Department of Surgery faculty member to allow dedicated time to continue their research endeavors. A letter of ongoing research is required from the Department of Surgery faculty member prior to approval into this two week elective. (Variable number of students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 639. Transplant Surgery. Students will be introduced to the basics of transplant surgery, including kidney, pancreas, and liver transplantation, as well as participate in the care of hepatobiliary patients. (One (1) student each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 640. Trauma Surgery. Students will focus on the initial evaluation and management of the trauma patient by becoming a member of the trauma team and responding to trauma activations. Students will have the choice of participating in daytime trauma service, or our “on-call”night float working 5 nights per week for two weeks. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 641. Urology. Emphasis is placed on common urologic problems with initial evaluations in the clinic or hospital setting during this elective. Students will participate in preoperative patient care, assist with urologic tests, procedures and surgeries in clinic and in the operating room. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Emphasis is placed on the common urologic problems with initial evaluations in the clinic or hospital setting. Students will participate in preoperative patient care, assist with urologic tests, procedures and surgeries in clinic and in the operating room. (Variable number of students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

SURG 642. Vascular Surgery. Students will focus on medical and surgical management of peripheral and central vascular disease in the inpatient and outpatient setting, as well as the operating room. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available all rotations.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

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ANAT 651. Review of Human Anatomy. Permission of the course director required. (Twenty (20) students each month. Available January, February, March, and April.) Traditional - EL Laboratory (10 credit hours)

ANAT 652. Review of Human Neurobiology. Intensive review of regions and systems with particular emphasis on clinical neurosciences. Permission of the course director required. (Ten (10) students each month. Available July, August, September, October, November, and January.) Traditional - EL Lecture/Lab (10 credit hours)

ANAT 653. Review of Histology w/Clinical Correlat. Microscopic review of tissues and organ systems emphasizing the integration of principles of histology and pathology with associated clinical cases. Permission of course director required. (Five (5) students each month. Available November, January, and February.) Traditional - EL Lecture/Lab (10 credit hours)

ANAT 654. Neurobiology Research. Limited to students who wish to participate in relatively advanced research programs in neurobiology. Permission of the course director required. Traditional - EL Laboratory (10 credit hours)

ANAT 657. Clinical Anatomy Research/Scholarship. Limited to students who wish to participate in clinical anatomy research/scholarship, including projects in educational scholarship. Permission of the course director required. Traditional - EL Lecture (10 credit hours)

ANES 651. Clinical Anesthesiology. A one month elective affording an overview of and introduction to anesthesiology. Under direct supervision, students will undertake “hands-on” participation in all parts of anesthesia care with particular emphasis on: preoperative evaluation/preparation, vascular access, airway maintenance (including intubation), physiology and pharmacology of anesthesia care and patient homeostasis (including vasoactive drugs) monitoring, and immediate postoperative management. Attendance is required at all departmental didactic sessions and special student lectures. This course is oriented to the student who is seriously considering Anesthesiology as a specialty. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except for July and August, unless special permission granted by Course Director.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

ANES 652. Pain Management. The purpose of this course is for medical students to develop an understanding of the knowledge and skills related to the practice of pain management and to facilitate a greater understanding of the contributions of pain management in the health care system. Students will participate in all aspects of pain management: acute, chronic and cancer pain. Students will learn the concept of pain as a multi- dimensional experience. They will participate in the evaluation and treatment of complex pain patients. This rotation is for any medical student with an interest in chronic pain management regardless of planned specialty. (One (1) student each month unless special permission is granted by course director. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

ANES 653. Anesthesiology & Peri-Operative Medicine. A one-month elective that will provide a broad overview of all aspects of peri-operative medicine and is equally applicable to the students interested in anesthesiology and those pursuing other specialties. This course
is divided into 4 one-week phases, which include general adult anesthesiology, pediatric anesthesia, obstetrical anesthesia, and pain management. Techniques of airway management, invasive line placement, EKG interpretation, general and regional anesthesia techniques, cardiac output measurement, and concepts of pain management will all be extensively reviewed. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except for July and August, unless special permission granted by Course Director.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

ANES 851. Anesthesia Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair's approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

ANES 852. Anesthesia Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair's approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 652. Senior Seminar. This required course consists of a series of assignments through Canvas, including online group discussions. Students explore a number of important topics, including approach to clinical ethics, end of life issues, autonomy, the physician-patient relationships, cultural issues and selected social issues related to medical practice. (25 clock hours. Given online September through November and January through March.) Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

CONJ 653. Bioethics, Persp Curr Iss Med & Soc. The fourth year elective course in bioethics is multifaceted and interactive. It is designed to acquaint students with various philosophical, ethical, and religious systems of thought and explore how they relate to complex ethical issues in the practice of medicine. This will help students develop critical thinking skills that can be used in the clinical setting and in future health care policy. This course seeks to develop an integrated or holistic approach to patient care that combines an understanding of the core principles of the belief, faith and spirituality of the patient with sound clinical judgment and ethical decision making in light of advancing medical technology. This is facilitated by providing students with tools and insights to further develop as compassionate healers with a deeper foundation and understanding of the complexities of ethical decision-making. Utilizing an interactive format of lecture, discussion, practical on site experience, and case analysis helps students to integrate this understanding into their own clinical practice. A diverse faculty provides instruction for the course including physicians, theologians, philosophers, chaplains, nurses, attorneys and bioethicists. (Fourteen (14) students each month. Available in February only.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 655. Community Service. This course is intended to promote awareness of the importance of volunteer community service by the physician and to organize and document an extraordinarily high degree of volunteer service by the student. Credit for the course requires a minimum number of documented hours of volunteer service in pre-approved activities and maintenance by the student of a personal journal recording these activities. All students must pre-enroll with approval by course directors and the Community Service Board. (Twenty-five (25) students each month. Available all months except May.) Traditional Independent Study (10 credit hours)

CONJ 658. Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. This 4-6 week rotation will provide a unique educational experience for medical students as they rotate on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service. Students will be exposed to oral pathology and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. They will see the effects of oral health on the patient's overall state of health. Students will spend time in both the outpatient clinic setting where ambulatory surgery is performed and the OR where they will assist in the care of patients. They will observe how the oral and maxillofacial surgeon manages complex facial trauma, temporomandibular joint disorders, cosmetic and functional facial deformities, and oral pathology. This elective is recommended for those interested in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery or plastic and reconstructive surgery. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 658A. Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. This 4-6 week rotation will provide a unique educational experience for medical students as they rotate on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service. Students will be exposed to oral pathology and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. They will see the effects of oral health on the patient's overall state of health. Students will spend time in both the outpatient clinic setting where ambulatory surgery is performed and the OR where they will assist in the care of patients. They will observe how the oral and maxillofacial surgeon manages complex facial trauma, temporomandibular joint disorders, cosmetic and functional facial deformities, and oral pathology. This elective is recommended for those interested in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery or plastic and reconstructive surgery. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 658B. Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. This 4-6 week rotation will provide a unique educational experience for medical students as they rotate on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service. Students will be exposed to oral pathology and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. They will see the effects of oral health on the patient's overall state of health. Students will spend time in both the outpatient clinic setting where ambulatory surgery is performed and the OR where they will assist in the care of patients. They will observe how the oral and maxillofacial surgeon manages complex facial trauma, temporomandibular joint disorders, cosmetic and functional facial deformities, and oral pathology. This elective is recommended for those interested in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery or plastic and reconstructive surgery. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 658C. Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. This 4-6 week rotation will provide a unique educational experience for medical students as they rotate on the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Service. Students will be exposed to oral pathology and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. They will see the effects of oral health on the patient's overall state of health. Students will spend time in both the outpatient clinic setting where ambulatory surgery is performed and the OR where they will assist in the care of patients. They will observe how the oral and maxillofacial surgeon manages complex facial trauma, temporomandibular joint disorders, cosmetic and functional facial deformities, and oral pathology. This elective is recommended for those interested in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery or plastic and reconstructive surgery. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 659. M4 to M2 Teaching Track. This longitudinal elective provides senior medical students interested in academic medicine an opportunity to acquire a better understanding and appreciation of the art of clinical education. The student will gain proficiency in teaching history and physical examinations skills and giving feedback to assigned sophomore ICM students. Senior medical students taking this course will be better prepared for the teaching responsibilities of residency. A standardized curriculum will consist of didactic and online sessions, assigned reading and online video resources in performance of the physical exam. (This rotation can accommodate 50 students)
over the course of the year. Students will be able to enroll in any month, July through May, but will mentor their M2’s throughout the year. Teaching responsibilities will be greatest during November through April. A final grade will not be given until May.) Students interested in participating will be required to submit a nomination form signed by any member of the pre-clinical or clinical faculty stating your interest and commitment as a student in teaching. Nomination forms may be obtained from Beth Wilson (mpwilson@umc.edu) in L439, Deborah Newell (dnewell@umc.edu) in the Clinical Assessment Center, or by emailing Dr. David Norris (dmorris@umc.edu). Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

CONJ 660. M4 Medical Student Research Program. A one-month research block required by students who are in the Medical Student Research Program (MSRP). During this rotation, fourth year medical students will gain experience in designing a research project, conducting experiments, analyzing data, preparing a manuscript for submission, and preparing a platform presentation. Students in the MSRP will work with their assigned mentor for the duration of the rotation. At the end of the M4 year, all fourth-year MSRP students are expected to present their research in a platform presentation at the MSRP Research Day or similar activity. Traditional - EL Laboratory (10 credit hours)

CONJ 667. Dean Fellowship in Health care Admin. This non-clinical elective provides the student a structured, faculty-mentored experience to explore many facets of health care leadership including academic medicine, hospital administration and models of health care delivery. It draws upon the expertise of leaders for the various department within the University Hospitals’ administrative departments. Prior to acceptance, student must provide a copy of his/her CV to the course director, along with a cover letter explaining his/her interest in doing this elective and what he/she hopes to gain from the experience. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except July, November, December, March and May.) Traditional Practicum/Internship (10 credit hours)

CONJ 668. Clinical Capstone. The goal of this M4 elective course is to provide a unique educational opportunity for individual students and to present topics that are crucial for a smooth transition to internship. It will be a multidisciplinary, integrated course that will use a combination of required pod casted lectures, small group sessions, medical simulations, and internet research. Given online. (This rotation can accommodate a flexible number of students. Available in February, March and April.) Traditional - EL Independent Study (10 credit hours)

CONJ 669. Introduction to Clinical Ethics. This course is designed to expose medical students to the ethical issues found in clinical medicine, as well as to endow them with critique and evaluation skills to recognize ethical dilemmas, work through the problems and attempt to find resolution. (Twenty (20) students per month. Available in January.) Traditional Lecture (10 credit hours)

DERM 664. Dermatology. The student will become familiar with the scope of Dermatology and the integration of Dermatology with other medical and surgical specialties. The student will gain exposure to pediatric, general, and surgical dermatology. The emphasis is on ambulatory components of the specialty and aims to help students gain a basic understanding of the diagnosis and management of common dermatologic problems. As part of the rotation, students will be expected to submit two short written case reports and attend any conferences offered. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

DERM 665. Dermatology Research. Individualized programs for four weeks are arranged with the Chairman’s approval for senior students who would like to participate in dermatologic research or other special activities as determined by the Program Director’s office in the Department of Dermatology. This rotation will allow each student to gain experience in research endeavors. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional Independent Study (10 credit hours)

DERM 667. Rural Dermatology. CallThis is a one-month Rural Dermatology (Louisville clinic) rotation where medical students will gain experience in the evaluation and treatment of the 20 most common dermatologic conditions encountered in the rural setting. The medical student will join the full-time dermatologist as well as any currently rotating residents and participate in outpatient dermatology clinics as well as inpatient consultations (at Winston Medical Center in Louisville). Utilizing a team-based approach, the students over the course of a month gain increasing responsibility for taking histories, describing physical findings, and synthesizing a differential diagnosis – and contributing toward the treatment plan at a level appropriate to the student’s training level. Students will also have exposure to procedures such as KOH preparation, scabies preparation, local anesthesia, shave and punch biopsies, surgical excisions, and suturing. Nightly reading is expected focused on enhancing the care for patients seen each day. The students will also have opportunities to participate in some teleconferences with the larger dermatology department in Jackson as time permits. Less-structured learning will occur in the clinic and students will be expected to teach patients and other students – as applicable – and to learn themselves as opportunities arise. The primary sites for this rotation will be the UMMC Dermatology satellite clinic in Louisville, MS and the nearby Winston Medical Center hospital and emergency department. Furthermore twice-monthly clinics will be held at the main UMMC Pavilion and/or Grants Ferry locations. Students should expect to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from clinic sites, and for local accommodations if necessary. Rotational positions will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis. Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

DERM 851. Dermatology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

DERM 852. Dermatology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

EM 680. Emergency Medicine. This course is designed to give senior medical students a relevant experience in adult emergency medicine. Students function as an acting intern and work under direct supervision of the emergency medicine attending physicians. They take part in the initial evaluation and subsequent management of patients presenting with emergent and urgent problems of various organ systems. Students are fully supported by emergency medicine residents and attending physicians, but the student is the patient’s primary care giver. Students are expected to formulate thorough differential diagnoses, treatment plans and perform any needed procedures. A series of didactics are presented to the students during the course of the month including small group discussions, lectures and procedural skills practice. Students also learn to manage critically ill patients through the use of advanced simulation. Final evaluations are based on demonstration of competency in clinical duties, completion of skills and simulation labs, formal case presentation, and performance on written mid-term and post clinical assessments. Opportunities are provided to work with the AirCare flight team while working in the
The rotation must be made at least one month in advance. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

EM 682. Emergency Medicine Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair's approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

EM 684. Emergency Medicine Research Elective. This senior medical student course is a research elective designed to include instruction in research methodology and medical literature. The student may participate in original research under faculty supervision or in on-going research projects with the faculty. There are opportunities for clinical studies as well as transitional bench work. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Lecture (10 credit hours)

FM 651. Family Medicine Preceptorship. The student spends one month with a preceptor in private practice within the state. Emphasis is placed upon student responsibility for patient care and developing treatment plans. The student is provided with first-hand exposure to clinical, administrative, financial, and social aspects of the private practice in Family Medicine. The student is evaluated by the preceptor. Students must register in the departmental office as well as the Registrar's Office. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

FM 652. Family Medicine Clerkship. The senior student is assigned to a work in the department's two Family Medicine Residency Clinics where he or she sees ambulatory patients and participates in department conferences. The student is evaluated by the physician team. Seniors must register in the departmental office as well as with the Registrar's Office. Two (2) students each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

FM 654. Community Medicine Clerkship. Emphasis is placed on community health needs, health delivery systems, and environmental, occupational, and industrial health hazards. The student will perform a community health assessment that will be presented to supervising faculty and possible interventions discussed. The student will meet with district officers of the Health Department, Home Health agencies, Hospice ministries, Free clinics in the Jackson Metropolitan area, and arrangements will be made for the student to choose any other areas of public health interest to visit. Students must register in the departmental office as well as with the Registrar's office. Arrangements for the rotation must be made at least one month in advance. (One (1) student each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

FM 656. Family Medicine In-Patient Service. The student will spend one month working with a team of family medicine residents and faculty and serving as a sub-intern. The student, with resident and faculty supervision, will evaluate patients in the emergency room, admit patients for continuing care, and assume primary responsibility for hospital care of patients to include coordination of consultation, as appropriate. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

FM 657. Research in Family Medicine. A primary care research opportunity, this course includes instruction in research methodology and medical writing. The students may do original research under faculty supervision or participate in on-going research projects. Arrangement with the student division should be made three months in advance of the block. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Lecture (10 credit hours)

FM 658. Medical Ethics. The senior student is assigned to a departmental faculty member. Emphasis is placed on ethical issues in a clinical setting. The student will choose and present four topics of their own choosing during the month. They will discuss ethical considerations regarding the topics and will also form and defend their own viewpoints. The student must register with the Department of Family Medicine, as well as with the Registrar's office. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

FM 662. Advanced Medical Practice. This is an elective course in the M4 year. While medical school prepares its graduates to collect and analyze information in order to diagnose diseases and provide treatment for patients, there are many gaps in what is taught regarding business and practice management skills. Additionally, gaps may be found in students' training to handle many challenging situations such as end-of-life care. This course seeks to address these gaps by providing students with skills in practice management, the legalities of the medical profession, advanced physical examination skills, and challenging patient situations including chronic pain management and end-of-life care. (Twenty (20) students each month. Available in February.) Traditional - EL Thesis (10 credit hours)
FM 851. Family Medicine Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair's approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

FM 852. Family Medicine Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair's approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 651. General Medicine Clerkship. This required senior rotation in medicine will be an extension of the Junior Medicine Clerkship. Students will be assigned to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center or the University Medical Center. Students will elicit histories, perform physical examinations, and carry out appropriate diagnostic and therapeutic procedures under the supervision of the house staff attending staff. Assignments will be made at the discretion of the Department of Medicine. (All students/required block. Scheduled in equal numbers of student from July through May.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

MED 652. Ambulatory Medicine. In this course students will concentrate on evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of the ambulatory patient. Each student will spend time in a variety of ambulatory clinics, including general medicine and certain medicine subspecialties. This approach allows the student to gain a breadth of knowledge regarding ambulatory medicine and the various subspecialties associated with Internal Medicine. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except July, December and May.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

MED 653. Special Medicine. Individualized programs for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the Chairman's approval for students who are interested in obtaining experience in research or other areas of interest. (Five (5) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 654. Cardiology. Students assigned to the Medical Center will work with the faculty and staff of the Division of Cardiology, participating in the work-up and care of patients admitted to the Cardiology services. There will be continuing patient responsibility and students will be expected to become familiar with the uses and indications for cardiac catheterization and other procedures, including echocardiography, electrocardiography and activities of the Cardiac Unit. Students will obtain experience in consultative cardiology. They will be expected to attend Cardiac Clinic and Cardiac Conferences. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 655. Gastroenterology. In this elective, the student will be assigned three patients per week for complete evaluation and current literature search. Students participates in divisional activities, including twice daily rounds, weekly teaching rounds, reviews of biopsy specimens, and attends all procedures such as endoscopy, liver biopsy, esophageal motility, percutaneous cholangiogram, etc. The student will meet weekly with the director of the division or senior fellow to review specific subjects in gastroenterology about which he or she has read during the week. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 657. Infectious Diseases. Diagnosis and therapy of a variety of infectious disease entities will be reviewed in detail with the student, who will be assigned to the infectious disease service of the University Medical Center or the VA Medical Center. The student will evaluate and follow consultation patients. The student will round daily with the service and attend and participate in weekly clinics and conferences at the VA Medical Center or UMMC. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 659. Pulmonary Diseases/Critical Care Med. Students are assigned to the Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine services at either UMMC or VAMC. At the University Hospital, the student will actively participate in the work-up and care of patients whose illnesses range from various respiratory diseases to the critically ill. At the Veterans Hospital, the students will be assigned to the Medical Intensive Care Unit and work closely with the Internal Medicine resident in the care of critically ill patients. Formal teaching rounds are held daily. Conferences and didactic lectures are held three times weekly. Students are introduced to pulmonary function testing, fiberoptic bronchoscopy, hemodynamic monitoring, including invasive monitoring. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 660. Nephrology. The object of this elective is designed to familiarize the student with the evaluation, diagnosis, medical management, and follow-up of patients with diseases of the kidney. The student will be seeing patients in inpatient consult service and will participate in decision making and care related to these patients. In addition, the students will receive a series of lectures covering different aspects of the kidney. Students are encouraged to attend one half day a week outpatient clinic at Jackson Medical Mall. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 661. Geriatrics/Gerontology. The goal of this elective will be to acquire experience and instruction in a multi-disciplinary approach to medical care in the older patient. The student will care for patients in multiple settings at UMMC including outpatient, in-hospital primary care, in-hospital consultation, and the Lakeland Nursing Center. The focus will be on common geriatric problems such as functional assessment, thyroid disease, osteoporosis, delirium, dementia, falls, urinary incontinence, geriatric pharmacology, and perioperative management. Additional emphasis will be directed towards a review of the physiological changes in aging that impact on disease manifestations in the elderly. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 663. Ambulatory Med Amazon Jungles of Peru. This course consists of two weeks spent at UMMC and two weeks spent in Peru. During the first two weeks, students review tropical medicine with emphasis on parasitology, infectious diseases and dermatology. During the last two weeks, students work with UMMC faculty to provide primary care to underserved residents of the province of Loreta in Peru. (Twelve (12) students per month. Available in February only.) Traditional - EL Lecture (10 credit hours)

MED 666. Endocrinology. This elective is designed to demonstrate the application of basic endocrinology to patient care. The student participates in the care of patients, attending endocrine clinics at UMMC and VA Medical Centers, and the diabetic clinic and hypertension clinic at UMMC. In addition, the student sees consultations at both hospitals, participates in the supervised reading, and attends the endocrine conference. Research opportunities are available. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 667. Medical Consult Service Elective. This elective gives the student an opportunity to be part of the medical consult team consisting of a senior house officer and a member of the Division of General Internal Medicine. This team is asked to see a wide variety of
medical problems that occur in patients in other departments throughout the Medical Center. The assessment of surgical risk, common medical problems and unusual medical complications will be reviewed on daily rounds. The student will have an opportunity to assess patients on his own and jointly with the house officer. A practical approach to patient management in consultation will be provided, with ample opportunity for personal study in General Internal Medicine. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 668. Rheumatology. This program will provide the student with experience in the clinical and laboratory assessment of patients with rheumatic diseases at the UMMC and VAMC. Students take an active role in the management of both ambulatory and hospitalized patients. The student will assume supervised primary care for those patients admitted to members of the rheumatology staff and will attend daily teaching rounds where the clinical, radiological and laboratory aspects of patients' diseases are discussed. Students will assume supervised primary care for patients that are being followed in the arthritis and lupus clinics at UMMC. At the VAMC, the student will assume supervised primary care for arthritis patients on the service of the rheumatology staff, will attend the arthritis clinic at the hospital, and will assist in providing consultations. At both hospitals, the students will receive instruction in performing joint injection, aspiration, and in synovial fluid analyses. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 670. Medical Oncology. The objective of this elective is to familiarize the student with the evaluation, medical management, and follow-up of patients with cancer in both the inpatient and outpatient setting. The student will work closely with the inpatient attending and fellow to answer consults and will participate in decision-making and care related to these patients. In addition, the student will participate in the daily outpatient clinics with fellows and faculty for a broader exposure to patients with different malignancies. Self-assessment test material will be provided for student’s use. (Three (3) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 673. Ambul Internal Med in Econ Underservd MS. This course will concentrate on the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of the ambulatory patient in an underserved area in the state of Mississippi. Each student will spend time with a selected physician practicing primary care in an economically underserved area to obtain knowledge and experience in ambulatory medicine typical of primary care in these regions. Emphasis will be placed on arranging appropriate follow-up for each patient in the outpatient and inpatient settings. The training is focused on establishing a quality educational experience for the students in order to enhance recruitment of these future physicians into practice in these particular areas within our state. (Four (4) students per month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

MED 674. Hospital Medicine. The Division of Hospital Medicine provides an in-patient educational experience for all M-4 students as an elective. Students will work directly with the hospitalist on a non-resident service. Students will perform history and physicals on new admissions and will write daily notes on select patients. Students will also be responsible for recommending daily orders, communicating with patients and family, communicating with consulting services, assisting with procedures and developing therapeutic plans. In addition to usual admissions typical to internal medicine (Congestive Heart failure, Pneumonia, DVT/PE, DKA, Acute Renal Failure, Sepsis, GI Bleed), students will also get to experience co-management of orthopedic, interventional radiology, and neurosurgical patients (Intracranial Hemorrhage, Preoperative and Postoperative management of hip fracture). (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except July.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 651. Internal Medicine Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

MED 851. Internal Medicine Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NEUR 651. Clinical Neurology. This block may be set up to the student’s preference. (651a) have a clinic or primarily outpatient rotation e.g. Muscular Dystrophy, Seizure, (651b) Neuro-ophthalmology or (651c) assist with answering inpatient consults at either VA or UMMC. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NEUR 652. Clinical Neurology Acting Internship. Student will work under the supervision of house staff and attending staff on the inpatient Neurology services. This rotation provides supervised teaching and instructions on core neurological principles of localization, summarization and formulation of assessments an treatment plans uniquely tailored to patients with stroke or general neurological disorders such as epilepsy, neuromuscular disorders, neuro-immunological disorders, neurodegenerative disorders and neuro-ophthalmological disorders, to name a few, that are of significant severity or acuity to require inpatient admission for diagnosis and/or treatment. Additionally, the student will experience the the role of the subspecialist expert (the neurologist) as a consultant in the ED and various non-neurology inpatient services. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except December.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NEUR 658. Neuroscience Critical Care. This course is designed for the student considering neuroscience critical care or a closely related field as a discipline and will afford this experience as an acting internship. This clerkship was established to give future health care providers a unique insight into the overlap of Neurology, Internal Medicine and Surgery. In this clerkship students will experience the impact of medical illness on the nervous system in patients with certain medical risk factors that have led to a neurological illness such as stroke, CNS infection or CNS tumor. It will also explore special circumstances that necessitate alteration in the usual management of medical problems as a result of a patient’s underlying neurological or neurosurgical problems/procedures as compared to the patients in a general ICU setting. Students will experience all inpatient critical care aspects of neuroscience with emphasis on developing understanding of the management of the critically ill patient in general and the neuroscience, neurological patient specifically. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)
NEUR 851. Neurology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NEUR 852. Neurology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NS 655. Neurosurgery. Four week rotation to be served at one of the Medical Center neurological services and will consist of patient care, diagnostic studies, surgery, as well as joint conferences and clinics. Independent study projects in areas of specific student interest will be assigned. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

NS 851. Neurosurgery Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

NS 852. Neurosurgery Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 653. High Risk Obstetrics. The student will actively participate in the hospital management of high risk obstetric patients under the supervision of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine faculty and fellows. The student will also be involved with patients receiving genetic counseling and undergoing antenatal diagnosis. In addition to the clinical experience, tutorial sessions with perinatal faculty and fellows will provide the student with an understanding of current literature and an opportunity to explore a specific topic in-depth. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 655. Labor and Delivery. Under the supervision of an obstetric resident and the faculty, the acting student will participate in the management of patients admitted to labor and delivery. In addition, the student intern will learn to recognize antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum complications as well as recognize and manage obstetric emergencies. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 656. Operative Gynecology. Students will spend one calendar month with either the GYN A (benign gynecology) or the GYN B (urogynecology) service. They will participate in all activities undertaken by the respective service including ambulatory clinics, operative experiences, conferences/didactics, small group sessions, and care for unscheduled hospital admissions. The student will work closely with the residents and faculty as a vital member of the team, carrying the same patient load that is expected of a PGY-1. This should prepare the student for this level of service activity upon graduation. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 658. Gyneocolic Oncology. The student will actively participate in the management of gynecologic oncology patients. This includes preoperative and postoperative management as well as assisting in radical surgery and medical admissions. An emphasis is placed on allowing an increased level of clinical responsibility and faculty interaction. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 659. OB/GYN Ambulatory Care. Students are responsible for seeing new and return patients in the OB- GYN ambulatory care setting. On the first visit, a complete history is taken. On return patient visits, an interval note is recorded. All examinations, diagnoses and suggested treatments are supervised by the attending physician. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

OB/GYN 661. OB/GYN Research. This course is designed to teach M4 students research tools and their application to answering medically relevant research questions, specifically of interest to those specializing in Obstetrics & Gynecological research. (Ten (10) students each month. Available September only.) Traditional Independent Study (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 663. OB/GYN Fund of Gynecol & Min Invas Surg. The course is designed for students pursuing a surgical career who are interested in increasing their knowledge of pelvic anatomy and fundamental surgical skills with an emphasis in minimally invasive surgery. The student will complete a structured curriculum that includes pelvic anatomy, surgical instrumentation, surgical energy, and fundamental laparoscopic skills. The student will participate in clinical activities including observation in the operating room one and one half days a week and will be involved in direct patient care two half days in outpatient gynecology clinics. The remainder of the time will be in self-directed study and surgical simulation skills. The student will be assigned a mentor from the Gynecology Division to supervise the completion of the course. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except for November and December.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

OB/GYN 851. Obstetrics and Gynecology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OB/GYN 852. Obstetrics and Gynecology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OPHTH 659. Ophthalmology I. The material covered includes ophthalmology for non-ophthalmologists especially as related to family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics. Areas covered include ophthalmology in systemic disease, neuro-ophthalmology, visual field testing, motor field testing, pediatric ophthalmology, strabismus, external disease, glaucoma screening and tonometry. This rotation will include the University and Veterans eye programs, with time spent in both clinics. Course content can be modified to meet the specific requirements of a given student. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months October through May.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

OPHTH 660. Ophthalmology II. Survey of ophthalmology as a specialty is primarily for those students considering it as a career. This course consists of office practice, slit lamp microscopy, refraction, contact lens fitting, glaucoma screening, tonometry, indirect binocular
ophthalmoscopy and surgical ophthalmology as assistant in the operating room. (Two (2) students each month. Available July through September.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OPHTH 851. Ophthalmology Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OPHTH 852. Ophthalmology Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**ORTH 657. Orthopedic Surgery.** This is a 4-week rotation that is designed for students considering a residency in orthopedic surgery. The student will be exposed to outpatient, inpatient and surgical aspects of orthopedics as a specialty. Total care of the orthopedic patient, children and adults, represents the focal point of this rotation. Preoperative care, as well as experience in the operating room, will receive emphasis. (Three (3) students each month. Available July through October) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**ORTH 658. Outpatient Orthopedic Surgery.** This month-long course provides knowledge and skills necessary to diagnose and manage varying types of orthopedic problems likely to be encountered in outpatient settings and the ability to recognize problems requiring emergent orthopedic surgical referral. Students should contact the Orthopedic Department 8 weeks prior to the start of the block. (Three (3) students each month. Available November through April.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**ORTH 851. Orthopedic Surgery Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**ORTH 852. Orthopedic Surgery Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OTO 660. Otolaryngology - Surgical.** This course is designed for students considering a residency in otolaryngology. The student will become familiar with the evaluation and management of adult and pediatric otolaryngologic conditions. (One (1) student per month. Available all months except July. MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OTO 661. Otolaryngology - Research.** The student will participate in clinical and/or laboratory research. The student will be assigned a research mentor to facilitate the learning of research design, research techniques, data collection, statistical analysis, manuscript development, and presentation skills. Students may join an existing project or submit original ideas. (Two (2) students each month unless course director makes an exception. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OTO 662. Primary Care Otolaryngology.** This course is designed for those students pursuing primary care fields to gain a better understanding of basic ear, nose and throat problems. Emphasis will be placed on recognition of and first line treatment of common head and neck diseases and proper consultation guidelines. (One (1) student each month. Available November through May.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**OTO 663. Otolaryngology - Research.** The student will participate in clinical and laboratory research. The student will be assigned a research mentor to facilitate the learning of research design, research techniques, data collection, statistical analysis, manuscript development, and presentation skills. Students may join an existing project or submit original ideas. (Two (2) students each month unless course director makes an exception. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PATH 651. Pathology, Anatomic.** This elective is for students with an interest in anatomic pathology. The student will be introduced to the various disciplines in anatomic pathology, including general surgical pathology, autopsy, cytopathology, and subspecialties such as hematopathology, dermatopathology, neuropathology, and pediatric pathology to name a few. The student will learn the gross and microscopic pathology of surgical specimens and assist in performing an autopsy, including a review of history, examination of microscopic sections, and correlation of the pathologic findings with the clinical picture. This learning experience will be enhanced by attendance at conferences, where the student will review, as well as present interesting and unusual material. The student will be expected to complete all assignments for the month, including glass slide and digital image case studies, autopsy presentation, and review of pertinent and current literature. (Three (3) students each month. Available all months except July. MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.) Traditional - EL Lecture/Lab (10 credit hours)

**PATH 652. Pathology, Clinical.** An elective designed to introduce the student to the practice of Clinical Pathology through participation in activities of each section including Chemistry, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Bank), Microbiology, and Hematology. The student will develop a working knowledge of how the laboratory functions in providing laboratory results, and the interpretation of results in clinical practice. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months except July. MUST BE SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE.) Traditional - EL Laboratory (10 credit hours)

**PATH 654. Community Practice Pathology.** The student will develop a working knowledge of how a community practice pathology setting operates, and how community pathologists interact with their clinician colleagues. Students will be exposed to a broad range of pathology expertise including surgical pathology, cytopathology and clinical laboratory management. (One (1) student per month. Available July through May. Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PATH 851. Pathology Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)
**PATH 52. Pathology Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 651. Pediatric Ambulatory Care.** Under the supervision of one attending, the student can practice history and physical exam skills as well as patient care skills during a wellness and acute care visit in our Pediatric Ambulatory Clinics. Will practice complete presentations, including possible differential diagnosis and treatment. CLIPP cases and basic pediatric lectures will review Core General Pediatrics. The rotation requires six half days a week and may have up to four (4) students each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 652. Pediatric Externship.** The extern functions as a first year house officer under the supervision of the resident and the attending staff. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 653. Neonatal Medicine.** Study and management of disorders which occur in the first 28 days of life including the sequelae of extreme prematurity. Experience is directed particularly toward the management of acute problems in the immediate newborn period such as stabilization and resuscitation, acid base-balance, ventilator management and nutrition. Students will function as an acting intern with a limited number of patients. Students will have four night calls during their month. Night call will end at 10:00 pm. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 654. Child Development Clinic.** The student participates as part of the clinic team. He/She works up patients referred to this clinic, follows some patients through psychological testing, speech evaluation, and hearing evaluation, biochemical screening, and final disposition and counseling. Designed for those interested in pediatrics, neurology, family practice and/or psychiatry. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 655. Pediatric Cardiology.** This course is an introduction to all aspects of congenital heart disease. Students function as externs (i.e. learners) and will work in pediatric cardiology clinic, pediatric CICU, and pediatric catheterization laboratory. Students will be actively engaged by PCAR staff with the primary goal of learning basic concepts in CHD pathophysiology, interpreting common cardiac tests (e.g. ECGS), developing thorough, age-appropriate differential diagnoses and basic treatment plans. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 656. Pediatric Hematology-Oncology.** Consists of training in normal and abnormal peripheral blood and bone marrow morphology and participation in the inpatient and outpatient care of pediatric patients with hematologic-oncology problems. (One (1) student each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 657. Pediatric Endocrinology.** The student functions as an extern, seeing outpatients and inpatients, and gains knowledge in related function studies. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 658. Pediatric Neurology.** The student functions as an extern with training involving normal development and care of acute and chronic neurologic problems in both inpatient and outpatient clinics. The student is also required to research a topic related to the nervous system and give an oral presentation. (One (1) student each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 659. Pediatric Allergy-Immunology.** The student serves as an extern with training in the diagnosis and management of patients with allergic and congenital immunodeficiency disorders in the outpatient setting. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 660. Pediatric Gastroenterology.** The student will serve as an extern evaluating patients with digestive disorders. The emphasis of this elective will be to develop a practical, logical approach to the diagnosis and management of children with gastrointestinal dysfunction. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 662. Special Pediatrics.** Individualized programs for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the chairman of the department for students who are interested in obtaining experience in clinical blocks not offered at UMMC or who wish to engage in individualized Pediatric programs at UMMC or other medical schools. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 663. Pediatric Infectious Diseases.** Primary objective is to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of infectious diseases and infection control. The student will function as a house officer, i.e. answering consultations and attending I.D. conferences and journal club. Additional experiences will include microbiology laboratory rounds and instruction in the pharmacokinetics of antibiotics. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 664. Pediatric Nephrology.** The student functions as an extern and participates in the evaluation and care of children with kidney diseases. Special emphasis is placed on the interpretation of diagnostic tests, natural history, and treatment of acute and chronic disorders of the kidney. Students are also exposed to children with end stage renal disease undergoing dialysis or transplantation. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 665. Pediatric Emergency Room.** The student functions as an extern seeing patients in the emergency department. Experience is directed at the management of acute pediatric illnesses and injuries. Students will perform an equal number of shifts as a pediatric intern (13-15/month). (Two (2) students each month except the months of July, December and May, which take one (1) student. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 667. Pediatric Rheumatology.** The student functions as an extern evaluating patients with rheumatologic disorders. Special emphasis is placed on evaluation of history, physical findings and specific lab tests in order to develop a practical, logical approach to management of autoimmune disorders. (One (1) student each month. Available all months. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 668. Pediatric Intensive Care.** The student functions as an extern and participates in the daily care of patients in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. The student will develop an approach to complex patients with multi system problems. Special emphasis is placed on respiratory, hemodynamic, and fluid management. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 672. Pediatric Hospitalist.** This course will allow 4th year students to work with pediatric hospitalists. The hospitalist’s service co-manages patients with the different pediatric surgical specialties as well as seeing general pediatric inpatients. The student will function as
an extern in seeing patients with the pediatric resident and attending. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except December, which takes no students.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 673. Pediatric Pulmonology.** This elective will allow 4th year students to function as an extern and obtain training in the management of pediatric patients with pulmonary disorders, both in the inpatient and outpatient settings. Special emphasis is placed on the interpretation of diagnostic testing modalities, natural history and treatment of common pulmonary conditions. Student may also function as part of the bronchoscopic team. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

**PED 851. Pediatrics Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PED 852. Pediatrics Extramural.** Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PHARM 652. Pharmacology.** This is an independent study course in which students are expected to identify a topic in pharmacology and therapeutics, retrieve pertinent basic and clinical data from the scientific literature, and prepare a written report in which those data are discussed in relation to the presentation of a disease, future directions for disease management and overcoming the limitations of existing (accepted) pharmacotherapy. The topic of the report should be a novel aspect of pharmacotherapy including, but not limited to, a discrepancy they have encountered in the clinical use of a drug/drug class, a novel therapy (ies) for a disease for which current drugs might not fully prevent disease progression or an emerging field of pharmacotherapy. Pharmacology 620 is a prerequisite. Inquiries concerning the course can be made with the department chair, director of the second year medical pharmacology course or any other pharmacology faculty. Arrangements for taking the course must be made in advance of registration. (Available August-October; January-March). Traditional - EL Lecture (10 credit hours)

**PHYSIO 651. Physiology Senior Elective.** A course of study synthesized from available resources of the department along the lines of interest indicated by the student. The elective consists of a thorough review of pertinent literature, participation in ongoing projects, attendance at seminars, and a final examination and/or prepared thesis and required. (Five (5) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PM 660. Preventive Medicine.** This is a 4-week elective for fourth year medical students interested in health policy. During this rotation students will work directly with Therese Hanna, executive director of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy (http://www.mshealthpolicy.com/), and her staff. Students will attend Public Health, Medicaid, and other legislative committee meetings at the Capitol building during the legislative session in February and will also view floor debates in February (in-person or by webcast). In addition, there will be opportunity for students to interact with lobbyists and other professionals involved in the health care field. Sessions will also be arranged with the legislative liaison of the state health department. Throughout the rotation, students will follow bills that are relevant to the medical field in order to gain an understanding of the complexities of the process by which a bill becomes a law. Students will also have discussions with legislative staff at UMMC on what constitutes appropriate institutional advocacy. (Two (2) students each rotation. Available in February only. ) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PSYCH 653. General Psychiatry.** Students may propose their own plan of study which must be approved by the Department prior to the start of the block. Opportunities are available for students to design, with guidance, a clinical elective that meets their specific needs, e.g., combining inpatient and outpatient work, or participating in ongoing clinically relevant basic research projects within the department. Such projects can be supervised by faculty members in any of the disciplines (psychiatry, psychology and research) represented within the department. (Three (3) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PSYCH 658. Sleep Disorders.** The senior student spends four weeks assigned to the Sleep Disorders Center at UMMC. The rotation exposes the student to the evaluation, differential diagnosis, and treatment of sleep disorders. Under close faculty supervision the student participates in initial patient evaluations, follow-up appointments, and reviewing polysomnograms. (One (1) student each month. Available all months except December and January.) Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PSYCH 659. Behavioral Health Specialty Clinics.** The senior student spends four weeks assigned to the UMMC Behavior Health Specialty Clinics, where he/she receives training and experience in the treatment of patients with a wide range of acute and chronic psychiatric disorders. The student attends daily clinics, as well as scheduled teaching sessions. He/she gains experience in all modalities used in outpatient psychiatric care and performs initial evaluations on a select number of patients, and patients presenting for weekly follow-up visits. The student may also choose to participate in other clinic activities, e.g., groups. The student also learns about the coordination of ancillary services, including vocational rehabilitation, social services and becomes more familiar with other agencies offering service to psychiatric patients. The student assumes a higher lever of responsibility and accountability within the limits set forth by the School of Medicine. The student is expected to be closely involved in the total care of each patient including medication and therapy management. Close supervision by attending faculty is provided throughout the block. Two (2) students per month. Available all months. Traditional Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

**PSYCH 661. SENIOR ELECTIVE IN ACUTE CARE PSYCHIATRY.** This month-long course of approximately 160 hours is designed to provide senior medical students interested in the practical application of psychiatry with the opportunity to extend and deepen their exposure to consult/liaison psychiatry and psychiatric emergency services. Students will function as sub interns conducting independent interviews, proposing individualized treatment plans, arranging admission to psychiatric inpatient facilities when necessary, and developing transfer plans. In addition, senior medical students serve as mentors to junior clerks, reviewing notes and presentations prior to review by residents and attendings. The bulk of time in this course (80%) will be spent in clinical settings under the supervision of attending psychiatrists and psychologists as well as senior residents in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The remaining time (20%) will be spent on a capstone project assignment. The topic of the project will be identified at the start of the elective in collaboration with unit attendings and will focus on an advanced topic in mental health care. Capstone projects will be presented to faculty and residents at the conclusion of the elective. Available all months. Two (2) students per block. Traditional Clinical Rotation. (12 credit hours)
PSYCH 662. SENIOR ELECTIVE IN INPATIENT PSYCHIATRY. This month-long course of approximately 160 hours is designed to provide senior medical students interested in the clinical practice of psychiatry with the opportunity to extend and deepen their exposure to adult inpatient psychiatry. Students will function as sub-interns managing 4-5 patients and conducting independent interviews, proposing individualized treatment plans, arranging social work meetings and family conferences, and developing aftercare plans. In addition, senior medical students serve as mentors to junior clerks, reviewing notes and presentations prior to review by residents and attendings. The bulk of time in this course (80%) will be spent in clinical settings under the supervision of attending psychiatrists and psychologists as well as senior residents in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. The remaining time (20%) will be spent on a capstone project assignment. The topic of the project will be identified at the start of the elective in collaboration with unit attendings and will focus on an advanced topic in mental health care. Capstone projects will be presented to faculty and residents at the conclusion of the elective. Available all months. Two (2) students per block, depending on the patient census of the inpatient units. (12 credit hours)

PSYCH 851. Psychiatry Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

PSYCH 852. Psychiatry Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADIO 651. Senior Radiology. This elective is for ALL students, including students pursuing a career in radiology as well as students seeking to become more sophisticated, better-informed users of imaging services. Completion of the third-year course, RADIO 631, is NOT a pre-requisite. All students will sharpen their skills in selecting appropriate imaging studies and in recognizing and communicating the most important findings on those studies. One of the goals of this expanded elective is to prepare students for their remaining senior clerkships and for on-call duties during internship. Toward this end, critical imaging findings and typical emergency imaging work-ups are reviewed and emphasized. In addition to improving proficiency in the interpretation of chest radiographs, the student will also learn a basic approach to the interpretation of cross-sectional imaging studies, with an emphasis on CT. The student spends four weeks rotating through the various subspecialties of radiology: Body CT (where CT’s of the chest, abdomen and pelvis are read), Breast Imaging (Mammography), Cardiovascular Imaging, Chest Radiography, Neuroradiology, Nuclear Medicine, Pediatric Radiology, Ultrasonography, and Vascular & Interventional Radiology. (Six (6) students per month. Available all months except May and December.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADIO 656. Special Radiology Elective. A self-designated rotation on radiology clinical areas in which the student will rotate through one or two subspecialty areas of interest. Attendance is required, and must be appropriately recorded to pass this block. The student will also present an interesting case observed during their rotation (15-20 minutes in length) at a departmental conference (as scheduled, or to the course director or his designate). Additional requirements may vary based on chosen subspecialty area. Completion of RADIO 651 is a pre-requisite. At the discretion of the course director, this pre-requisite may be waived, in certain circumstances. (Four (4) students per month. Available all months except May and December.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADIO 851. Radiology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADIO 852. Radiology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADONC 651. Senior Radiation Oncology. This course is designed to introduce the student to basic concepts of radiotherapy, not only for those considering radiation oncology as a career, but also for those who are going to pursue medical or surgical oncology as their residencies. Students will participate in evaluation of patients with a wide variety of physical findings, under direct supervision of several faculty radiation oncologists. Ambulatory patients in treatment or follow-up clinics will be seen in addition to new consultations. Students will follow at least one new patient each week through simulation, administration of informed consent, patient teaching, treatment planning and implementation. Attendance at pediatric and adult tumor conferences will emphasize the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to cancer management. A reading list will be provided. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADONC 851. Radiation Oncology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

RADONC 852. Radiation Oncology Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

SURG 652. General Surgery. This course allows the medical student to spend one month on an adult general surgery service functioning as a sub-intern. The student will be assigned significant patient care responsibilities with faculty and senior house staff supervision. Students will be allowed to choose between four general surgery services (Surgery A, Surgery B, Acute Care Surgery, and Veterans Administration), and will be given priority to a service on a first come, first serve basis. (Four (4) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 653. Cardiothoracic Surgery. Particularly stressed is major heart surgery, and the pre and postoperative care of these patients. Angiography, cardiac catheterization and other diagnostic testing are emphasized. Congenital heart diseases and their therapy is part of the course as well. The student will also be exposed to a broad spectrum of thoracic surgical problems related to pulmonary, esophageal and chest wall abnormalities. Ward rounds, patient management, cardiac conferences, chest conferences, clinic follow-up and surgical
SURG 654. Surgical Critical Care. The student will be an integral part of the team participating in the daily management of patients in either the Surgical Intensive Care Unit or the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (based upon their residency area of interest). Emphasis will be placed on cardiopulmonary physiology, ventilator management, nutrition, and critical care management. Ethical and medical legal issues pertaining to critical care medicine will be discussed. Participation will be under the guidance of the ICU faculty. (Three (3) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 655. Pediatric Surgery. The student will assume, with close senior resident and faculty supervision, a significant role in the total management of pediatric surgical patients. The student will have the opportunity to integrate fetal physiology and embryology knowledge into clinical care. The student will elect either an ambulatory or inpatient focus and the didactic and clinical expectations will be specific to the focus chosen. Most Pediatric surgery has become ambulatory in nature in terms of operations and clinic as well as daytime consultations. Departmental core conference attendance is required for all students. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 656. Vascular Surgery. The students will have the opportunity to participate in the management and work up of patients with vascular disease. The settings will include the VAMC and University Hospital clinics and OR’s. The students will understand the physiology and anatomy of the circulatory system in health and disease and will learn to take an appropriate history and physical exam. Ambulatory focus will revolve around endovascular interventions, clinics and outpatient or daytime surgery. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 657. Trauma Surgery. Students will participate in the care of injured patients in the ER and the OR and understand the principles of ATLS teaching. In addition, the students will have the opportunity to follow patients in an outpatient setting to understand the outcomes of trauma. The ambulatory focus will be limited to the clinics at the medical mall and daytime emergency room consults, especially those seen and subsequently either discharged or admitted to another service. Students will have the choice of participating in the daytime trauma service with night time call, or our “on-call” night float team working 5 nights per week for the month. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 658. Urology. Emphasis is placed upon clinical experience and responsibility. Students will participate in patient care in the hospital, operating rooms and clinics. Independent reading is encouraged and time is provided for formal teaching sessions. Research projects such as chart reviews and case reports are supported and encouraged. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months), Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 659. Surgical Research. This elective is designed for students who have had previous and ongoing research experience with a Department of Surgery faculty member to allow dedicated time to continue their research endeavors. A letter of ongoing research is required from the Department of Surgery faculty member prior to approval into this four week elective. (Variable number of students each month. Available all months) Traditional - EL Laboratory (10 credit hours)

SURG 660. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The objectives of this course include introduction to the elements of plastic surgery (grafts, flaps, craniofacial procedures and microsurgery) and their application to traumatic wounds, infection, cancer, reconstruction and congenital abnormalities. Participation by the student in clinical services allows for understanding of the planning, perioperative and overall management of these patients. Ambulatory care is based in the clinics and outpatient surgery. The student is expected to participate in all conferences and educational opportunities to expose the student to academic and research concepts in plastic surgery. Student projects and presentations will be strongly encouraged. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 665. Breast Surgery. This course is focused on surgical diseases of the breast. Students will assist with the initial evaluation of patients with breast pathology and learn the diagnostic skills required to treat breast disease, determine when surgery is indicated and assist with postoperative care. Students will also participate in the operating room, and ward rounds when patients are hospitalized. (Two (2) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 666. Outpatient Surgery Clinic. This course is designed to expose 4th year students to outpatient surgical patients across a variety of subspecialties. Students will evaluate surgical patient preoperatively determining the indications for surgical intervention and postoperatively to distinguish a normal versus a complicated postoperative course. Clinic schedule will be assigned by Course Director, taking into account student’s area of interest when possible. (Three (3) students each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 668. Transplant Surgery. Students will participate in the care of kidney, pancreas, and liver transplant patients, as well as hepatobiliary patients. Participation in at least one organ donor recover procedure is strongly encouraged. (One (1) student each month. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

SURG 669. Surgery Resident Prep Course. This is a one (1) month course that is designed to provide students with the practical information and skills needed to prepare for the intern year as a surgical resident. Students will participate in hands-on simulation, such as suturing, laparoscopic skills and other clinical skills; on call phone scenarios; and didactic lectures and workshops. This course is an M4 elective and only offered in the month of March. The maximum number of students is 12. Preference will be given to students who applied for general surgery or a surgical subspecialty. Traditional Lecture/Lab (10 credit hours)

SURG 851. Surgery Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

SURG 852. Surgery Extramural. Extramural rotations for four weeks or longer can be arranged with the course director or chair’s approval for students who are interested in the specialty. (Available for senior medical students only. Available all months.) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)
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May 3 Friday: Last day of semester
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HISTORY
The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson was established in 2001 by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The Graduate Programs in the Health Sciences previously operated under the auspices of the Graduate School of The University of Mississippi.

PROGRAMS
The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences offers programs leading to Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees. A listing of the graduate degree programs offered at the Medical Center follows.

Master of Science Degree Programs
- Master of Science in Biomedical Materials Science (Program no longer accepting new graduate students)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Master of Science in Clinical Investigation

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programs
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Materials Science (Program no longer accepting new graduate students)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences
- Doctor of Philosophy in Cell and Molecular Biology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Anatomy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Microbiology and Immunology
- Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology (Program no longer accepting new graduate students)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Physiology and Biophysics

Additional information about specific programs, application procedures, and the Graduate Student Handbook are available at our website: http://www.umc.edu/graduateschool/

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences (SGSHS) is to: (1) train highly qualified researchers who will make significant contributions to the scientific literature; (2) educate those who will train the next generation of biomedical scientists and health care professionals; (3) foster the spirit of scientific inquiry; and (4) promote an environment that embraces diversity and cultural differences.

ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status. A student with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution may apply for study in areas in which competence has been demonstrated by scholastic performance.

Prospective students must submit an online application for admission to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, an official transcript of undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) grades, and an official statement of scores (verbal, quantitative and analytical) received on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and a personal statement. Applicants to the PhD programs and MS in Clinical Investigation program must also submit three letters of recommendation. Specific requirements can be found under the degree program section of this catalog. With the exception of those students applying for admission directly from a Master’s Degree program, the GRE examination must be taken within five years of application. Information regarding the GRE may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540. International applicants must have transcripts evaluated in a course-by-course report from World Education Services (WES) at or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).

Additional prerequisites may be required by certain programs, and these may be determined by contacting the specific program to which the applicant desires admission.

Initial applicant evaluation for admission to the School of Graduate Studies is made on the basis of undergraduate (and graduate, if applicable) scholastic performance, letters of recommendation, and scores received on the GRE. Those applicants for whom the initial evaluation indicates scholastic competence necessary to successfully pursue a graduate degree may be further evaluated by personal interview.

PhD applicants will be evaluated based on the following:
- Baccalaureate degree in a relevant scientific discipline
- GPA (3.0 or better)
knowledge in their chosen field of study and the ability to independently apply that knowledge to form hypotheses, design and conduct dissertation or thesis based on independent research. Granting of those degrees implies the recipient has demonstrated a base of

The candidate must be able to measure, calculate, analyze, reason, integrate and synthesize information to solve problems.

Intellectual/Conceptual Abilities

Observation

The following technical skills are required of a successful PhD student:

• Baccalaureate degree in a relevant scientific discipline
• GPA (3.0 or better, preferred)
• 3 letters of recommendation (check program specific requirements)
• A personal statement (application essay)
• A GRE score ≥295 on the combined verbal and quantitative scores,
• Or a DAT score ≥15,
• Or an MCAT score ≥492 is also acceptable for those applying to the MS-Biomedical Sciences program.

For the Masters in Clinical Investigation, program admission requirements can be found in the program section of this Bulletin.

For both MS and PhD programs, individual programs may set higher minimum standards than those required by the School of Graduate Studies. In view of that, students are requested to consult the director of their intended program of study in order to ascertain program-specific requirements.

Applicants whose native language is not English and/or who have completed their tertiary education primarily outside of the USA must submit official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE-A) as evidence of English language proficiency.

• TOEFL-Internet Based Test (IBT): 79 or higher
• TOEFL-Paper Based Test (PBT): 550 or higher
• IELTS: 6.5 overall band score or higher
• PTE-A: 53 or higher

However, this requirement may be waived for students who are currently enrolled at a college or university in the United States and/or who demonstrate a proficiency in written and spoken English following a personal interview. Admission of a student to a graduate program must be approved by the program director and by the dean of the Graduate School. No individual may enroll in graduate level courses without proper approval and notification from the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

Conditional Acceptance - Acceptance to the School of Graduate Studies is conditional; the admission committee may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, patterns of unprofessional behavior and incidents discovered in a criminal background check.

Criminal Background Checks (CBCs) - Any preadmission agreement executed by the health care program with a student shall be void if there is a disqualifying incident or pattern of unprofessional behavior in the CBC prior to enrollment.

Fingerprint-Based CBC - All accepted applicants are required to be fingerprinted. Students receiving a stipend must be fingerprinted and drug tested.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

Technical Standards are non-academic requirements essential for meeting the academic requirements of the programs in the School of Graduate Studies. Within any area of specialization, students must demonstrate competence in those intellectual and physical tasks that together represent the fundamentals of research in their chosen discipline.

The PhD degree programs and some of the MS degree programs within the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences require a dissertation or thesis based on independent research. Granting of those degrees implies the recipient has demonstrated a base of knowledge in their chosen field of study and the ability to independently apply that knowledge to form hypotheses, design and conduct experiments, interpret experimental results, and communicate these findings to the scientific community. Thus, a candidate for the PhD or MS degree in the health sciences must possess abilities and skills that allow for observation, intellectual and conceptual reasoning, motor coordination, and communication. The use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable.

The following technical skills are required of a successful PhD student:

Observation

The candidate must be able to acquire knowledge by direct observation of demonstrations, experiments, and experiences within the research and instructional setting.

Intellectual/Conceptual Abilities

The candidate must be able to measure, calculate, analyze, reason, integrate and synthesize information to solve problems.
Motor Skills
The candidate must possess motor skills necessary to perform procedures required for experimentation within the chosen discipline. Those individuals with physical challenges are encouraged to contact the appropriate administration to determine their educational options within the chosen discipline.

Communication
The candidate must be able to communicate and discuss his or her experimental hypotheses and results to the scientific community.

Behavioral and Social Attributes
The candidate must possess the emotional and mental health required for full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of responsibilities inherent in managing a scientific setting, the ability to function under the stress inherent in research, and the ability to understand and comply with ethical standards for the conduct of research.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
The application may be obtained online from the School of Graduate Studies website. If problems are encountered, please contact the graduate school office for assistance (601-984-1195).

All transcripts and documents submitted to the Office of Student Records and Registrar in support of an application become the property of The University of Mississippi Medical Center and will not be returned to an applicant or forwarded to another school or individual. Contact information: Office of Student Records and Registrar, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216, 601-984-1080, 601-984-1079 (Fax).

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS - The School of Graduate Studies accepts applications throughout the calendar year. However, applications for a specific academic term must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by the deadlines below:

- Summer Term: April 1
- Fall Semester: June 1
- Spring Semester: October 1
- Prospective PhD students who wish to attend the Graduate School Spring Recruitment Day must have applications submitted by December 15.
- MS Clinical Investigation: June 1
- MS Programs: June 1

Students wishing to be considered for a graduate stipend for the upcoming Fall semester should apply for admission prior to April 1. Stipends are assigned on a competitive basis. An applicant is considered for the enrollment period designated on the application. If the applicant is accepted and fails to enroll, or is not accepted, a new application must be submitted if consideration for a subsequent enrollment date is desired.

APPLICATION FEE - A nonrefundable fee of $25 must accompany the initial application.

REGISTRATION - Registration for classes is not permitted unless the applicant has received notice of acceptance to a specific graduate program from the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. Registration for courses must be approved by the graduate program director and advisor. No credit is given for any course for which a student is not officially registered. All students and advisors must complete the required Registration Approval Form before each semester.

NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS - UMMC employees who wish to take graduate courses but are not members of a School of Graduate Studies degree program may apply as non-degree seeking students. Applicants must first complete an approval to register form. The form and instructions for the non-degree student are located on the Graduate School website. Non-degree students may not earn more than 9 semester hours. Furthermore, successful completion of courses taken does not in itself qualify the individual for subsequent admission to a graduate program.

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
Tuition and fees for the 2018-2019 academic year can be found on the institutional website. Non-resident PhD students will pay in-state tuition. Tuition is subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK
The purpose of the School of Graduate Studies Handbook is to provide students with specific information concerning school policies, regulations and services. As a student of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Graduate Studies, you are responsible to read and become familiar with the contents of this handbook and all other such publications by the institution. The Graduate School Student Handbook can be found on the School of Graduate Studies website. Additional institutional policies can be found in the UMMC Document Center.

REQUIRED LAPTOPS
Entering students are required to have a laptop computer that meets the annually revised UMMC Minimal Laptop Specifications that are posted on the School of Graduate Studies website. Students should purchase a laptop meeting or exceeding the UMMC Minimal Specifications from regular retail channels. Students will be personally responsible for maintenance/repair of their laptop. All students are required to maintain up to date virus and spyware detection software to allow access to the UMMC public wireless network. Students should acquire their laptop prior to the first week of August. Students will need to bring their functional laptop to a computer orientation.
PREDOCTORAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
STIPENDS AND LOANS
Financial support in the form of stipends may be available in some programs. Academic excellence, maturity, and research experience are the main qualifications considered in the appointment of trainees and assistants. Inquiries should be addressed to the director of the graduate program in which the applicant wishes to undertake study. Students receiving a stipend are assessed in-state fees. Stipends are not tax exempt. Information on the Graduate School Stipend Policy can be found at the website. Graduate Students may also apply for additional funding through various loan mechanisms. Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine if they qualify for these loan programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
DEAN’S SCHOLARSHIP. The Dean’s Scholarship is a full-tuition recruitment scholarship, which is awarded to students for outstanding academic achievement. All students on stipends or extramural support are eligible for the Dean’s Scholarship.

DEAN’S SERVICE AWARD. Presented to the graduate student who exemplifies the outstanding attributes of leadership, community outreach and service.

DR. L. WILLIAM CLEM ENDOWED MEMORIAL AWARD. This award, endowed by a generous gift from Dr. Wei Yu and wife Dr. Fei Lu, provides funds for student travel to scientific meetings and for other allowable student expenses. The award is available to Microbiology and Immunology students who are in good academic standing. Recipients will be selected by the Microbiology Graduate Faculty and approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

HELEN REEVES TURNER, MD, PHD AWARD. Established in 2013 and is awarded each year to a deserving student from one of the Medical Center Schools. The recipient of this award, selected by the dean or his designee, exemplifies Dr. Turner’s outstanding attributes of leadership, education and service.

RANDALL-TRUSTMARK GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD. This award is made in memory of Dr. Charles C Randall, the first chair of microbiology at UMMC and an early director of Graduate Studies at UMMC. Dr. Randall set a high standard for scholarship and directed graduate studies during its formative years at UMMC. The Randall-Trustmark Graduate Research Award and cash prize are presented in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments and scientific contributions by a graduate student.

REGIONS GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD. The Regions Graduate Research Award and cash prize are presented in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments by a graduate student.

ROBERT A. MAHAFFEY JR., MEMORIAL AWARD. It was the first research award established at UMMC for the recognition, encouragement, and promotion of superior scientific capability of young investigators. Established in 1976 in memory of the late Robert Mahaffey Jr., a UMMC graduate student in immunopathology, this award consists of a cash prize and certificate, signed by the Vice-Chancellor, awarded to each recipient in recognition of exceptional research potential in basic or clinical biomedical science. In addition, the recipient’s name is engraved on a permanent plaque displayed in the Medical Center.

REGULATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION
SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS - It is the responsibility of the student to ascertain the general and specific requirements for the degree program in which they are enrolled. Students can obtain all relevant information from the program director, their advisor, or the Office of the Dean, School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

GRADING POLICY - Grades for academic credit will be awarded based on a 4 point grading scale according the Grading Policy. Grades are reported as a percentage, which are converted into a letter grade and reported on the transcript according to the following rubric: A, 90-100; B, 80-89; C, 70-79; F, 0-69. Under such a scale, a grade of A is assessed 4 points, a B is assessed 3 points, a C is assessed 2 points, and an F is assessed 0 points. A grade of F is not acceptable for graduate credit, but is included in the calculation of the student’s GPA. A grade of C is acceptable for graduate credit, but an overall GPA greater than or equal to 3.0 (or 80% weighted numerical average) for a PhD student, or 2.8 (or 75% weighted numerical average) for a MS student, must be maintained.

ADD OR DROP A COURSE - The request form to add or drop a class is found on the SGSHS website under forms. Classes may be added until the day specified by the academic calendar. Registration for a course makes the student responsible for attending that class until the course is completed or until the program director and dean of the Graduate School authorize withdrawal from that course. Approved withdrawals from a course, if completed on or before the day specified by the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawals authorized after that date will be recorded as W. A student can withdraw from a course and receive a W at any time up to the submission of the final grade. Once the final grade has been submitted, withdrawal is not permitted. Students may challenge grades within 30 days of issuance of final grades by the Office of Student Records and Registrar; otherwise, grades will stand as recorded.

ACADEMIC PROBATION – If at any time during an academic year the progress of a student is considered unsatisfactory, the student may be placed on academic probation or dismissed from the program. Students who are placed on academic probation because their GPA has fallen below 3.0 (PhD) or an 80% weighted numerical average or below 2.8 (MS) or a 75% weighted numerical average will have 3 semesters to raise their GPA to 3.0 (PhD) or 2.8 (MS) or higher. Failure to do so will result in dismissal.

DISMISSAL FROM THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES – Graduate students may be dismissed from the graduate program for cause. This may include unsatisfactory academic performance and/or lack of progress, failure to pass qualifying examinations, poor research performance, breaches of scientific integrity, i.e., plagiarism, falsification of data, etc. or personnel issues, i.e., harassment. Further information on the policy can be found on the SGSHS website.
TRANSFER OF GRADUATE CREDIT FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION - With the approval of the program director and the Dean of the Graduate School, academic credit equal to no more than half the number of hours required for graduation may be transferred from a previous graduate program. However, credit from another institution will be accepted only when it is clearly relevant to the student’s current program. Acceptance of transfer credit does not reduce the residency requirement. Forms for transfer of credit hours are available online. There is no credit given for experiential learning. Grades received in transfer courses are not used to calculate the student’s GPA, but are counted toward the hours required for a given graduate degree. Transfer courses are indicated on the student’s transcript by the designation T, to indicate credit has been given.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GRADUATE SCHOOL - A student who withdraws from the Graduate School must submit a Request for Withdrawal Form to the SGSHS office. This form is found on the SGSHS website. Failure to officially withdraw will result in a grade of F for each course in which the student is registered.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Leave of absence from graduate school may be granted by the dean or his/her administrative designee to students who meet the conditions listed in the Graduate Handbook.

1. To students in good academic standing, leaves of absence will be granted for periods for up to 12 months to pursue training at another institution,
2. To students in good academic standing, leaves of absence for generally no more than one academic semester will be allowed for personal, financial, or medical reasons, and
3. To students not in good academic standing, leaves of absence will be given at the discretion of the program director and Dean of the School. Such students will be permitted the option of withdrawal.

Forms are available online.

DEGREES AND COMMENCEMENT - Degrees earned in a graduate program are awarded at the end of each semester. A student must complete all degree requirements and complete an Application for Graduation through the MyU Portal by the dates designated in the academic calendar. All graduates are encouraged to participate in spring commencement exercises.

COURSE LOAD - A full-time course load in the School of Graduate Studies is 9 credit hours per semester except for the summer term when 1 credit hour is sufficient. A student who is admitted to candidacy and is working on his/her thesis or dissertation may be classified as full-time while registering for 1 credit hour. Student and advisor must complete the required registration approval form.

ENROLLMENT POLICY – Once students are accepted into a program, they must be continuously enrolled in classes until the degree is completed or have been granted a leave of absence. Leave of absence forms can be obtained from the SGSHS website.

COUNSELING
Professional and career counseling are available from each program director, the Graduate School deans, and other appropriate professionals at The University of Mississippi Medical Center. Personal counseling services related to life, relationships, work, money, legal, family and everyday issues, are available to UMMC students through UMMC’s Student and Employee Assistance Program, LifeSynch (username: UMMC, password: UMMC, or 866-219-1232).

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
The Graduate Student Body constitutes the student government executive organization and is comprised of the students enrolled in graduate programs at the UMMC. Elected officers and representatives serve in various student government capacities.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS
A range of circumstances and conditions determines the number of admissions to the various graduate programs. Therefore, students interested in a particular program of study are strongly urged to contact the director of that program prior to completing an application to determine whether openings exist for the current academic year and to ascertain specific program requirements.

MASTER OF SCIENCE
The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences offers Master of Science degrees in Biomedical Sciences and Clinical Investigation. Within the Biomedical Sciences program are two tracks: Biomedical Sciences and Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MD degree required). Information about each of these two tracks can be obtained from the program director or from the relevant section of the Bulletin.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NUMBER OF CREDITS/MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE) - A minimum of 30 (semester) credit hours is required for the MS degree. The minimum GPA for a MS degree is 2.8 (on the 4 point scale) or a weighted numerical average (WNA) of 75%. These requirements notwithstanding, individual MS programs can establish more stringent criteria for graduation.

TIME LIMIT - The time limit for completing all requirements for a Master of Science degree is six years from the date of first registration.

THESIS - Some programs may require a thesis as a requirement for graduation. The thesis should show evidence of original investigation. Thesis must be approved by the advisory committee and the SGSHS dean. An oral examination and thesis defense is mandatory in programs requiring a thesis. The candidate’s Advisory Committee will conduct the examination.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered by the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Biomedical Materials Science (no longer enrolling students), Biomedical Sciences, Cell and Molecular Biology, Clinical Anatomy, Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, Nursing, Pathology (no longer enrolling students), and Physiology and Biophysics. In addition, a combined MD/PhD program is offered to highly qualified students who wish to pursue a career as a physician-scientist (see below). Prospective students interested in any of these programs are invited to contact the specific program in which they wish to study or the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi 39216-4505.
The Doctor of Philosophy degree is a research degree and is not conferred solely as a result of formal course work, no matter how superior and extensive. The program leading to the PhD degree represents more than the sum of time in residence, and the plans of study listed below are only a minimum. To receive the doctoral degree, the candidate must demonstrate evidence of proficiency and distinctive attainment in a special field, and a recognized ability for independent investigation as presented in a dissertation based upon original research. The following requirements for the PhD degree are the minimal requirements and apply to all students seeking the doctoral degree. Because individual programs may have additional specific requirements, the student is urged to clearly identify them before beginning a course of study. A description of program-specific policies is available from the relevant program director.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NUMBER OF CREDITS/MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE)**

**COURSE WORK** - All doctorate degrees require a minimum of 60 credit hours beyond a baccalaureate degree (or 30 credit hours beyond a master’s degree). Credits representing research and preparation of the dissertation are to be earned as directed by the student’s Advisory Committee. Credit hour requirements may differ for other programs so the student should consult the relevant program director for specific details.

**MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE** – The minimum GPA to obtain the PhD degree is a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or a weighted numerical average of 80%. This requirement notwithstanding individual graduate programs may choose to set a higher standard for their program.

**LABORATORY ROTATIONS** - Laboratory rotations allow students the opportunity to discover the many different areas of research at UMMC, familiarize themselves with the lab communities, and determine whether a particular lab environment would be suitable for their dissertation research.

**QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY** - An examination to qualify students for admission to Candidacy for the PhD degree is administered by each program within the School of Graduate Studies. The Qualifying Examination is given to graduate students in good academic standing upon completion of coursework. The exact form of the examination (oral, written, comprehensive, or research based) varies from program to program. Information on the specific format used within a program may be obtained from the relevant Program Director or from the program’s policy manual.

**DISSERTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The advisory committee must consist of a minimum of five members. Four of the members must be members of the graduate faculty. Three of the members must be from the student’s major program and at least one graduate faculty member from outside the major program. In addition to the four graduate faculty members mentioned above, the fifth committee member can be from inside or outside of UMMC. If the fifth member is not a member of the graduate faculty, a CV must be submitted for approval by the dean. The Nomination of Advisory Committee Form found on the SGSSHS website should be submitted to the Office of the Graduate School. It is the responsibility of the student to prepare and deliver the completed forms to the appropriate office or individual.

**DISSERTATION** - The dissertation must show originality of thought and demonstrate the results of independent investigation. It should contribute to the advancement of knowledge, exhibit mastery of the subject literature, and be written with an acceptable degree of literary skill. The dissertation, written according to prescribed form, is prepared under the direction of the candidate’s advisor and must be approved by the candidate’s Dissertation Advisory Committee and the dean of the Graduate School. This approval must be obtained and all other requirements completed by the date given in the official academic calendar. Guidelines outlining the prescribed form for a student’s written dissertation can be found the SGSSHS website.

**DISSERTATION DEFENSE** - The dissertation defense is conducted by the candidate’s Advisory Committee and consists of a public presentation and defense of the dissertation. Two weeks prior to a student’s public defense, an administrative staff member from that particular program sends announcement information to the Graduate School office. The following information should be included in the announcement: Student Name, Program, Dissertation or Thesis, Title of Dissertation/Thesis, Date of Defense, Time of Defense, and Place of Defense. In private deliberation, the Advisory Committee will determine the acceptability of the defense and dissertation. Further questioning of the candidate may be included in the committee's deliberations. The dissertation must be submitted to the Advisory Committee at least 10 days before the examination. Five members of the Advisory Committee must be present at the final oral examination.

**ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Students receiving the PhD degree are required to have the results of their research accepted for publication prior to awarding of the degree. This manuscript must meet the publication requirement, i.e., the student must be listed as the sole first author on at least one publication in a national or international peer-reviewed journal. Verification of the publication requirement requires submission of the Publication Requirement Form found online.

- All students must pass ID 709 (Responsible Conduct in Research) with the exception of students enrolled in the PhD in Nursing (PHN) programs who must take ID 700 (Ethics in Research). In addition, all graduates with the exception of PHN students must successfully pass ID 714 (Professional Skills).

**MD/PhD PROGRAM**

The goal of the MD/PhD program is to train medical students to become physician-scientists. To prepare students for careers in academic medicine, the program will provide them with a broad understanding of contemporary medical knowledge and the ability to productively investigate issues related to human disease. The MD/PhD Program is a seven year program consisting of the first three years of medical school (M1–M3), three years of graduate study (G1–G3), and a final year of medicine (M4). To closely align clinical and research interests, students typically select an area for graduate study during their M3 year and maintain association with their clinical interests through interaction with clinical faculty mentors during their G1–G3 years.
Acceptance into the MD/PhD program at The University of Mississippi Medical Center requires prior admission into medical school. Moreover, in addition to completion of all medical school application materials, applicants must also submit their GRE scores and a written personal statement indicating the reasons for choosing the MD/PhD program (see options on the School of Medicine’s Secondary Application). Since the purpose of the MD/PhD program is to train clinical researchers, each applicant should list under “Experiences” in his/her American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application all relevant research experience and research presentations and provide at least one letter of recommendation from an individual capable of evaluating the applicant’s research potential. All application materials should be sent to the associate dean for medical school admissions. MD/PhD applicants who are invited to interview with the Medical School Admissions Committee will also meet with one or more members of the graduate school’s MD/PhD Admissions Committee.

Prior to the interview with the Graduate School, the student must complete the Graduate School application for the PhD program. The MD/PhD program is a 3/3/1 pathway (3 years Medical School, 3 years Graduate School and the last year in Medical School). During the M1 or M2 year students may take the graduate school’s Responsible Conduct in Research course (ID709). If the student’s research interests involve the use of vertebrate animals, MD/PhD students may also take “An Introduction to Animal Research” (ID 704). In addition, courses taken for graduate credit during the M1 and M2 years may have additional departmental requirements. After identification of a specific program in which to pursue a PhD degree and with the Program Director’s recommendation to the dean of the Graduate School, an MD/PhD student will receive graduate credit for relevant courses taken during the M1/M2 years.

Prior to choosing a program in which to major, MD/PhD students will be required to attend specific departmental seminars in research areas of interest. When a major program has been identified, no later than April 1 of their M3 year, the MD/PhD student will select an advisor and begin to fulfill specific requirements of that PhD program.

Years G1 through G3 are devoted to research and writing and fulfilling all program requirements for the PhD. It is anticipated that some candidates may wish to continue research during their M4 year, which would be permitted, even encouraged.

Laboratory Rotations

MD/PhD students are required to complete lab rotations in a minimum of three mentors’ labs in 2 different departments during the summer terms prior to their M1 and M2 years. The summer prior to their M1 year, the student will complete a five-week rotation in two different biomedical science programs. For the summer prior to the M2 year, the student may opt to complete the entire 10-week lab rotation in only one program or choose a new one.

PROGRAMS AND PLANS OF STUDY

All courses listed by programs offering graduate degrees are not available each semester. For information on availability of courses the student should access the SGSHS website for current schedules and the SGSHS Bulletin or contact the office of the specific program. Approval of the instructor is required for registration in all courses outside the major program. When approved by the dean of the graduate school and the program director, specific basic science courses required for the DMD or MD degree may be included in programs leading to graduate degrees.

For each program listed below, an outline of courses, taken during the first two years of graduate study, is presented. These plans will provide the greater part of the course work required for a PhD degree. Additional courses, needed to attain the required 60 hours are listed in the course offerings.

BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS SCIENCE PROGRAM (Program no longer accepting new graduate students)

Amol Janorkar, PhD, Director

The Biomedical Materials Science program at University of Mississippi Medical Center offers a PhD program. Students complete a structured course work and a hands-on research project giving them a solid background in materials science and biomaterials. Graduates and PhD programs will possess the necessary skills for research careers in academia as well as industry. Entering students must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning in engineering, science, or healthcare. Students from other disciplines with appropriate preparation may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The education of the student focuses on the fundamental understanding of materials science, materials formulation and processing, and the biological principles that govern the response to biomedical materials and devices when implanted in the body. Students are educated through didactic instruction, laboratories, and involvement in active research projects. Depending on a student’s educational background (some may be stronger in biological sciences while others may have greater strengths in engineering), an individualized curriculum will be implemented. Students will be taught to present the results of their scientific investigations, both orally and in peer-reviewed publications, cogently, with appropriate statistical analysis.

TYPICAL COURSE OF STUDY – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

Students in the PhD program will select their coursework in consultation with the advisor and advisory committee and will usually be required to include the following in their coursework selection:

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Students must have taken and passed ID 714 (Professional Skills), usually taken in the year prior to the awarding of the degree.

For students being admitted from another MS program or directly from a BS program, a typical course of study might be as follows (Please note that many elective courses may only be offered in alternate years):

**YEAR 1 - FALL**
- BMS 701A Fundamentals of Materials Science A 3
- BMS 702A Fundamental of Biomaterials A 3
- BMS 703A Experimental Methods in Materials Science A 1
- BMS 708 Mathematics for Materials Study (For Students without adequate preparation in mathematics) 4
- ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I (For Students not enrolled in BMS 708) 3
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1 or 2

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**
- BMS 701B Fundamentals of Materials Science B 3
- BMS 702B Fundamental of Biomaterials B 3
- BMS 703B Experimental Methods in Materials Science B 1
- ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 4

**YEAR 2 - SUMMER**
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1

**YEAR 2 - FALL**
- ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I (if not already taken) 3
- ID 715 Teaching in Higher Education 3
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1.9
- Elective 1.9

**YEAR 2 - SPRING**
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1.9
- Elective 1.9

**YEARS 3+ - SUMMER**
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1

**YEARS 3+ - FALL**
- Elective 1.9
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1

**YEARS 3+ - SPRING**
- ID 714 Professional Skills 3
- Elective 1.9
- BMS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1

Similar courses taken at other universities in pursuit of the MS may be considered for substitution on a case-by-case basis. Students entering the program having received an MS degree at another university or who have taken graduate level courses as a part of a BS degree program may submit information about coursework that may be eligible for transfer to partially fulfill requirements for coursework toward the PhD. The courses may complement or substitute for courses in the BMS program. Up to 15 semester hours may be transferred with the approval of the student's advisor, the Director of the Graduate Program and the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences.

Upon recommendation of the student’s advisor, one or more off-campus internships may be required, for which the student will receive academic credit as BMS 750 (Special Topics in Biomedical Materials Science). Such internships will be individually arranged to meet the goals of the research and plan of study for the student.

**BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences at the University of Mississippi Medical Center offers a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences (MS-BMS). The degree program is designed to meet the needs of several groups of students:

- Those seeking to broaden their scientific background prior to application to, or entry into, professional or graduate school,
- Those interested in teaching at the high school or junior college level,
- Those interested in improving their knowledge base prior to entering into governmental service.

The MS in Biomedical Sciences program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours beyond a BS or BA degree. A typical course of study for students interested in professional or graduate school is shown below. To be eligible for graduation, students must maintain a GPA of 2.8 or higher or a weighted numerical average greater than or equal to 75%.
Faculty: Current members of the graduate faculty.

Gynecology-certified fellowship program located within the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is the first program of its kind in the United States, begun in 1997. A minimum of 30 semester hours of study is undertaken during the class is filled. Admission as a new student for the spring semester is not granted. However, full admission will not be conferred until the complete undergraduate transcript is received by the Office of the Registrar.

Likewise, students may apply without a GRE/MCAT/DAT score, but must take the examination prior to June 1 of the year in which they enroll. However, students with current GRE/MCAT/DAT scores will be given first preference for admission. Official scores must be received by the Office of the Registrar in order for the application to be complete.

Lastly, applicants must submit an original personal statement (application essay) that highlights their strengths, motivation for this program, and leadership and service record.

MATERNAL-FETAL MEDICINE TRACK
Kedra Wallace, PhD, Program Director
A special course of study has been created to enable completion of a master of science degree by obstetrician-gynecologists admitted to the UMC Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's maternal-fetal medicine subspecialty fellowship program. Admission to the master of science degree program is limited strictly to OB-GYN physicians accepted to undertake this three-year American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology-certified fellowship program located within the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It is the first program of its kind in the United States, begun in 1997. A minimum of 30 semester hours of study is undertaken during
the three years of the fellowship program, culminating in the successful completion of a thesis presentation and defense. In addition to completion of courses in biostatistics (ID 740) and genetics (MFM 717), fellows will complete the following:

**PLAN OF STUDY**

**YEAR 1 - FALL**

- MFM 611 Seminar 2
- MFM 710 Fundamental Research Tools Methods 3

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**

- MFM 700 Clinical & Basic Research Methods & Project 3
- MFM 606 Antenatal Diagnosis-Fetal Therapeutics & Maternal-Fetal Medicine Seminar I 3

**YEAR 2 - FALL**

- ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I 3
- MFM 607 Antenatal Diagnosis-Fetal Therapeutics & Maternal-Fetal Medicine Seminar II 3

**YEAR 2 - SPRING**

- MFM 608 Antenatal Diagnosis-Fetal Therapeutics & Maternal-Fetal Medicine Seminar III 3
- MFM 612 MFM Research Methods & Projects 3

**YEAR 3 - FALL**

- MFM 609 Antenatal Diagnosis-Fetal Therapeutics and Seminar In Maternal-Fetal Medicine IV 5

**YEAR 3 - SPRING**

- MFM 610 Thesis Work & Seminar In Maternal-Fetal Medicine V 1
- MFM 613 MFM Research Methods & Projects III 3
- MFM 799 Thesis and Thesis Research 1
- ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1

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**PHD IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

Amol Janorkar, PhD, Program Director

The Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences program is intended to educate and train the next generation of biomedical researchers. The program will be an interdisciplinary program and emphasize specific training in areas of biomedical sciences, pathology, and biomedical materials science. The plan of study begins with coursework, followed by a combination of coursework and laboratory research, and finishes with mentored research on an independent project in the laboratory of one of the program faculty. Students will be educated through didactic instruction, laboratory practicums, and involvement in active research projects. Successful graduates of the program will be expected to possess the necessary skills for research careers in academia as well as industry through independent and collaborative research practices.

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)**

**BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS SCIENCE TRACK**

**YEAR 1 - FALL**

- BMS 701A Fundamentals of Materials Science A 3
- BMS 702A Fundamental of Biomaterials A 3
- BMS 703A Experimental Methods in Materials Science A 1
- ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I 3
- ID 737 Research in Biomedical Sciences 1
- Elective* 1

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**

- BMS 701B Fundamentals of Materials Science B 3
- BMS 702B Fundamental of Biomaterials B 3
- BMS 703B Experimental Methods in Materials Science B 1
- ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1
- ID 737 Research in Biomedical Sciences 4
- Elective* 1

**YEAR 2 - SUMMER**

- ID 737 Research in Biomedical Sciences 1
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Upon recommendation of the student’s advisor, one or more off-campus internships may be required, for which the student will receive academic credit as BMS 750 (Special Topics in Biomedical Materials Science). Such internships will be individually arranged to meet the goals of the research and plan of study for the student.

For students being admitted after having completed their MS degree at UMMC, a typical course of study might be as follows: Students entering directly from the MS program in the department will have taken a majority of their core courses previously and will rather begin taking elective courses in the area of specialization in their first semester. Please note that many elective courses may only be offered in alternate years:

Among other electives from outside the department that are available to interested students are the following:

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Elective courses will be chosen from the courses offered in the department, courses offered by other UMMC graduate departments, and/or courses offered in conjunction with the School of Engineering at the main campus of the University of Mississippi. Courses offered by other schools may be included with approval of the student’s advisor, the director of the graduate program, and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. Upon recommendation of the student’s advisor, one or more off-campus internships may be required, for which the student will receive academic credit as BMS 750 (Special Topics in Biomedical Materials Science). Such internships will be individually arranged to meet the goals of the research and plan of study for the student.

### PATHOLOGY TRACK

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY PROGRAM

Michael Hebert, PhD, Program Director

The Department of Cell and Molecular Biology offers a 4-5 year program of study leading to the PhD degree. The program begins with course work, followed by a combination of course work and laboratory research and finishes with independent research conducted in the laboratory of one of the faculty. The department is well equipped for biochemical training and research. Each faculty member has generous laboratory space and the specialized equipment necessary for his/her research. In addition, there is an abundance of shared, state-of-the-art, departmental equipment and facilities. Application for pre-doctoral funding is promoted as an essential part of the students' training and development. The Department of Cell and Molecular Biology is strongly committed to graduate research and teaching. A particular advantage is that the department is relatively small in size, which promotes close scientific interactions between faculty members and students.

PLAN OF STUDY

YEAR 1 - FALL
BIOCH 710 Biochemistry 10
BIOCH 740 Biochemical Methods 2
ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1

YEAR 1 - SPRING
BIOCH 711 Mechanisms of Enzyme Action 2
BIOCH 715 Physical Biochemistry 2
BIOCH 741 Advanced Biochemical Methods 1
BIOCH 720 BIOCH Journal Club (Seminar) 1
Elective 2

YEAR 2 - SUMMER
BIOCH 760 Biochemistry Research 1

YEAR 2 - FALL
BIOCH 720 BIOCH Journal Club (Seminar) 1
ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I 3
BIOCH 760 Biochemistry Research 5

YEAR 2 - SPRING
BIOCH 744 Cellular Biochemistry 6
BIOCH 720 BIOCH Journal Club (Seminar) 1
ID 710 Research Tools in Molecular Biology 3
CLINICAL ANATOMY PROGRAM
Andrew Notebaert, PhD, Program Director
The Program in Clinical Anatomy offers a PhD in Clinical Anatomy, aimed at training the next generation of educators and scholars in the field. The program is intended to train professionals to become master educators in anatomy, qualified to communicate anatomical knowledge to future personnel in the health professions. Students will learn the anatomical disciplines of human gross anatomy and developmental anatomy, Histology (microanatomy), Neuroanatomy, and will be trained in educational theory and skills. Doctoral students who successfully pass their qualifying examinations will do a dissertation project either in the pedagogical methods of teaching anatomy, which may include the development of new methods, or in the clinical applications of anatomy. In addition, the program will train students to teach at the postgraduate level and to do research in clinical anatomy or the teaching of anatomy.

PLAN OF STUDY
CORE COURSES
During the first two years students will be exposed to basic anatomical content, education content, and educational research. Beginning their second year, students will take one teaching practicum each semester. In addition, students will perform research rotations with various faculty in which they will be introduced to educational research in anatomy, research in clinical anatomy, or both. These rotations are intended to aid students in choosing their advisors. Core courses can be taken in any order unless part of a sequence, but all of them have to be completed prior to the beginning of the third year so that the candidacy examination can be taken during the second summer of the program.

YEAR 1 - FALL
ANAT 711 Gross Anatomy 6
ANAT 716 Developmental Anatomy 2
ANAT 722 Topics in Contemporary Anatomy 2
ANAT 742 Learning in the Health Sciences 3

YEAR 1 - SPRING
ANAT 713 Histology & Cell Biology 4
ANAT 715 Neurobiology 4
ANAT 717 Clinical Anatomy Research Rotations 3
ANAT 743 Pedagogy in the Health Sciences 3
ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1

YEAR 2 - SUMMER
ANAT 717 Clinical Anatomy Research Rotations 1

YEAR 2 - FALL
ANAT 744 Health Sciences Curriculum Development 3
ANAT 745 Clinical Anatomy Research Project 3
ID 740 Statistical Methods in Research I 3
*Teaching Practicum course 3-6
12+

YEAR 2 - SPRING
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YEAR 3 - SUMMER
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YEAR 3+ - FALL
ANAT 798    Dissertation and Dissertation Research  1

YEAR 3+ - SPRING
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ID 714      Professional Skills  3

YEAR 4+ - SUMMER
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TEACHING PRACTICUM COURSES
ANAT 730    Teaching Practicum in Gross Anatomy  6
ANAT 731    Teaching Practicum in Histology and Cell Biology  3
ANAT 733    Teaching Practicum in Neurobiology  3

* Teaching practicum courses are selected from the list above. Semester hours depend on the practicum selected.
** Electives are selected with the guidance of the program director or the student's advisor.

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL INVESTIGATION
Kedra Wallace, PhD, Program Director
Joshua Mann, MPH, MD, Associate Program Director

The School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences at the University of Mississippi Medical Center offers a Master of Science degree in Clinical Investigation. The degree program is designed for clinical professionals and clinical scientists including faculty and resident physicians, fellows in training, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and other terminal degree clinical professionals. Successful graduates of the program will be expected to conduct independent and collaborative clinical studies in their special areas of practice and interest while holding positions as clinician-investigators in academic settings. The program will also serve as a formalized training program for participants seeking extramural career development support (K awards).

The program will emphasize specific training in three principle areas:
• Clinical Trials,
• Population/Outcomes Research,
• Translational Human Studies.

The MS in Clinical Investigation program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours. To be eligible for graduation, students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher or a weighted numerical average greater than or equal to 80%.

CORE COURSES
MSCI 710    Epidemiology I  3
ID 740      Statistical Methods in Research I  3
MSCI 790    Grant and Scientific Writing  1
ID 709      Responsible Conduct in Research  1
MSCI 791    Capstone Project  1+  11

CLINICAL TRIALS TRACK:
Alan Jones, MD, Track Director

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MSCI 710    Epidemiology I  3
ID 740      Statistical Methods in Research I  3
MSCI 791    Capstone Project  1+  1+
*Elective  1+  9

YEAR 1-SPRING
ID 709      Responsible Conduct in Research  1
MSCI 790    Grant and Scientific Writing  1
MSCI 791    Capstone Project  1+  1+
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### POPULATION/ OUTCOMES RESEARCH TRACK

Robert Annett, PhD, Track Director

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### TRANSLATIONAL HUMAN STUDIES TRACK

Gailen Marshall, MD, PhD, Track Director

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***Electives - Translational Human Studies Track
ID 741  Statistical Methods in Research II  3
MSCI 711  Epidemiology II  3
MSCI 722  Principles of Translational Research  3
MSCI 720  Bench to Curbside: Principles of Collaborative Research  3
MSCI 721  Biomarkers, Bioimaging, and Bioinformatics  3

Program prerequisites:
- Applicants must hold a terminal doctoral degree (MD, PhD, DMD, etc.) or demonstrate significant work experience relevant to the degree program.
- Applicants should be in good standing within their department at the time of admission.

Application Deadline and Requirements: Applications must be received by June 1 for those wishing to enroll in the fall semester; classes begin early to mid-August. However, students are encouraged to complete their applications as early as possible. Access to an online application form is available on the School of Graduate Studies website.
- Applicants will be evaluated on the following:
  - Three letters of recommendation that must include:
    - Letter of support from Division Chief or Departmental Chair
    - Letter of support from research mentor
    - Letter of recommendation
  - A personal statement which includes career goals, a brief description of research plan, and identification of research mentor
  - Applicant’s curriculum vitae
  - Mentor’s curriculum vitae
  - Transcripts from all previous colleges and universities

Admission to the program will be competitively determined by the admissions committee and will be evaluated on the quality of the science proposed, the commitment of the mentor of the career development of the candidate, and on the overall impact of the training program on the applicant’s career development.

EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS AND PHARMACOLOGY
Jennifer M. Sasser, PhD, Program Director
Jan M. Williams, PhD, Associate Program Director

The Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology offers a program leading to the PhD, with the primary objective of training individuals for a successful independent career in pharmacology, toxicology or a related biomedical science.

The field of Pharmacology is very broad and offers many research directions and opportunities. Curiosity, drive, and dedication allow students to receive diverse training yet focus on areas that are personalized to the individual’s interests. The breadth of training of a PhD in Pharmacology opens a wide range of career options and employment opportunities in academic, governmental and industrial organizations. That objective is achieved through a combination of formal course work, independent study and both faculty-directed and independent research. Students are exposed to fundamental principles of pharmacology as well as current concepts related to mechanisms of actions of an array of different classes of drugs and modern research techniques.

The curriculum provides ample opportunities for students to improve their written and verbal communication skills and to develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving and experimental design. The department has 19 faculty with primary appointments and secondary faculty who represent the Departments of Psychiatry & Human Behavior, Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and the Cancer Institute. Research interests of the faculty are diverse and include the cardiovascular and renal systems, pregnancy, metabolic diseases, signal transduction, membrane transport, drug metabolism/biotransformation, protein-DNA interactions, DNA damage and repair, cancer chemotherapy, and drug development.

Multidisciplinary approaches ranging from whole animal to genomic, transgenic, proteomics, and translational techniques and bioinformatics are used to investigate the genetic and molecular basis of human diseases. Departmental equipment includes electrophysiological instrumentation, fluorescence imaging, UV-Vis and laser spectrophotometers, fluorimeters, gas and liquid chromatographic-mass spectrometry facilities, cell-culture facilities, and an extensive array of behavioral, cardiovascular, chemical, and biochemical instrumentation.
Admission to the program is competitive, and applicants with at least a baccalaureate degree are evaluated on the basis of undergraduate grades (particularly in science), Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores and letters of recommendation. Financial assistance in the form of a stipend support and/or tuition scholarships may be available for full-time students accepted into the program.

A prerequisite for all courses is approval by the course director and the program director of the program in Experimental Therapeutics and Pharmacology. Graduate students outside the pharmacology program must also have approval of the program director of the program in which they are enrolled.

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**MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY PROGRAM**

Eva M. Bengten, PhD, Program Director

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology offers qualified students the opportunity to earn a PhD in microbiology and immunology. The department provides a creative research environment with close relationships between students and faculty. The low student-to-faculty ratio facilitates an exchange of ideas between students and faculty and enhances the student's graduate training. In addition to laboratory research under the direction of a faculty mentor, training includes formal course work, seminars, and journal clubs. Our core curriculum includes introductory courses in medical microbiology and biochemistry, and specialized graduate courses in immunology, bacterial physiology and virology. Together these experiences aid the student in learning to critically read the scientific literature, and in developing proficiency and competence in scientific writing and public speaking, all of which are crucial for success in a scientific career.
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## NEUROSCIENCE PROGRAM

**Donna Platt, PhD, Program Director**  
**Douglas Vetter, PhD, Associate Director**

The Program in Neuroscience is a course of study leading to a PhD degree. It is an interdepartmental degree program with collaborating faculty from both basic and clinical departments at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The objectives for the program in neuroscience are to educate and train individuals to become independent research investigators, teachers and mentors with a broad understanding of the neurosciences as well as focused training within a subset of the areas of study which comprise neuroscience. These objectives apply whether the individual’s ultimate career goal is to work in academic, government, industrial or administrative settings.

**CORE COURSES.** During the first year of study, students are required to take Foundations in Neuroscience (NSCI 701) which is an intensive overview of neuroscience coupled with analysis of relevant primary literature, Special Topics in Neuroscience (NSCI 708) focusing on current issues of interest in neuroscience, Tutorials in Neuroscience (NSCI 710) focusing on scientific rigor, experimental design and use of statistics in neuroscience research, and Fundamental Biochemistry (BIOC H 704). Students also engage in a series of up to six 4-5 week surveys (introductory laboratory rotations) of different research laboratories affiliated with the program (NSCI 790). During the second year of study, students engage in intensive Senior Laboratory Rotations (NSCI 791) which typically are focused within the students’ planned dissertation laboratories.

Throughout the first two years of study, students also engage in professional skills development with courses in Neuroscience Journal Club (NSCI 720), Scientific Writing (NSCI 721), and Responsible Conduct in Research (ID 709).
**REQUIREMENTS FOR DISSERTATION CANDIDACY.** In addition to the Core Courses described above, students must successfully pass a Qualifying Examination, which consists of developing and defending a research proposal students select from topics provided by the neuroscience faculty. This is normally completed in the summer between the second and third years. Successful completion is required in order to be admitted to candidacy for a dissertation.

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS.** While the coursework listed is intended for graduate students in the Program in Neuroscience, some courses are open to qualified students in other departments with the approval of the program director and the individual course director.

**PLAN OF STUDY**

**YEAR 1 - FALL**
- NSCI 701: Foundations in Neuroscience 6
- BIOC 704: Fundamental Biochemistry 7
- NSCI 720: PIN Journal Club 1
- NSCI 790: Laboratory Rotation Surveys 3

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**
- NSCI 701: Foundations in Neuroscience 6
- NSCI 710: Tutorials in Neuroscience 1
- NSCI 790: Laboratory Rotation Surveys 3
- NSCI 720: PIN Journal Club 1
- ID 709: Responsible Conduct in Research 1

**YEAR 2 - SUMMER**
- NSCI 791: Senior Laboratory Rotation 1
- NSCI 708: Topics in Neuroscience Elective 3

**YEAR 2 - FALL**
- NSCI 720: PIN Journal Club 1
- NSCI 721A: Scientific Writing in Neuroscience A 3
- NSCI 791: Senior Laboratory Rotation 6

**YEAR 2 - SPRING**
- NSCI 721B: Scientific Writing in Neuroscience B 3
- NSCI 720: Neuroscience Journal Club 1
- NSCI 791: Senior Laboratory Rotation 6

**YEAR 3 - SUMMER**
- NSCI 791: Senior Laboratory Rotation 1

**YEAR 3+**
- NSCI 798: Dissertation Research 1
- NSCI 720: Neuroscience Journal Club 1
- ID 714: Professional Skills 3
- ID 715: Teaching in Higher Education (optional, but recommended) 3
- ID 716: Teaching Practicum (optional, but recommended) 1

**NURSING PROGRAM**

Mary W. Stewart, PhD, RN, Program Director

The PhD in Nursing program provides a strong foundation in theoretical and methodological content essential for the scholarly investigation of health care problems encountered in the practice of nursing. The program is designed to develop nurse researchers to generate and translate knowledge toward improving the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations through the conduct of biologic, physiologic, or experiential research in health and illness. The program of study and research are foundational to understanding client-centered health problems and developing the theoretical and experiential foundation necessary to initiate and coordinate clinical outcomes research. UMMC offers two entry points to the PhD in Nursing program: the post-BSN and post-masters. Individuals seeking admission to the PhD in Nursing program must meet the general admission requirements and technical standards for admission for the School of Graduate Studies (SGSHS), as well as those determined by the School of Nursing. Please contact the program director for specific program requirements.

This is a collaborative program between the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). Each institution grants its own degree; however, there are similar admission requirements and core courses (ethics, philosophy, research methods, theory). Students may take any of the core courses at either University. Courses successfully completed at one institution will be accepted without reservation at the other and will not count as transfer credits. Each school offers its own selected fields of study. UMMC offers two tracks: biological/physiological research (basic sciences) and human experiences in health care (clinical) research. USM prepares scholars with a leadership focus. Students will receive their degrees from the institution that offers the area of study selected by the students.
OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT
Students are advised to limit outside employment to 20 hours a week. Information about financial aid including, stipends and scholarships, is available. **Students who receive stipends must have permission from the SGSHS Dean to engage in outside employment.**

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| PHN 737 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology | 3 |
| PHN 733 Research Design and Methods for ANP | 2 |
| DNP 721 Biostatistics II | 3 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
| *Electives | 3 |
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| **YEAR 2 - SUMMER** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
| **YEAR 2 - FALL** | **Credit Hours** |
| ID 715 Teaching in Higher Education | 3 |
| PHN 706 Philosophy of Science | 3 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
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| **YEAR 2 - SPRING** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 714 Theory Construction and Testing | 3 |
| PHN 712 Writing for Funding | 2 |
| ID 716 Teaching Practicum | 1 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | 7 |

| **YEAR 3 - SUMMER** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 710 Research Practicum | 2 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
| *Elective* | 3 |
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| **YEAR 3 - FALL** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 708 Quantitative Research Designs | 3 |
| PHN 709 Qualitative Research Designs | 3 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
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| **YEAR 3 - SPRING** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 711 Data Collection and Analysis | 2 |
| ID 700 Ethics in Research | 2 |
| PHN 766 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics | 3 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
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| **YEAR 4 - SUMMER** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 705 Writing Proposals | 2 |
| PHN 701 Seminar | 1 |
| Qualifying Examinations (Written) | 3 |
| **TOTAL** | 6 |

| **YEAR 4 - FALL** | **Credit Hours** |
| PHN 701 Seminar** | 1 |
| PHN 791 Dissertation Proposal | 1 |
| PHN 798 Dissertation Research | 1 |
| **TOTAL** | 3 |

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**Students must enroll in PHN 701 every semester until successful dissertation proposal defense.

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**Students must enroll in PHN 701 every semester until successful dissertation proposal defense.

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PATHOLOGY** (Program no longer accepting new graduate students)

Michael J. Ryan, PhD, Interim Program Director

The Department of Pathology offers a 4-5 year program of study leading to the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Pathology. Highly qualified candidates with a bachelor’s, MS, or MD degree may be admitted. The program begins with course work, followed by a combination of course work and laboratory research and finishes with mentored research performing an independent project in the laboratory of one of the program faculty. Students enrolled in the program will be able to develop a broad base of understanding of general and systemic human pathology that fosters the ability to synthesize emergent information with current knowledge. In addition, students will be able to develop an introductory understanding of the clinical practice of pathology in order to gain an appreciation of how basic science and clinically applied pathology research findings contribute to medical practice and patient care. As experimental pathology is an extremely broad area of investigation, students not only may perform laboratory work under the guidance of current program faculty but also work with the program director to potentially identify faculty in other basic science programs or clinical areas with whom to perform their independent project, depending on the student’s particular area of interest. An important and unique opportunity in the program is the opportunity to perform independent research in the area of laboratory medicine health services focused on patient safety.
**PLAN OF STUDY**

**YEAR 1 - FALL**
- ANAT 713 Histology and Cell Biology 3
- BIOCH 710 Biochemistry 10
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**
- ANAT 713 Histology and Cell Biology 3
- PATH 731 Research in Pathology 3
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 1
- Elective* 1-3

**YEAR 2 - SUMMER**
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- PATH 731 Research in Pathology 1

**YEAR 2 - FALL**
- PATH 721** General Pathology 8
- PATH 731 Research in Pathology 3
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- Elective* 1-3

**YEAR 2 - SPRING**
- PATH 721** General Pathology 8
- PATH 731 Research in Pathology 3
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- Elective* 1-9

**YEAR 2 – SUMMER**
- PATH 743 Research in Pathology 1
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- Qualifying Exam 2

**YEAR 3 – FALL**
- PATH 747** Clinical Practice in Laboratory Medicine 3+
- PATH 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1

**YEAR 3 – SPRING**
- ID 714 Professional Skills 3
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1
- PATH 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1

**YEAR 3 - SUMMER+**
- PATH 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1
- PATH 700 Pathology Journal Club 1

* A minimum of three elective are required to be taken prior to the Qualifying Exam, although more may be taken throughout the plan of study with advisor approval. Suggested electives include ID 721. Molecular Oncology; PATH 748. Problems in Cancer Biology; PATH 743. Pathology Seminar; BIOCH 742. Research Tools in Molecular Biology; BIOCH 744. Cellular Biochemistry; ID 740. Statistical Methods in Research; ANAT 715. Neurobiology; ID 715. Teaching in Higher Education; ID 716. Teaching Practicum; MICRO 761. Medical Immunology.

**Clinical Practice in Laboratory Medicine is a required course that may be taken any time after the student has passed his/her Qualifying Examination. Taking this course prior to the Qualifying Exam requires program director approval prior to registration.**

**PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS PROGRAM**

Michael J. Ryan, PhD, Program Director

In keeping with the mission of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the mission of the Department of Physiology is “to maintain the highest level of productivity and excellence in teaching, research, and service programs to the University of Mississippi Medical Center and to the national and international scientific communities”. In addition to research, the faculty play leading roles in national and international service to the American Physiological Society, the AHA, the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, NIH, the International Society of Hypertension, and the Inter-American Society of Hypertension.
The Department of Physiology offers a PhD in Physiology and supports a MD/PhD degree in Physiology. For the PhD degree, a minimum of 60 credit hours in physiology and biomedical science courses are required, at least 15 of the 60 credits must be outside the major area of study. In addition, a dissertation is a requisite for the PhD. The MD/PhD degree is offered to highly qualified students by the School of Medicine in collaboration with the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. This program is designed primarily to train physician scientists who seek a professional career combining clinical skills and research.

**PLAN OF STUDY**

**YEAR 1 - FALL**
- BIOC 710 Biochemistry 10
- ANAT 713 Histology and Cell Biology 3
- PHYS 702 Physiological Concepts 1

**YEAR 1 - SPRING**
- PHYS 701 Medical Physiology 12
- ANAT 713 Histology and Cell Biology 3
- ID 709 Responsible Conduct in Research 2
- PHYS 702 Physiological Concepts 1

**YEAR 2 - SUMMER**
- PHYS 707 Research in Physiology 1

**YEAR 2 - FALL**
- PHYS 715 Endocrinology 2
- PHYS 717 Circulatory Physiology 7
- PHYS 727 Physiological Applications of Molecular Biology 2

**YEAR 2 - SPRING**
- PHYS 731 Renal and Body Fluid Physiology 7
- PHYS 744 Simulation of Physiological Mechanisms 3
- NSCI 710 Tutorials in Neuroscience 1

**YEAR 3+ - SUMMER**
- PHYS 735 Special Topics in Physiology 1

**YEAR 3+ - FALL**
- PHYS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1
- PHYS 728 Scientific Communications in Physiology 2

**YEAR 3+ - SPRING**
- PHARM 726 Fundamental Pharmacology 6
- PHYS 798 Dissertation and Dissertation Research 1
- PHYS 705 Seminar 1
- ID 714 Professional Skills 2

**COURSES OF INSTRUCTION**

**ANAT 700. Fundamentals of Gross Anatomy.** A study of the human body with an emphasis on the head, neck and trunk. This course incorporates lectures and a dissection laboratory. Although listed as a Spring Semester course, a component is taught at the start of the Fall Semester. Traditional Lecture (9 credit hours)

**ANAT 701. Fundamental Micro and Devel Anatomy.** A study of the microscopic structure and function of cells, tissues and organs. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

**ANAT 703. Seminar Writing Biomedical Research Papr.** Basic elements of writing, such as sentence structure, and the traditional sections of the biomedical research paper (Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, and Discussion) are taught through the use of examples and exercises. Traditional Lecture (1 - 2 credit hours)

**ANAT 711. Gross Anatomy.** A study of the human body utilizing dissection. Traditional Lecture (6 - 12 credit hours)

**ANAT 712. Physiology for Clinical Anatomists.** The course involves the study of human physiology with special emphasis on cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, nervous, endocrine, and respiratory systems as well as acid base balance. Prerequisite: ANAT 711 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**ANAT 713. Histology and Cell Biology.** A study of the structure and function of cells, tissues and organs. This 6 credit course runs through Fall and Spring Semesters, and students must register for 3 credit hours in each semester to obtain credit. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**ANAT 715. Neurobiology.** A study of the human nervous system Traditional Lecture (4 - 6 credit hours)

**ANAT 716. Developmental Anatomy.** A study of the embryonic development of the human body. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)
ANAT 717. Clinical Anatomy Research Rotations. Research experience with 1-3 members of the Clinical Anatomy faculty. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 722. Topics in Contemporary Anatomy. A seminar course in which students will take turns presenting the contents of assigned scientific papers or other readings dealing with research in anatomy or related topics. Traditional Lecture (1 - 2 credit hours)

ANAT 730. Teaching Practicum in Gross Anatomy. Advanced students will: 1) develop skills required to teach gross anatomy to professional and graduate students in a laboratory venue and 2) solidify his or her command of the subject. As part of the course, students will gain experience in the construction and administration of written and laboratory exams. Prerequisite: Anatomy 700 or 711 or equivalent. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

ANAT 731. Teaching Practicum in Histology and Cell. Advanced students will 1) develop skills required to teach histology and cell biology to professional and graduate students in both a laboratory and lecture venue and 2) solidify his or her knowledge of neurobiology. Students receive instruction in current educational approaches, and engage in interactive learning activities with students enrolled in ANAT 615/715. Students in ANAT 733 gain experience in guiding group discussions, and obtain training in content delivery in a laboratory setting. The course will prepare students to play a critical role in enabling professional students to bridge the foundations in basic science to the health-related professions. Prerequisite: Anatomy 701 or 713 or equivalent. This 3 credit course runs through Fall and Spring Semesters, but students register for all 3 credits in the Fall Semester Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

ANAT 733. Teaching Practicum in Neurobiology. This course provides the advanced student with a mechanism for (1) developing the skills necessary to teach neurobiology to professional and graduate students and (2) solidifying his or her knowledge of neurobiology. Students receive instruction in current educational approaches, and engage in interactive learning activities with students enrolled in ANAT 615/715. Students in ANAT 733 gain experience in guiding group discussions, and obtain training in content delivery in a laboratory setting. The course will prepare students to play a critical role in enabling professional students to bridge the foundations in basic science to the health-related professions. Prerequisite: Anatomy 701 or equivalent. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ANAT 734. Teaching Practicum in Graduate Anatomy. This course is an opportunity for senior students in the PhD program in Clinical Anatomy to obtain experience in teaching in a graduate-school environment. Experience will be obtained in two courses taught in the MS in Biomedical Science Program: ID-767 Fundamental Histology & Cell Biology and ID-768 Essentials of Anatomy. Students in this course will obtain experience and training in lecture in this course, and in running laboratory and small-group sessions. Students will also assist in creating and conducting interactive small group sessions using virtual slide technology. Traditional Practicum/Internship (2 credit hours)

ANAT 740. Readings in Contemporary Anatomy. A program of reading or reading and research assigned by a faculty advisor according to specific interests of the student. A written report of the work may be required of the student during or at the end of the semester. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 742. Learning in the Health Sciences. A seminar course intended to introduce students to education and basics of learning theory with particular emphasis on health sciences education. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ANAT 743. Pedagogy in the Health Sciences. This course will be an introduction into pedagogical theory and skills. Students will focus on developing their own ideas about teaching, including formulating and working on a teaching philosophy, observing and interviewing current faculty members, and developing a sample lesson plan. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ANAT 744. Health Sciences Curriculum Development. A seminar course intended to extend the work done in Skills Development in Clinical Anatomy I, focusing on curricular development of a full course and/or program. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ANAT 745. Clinical Anatomy Research Project. In consultation with their mentor and the Program Director, the student will participate in a research/scholarship project focused in an area of clinical anatomy or anatomical education. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 750. Thesis Research Proposal. An advanced course in which master’s students prepare a research proposal for their thesis research project. Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 760. Dissertation Research Proposal. An advanced course in which doctoral students will either prepare for their qualifying exams or prepare for and defend a research proposal for their dissertation research project Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 790. Thesis and Thesis Research. Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

ANAT 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)

BIOCH 701. Basic Biochemistry in Health Care. Introductory course in biochemistry including chemistry of amino acids and proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids; enzymology; metabolism and metabolic regulation; membrane structure and function; physical biochemistry; cellular energy production; hormonal control mechanisms; differentiation; molecular genetics; and protein synthesis. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BIOCH 704. Fundamental Biochemistry. This course that presents a broad survey of biochemistry that is suitable for students whose major area of study is outside the discipline. Topics include the chemistry of amino acids and proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids; enzymology; metabolism and metabolic regulation; membrane structure and function; oxidative phosphorylation; hormonal control mechanisms; molecular biology and protein synthesis as well as aspects of oral biology and dental biochemistry Traditional Lecture (7 credit hours)

BIOCH 710. Biochemistry. Comprehensive course in biochemistry including chemistry of amino acids and proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids; enzymology; metabolism and metabolic regulation; membrane structure and function; physical biochemistry; cellular energy production; hormonal control mechanisms; differentiation; molecular genetics; and protein synthesis. This course extends over two quarters and the entire course must be completed to receive credit Traditional Lecture (10 credit hours)

BIOCH 711. Mechanisms of Enzyme Action. A study of the kinetics, mechanism of action, metabolic regulation and chemistry of enzymes. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BIOCH 715. Physical Biochemistry. An introduction to methods in physical biochemistry: a problem solving approach including ligand binding, spectroscopy, fluorescence, circular dichroism, centrifugation, light scattering, electrophoresis, and separation techniques. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BIOCH 720. Seminar. A course in which the student prepares and presents a research seminar on a topic of contemporary interest. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

BIOCH 730. Special Topics. Treatment of specific subjects not dealt with fully in other courses. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)
BIOCH 731. Special Topics II. Treatment of specific subjects not dealt with fully in other courses Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

BIOCH 740. Biochemical Methods. Primarily a laboratory course having the objective of introducing the student to various basic procedures and techniques which are tools of biochemical research. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BIOCH 741. Advanced Biochemical Methods. An advanced laboratory course having the objective of introducing the student to various basic procedures and techniques which are tools of biochemical research. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

BIOCH 742. Research Tools in Molecular Biology. A course designed to introduce students to contemporary methods in Molecular Biology including cloning, mutagenesis, transgenic animals, Genomics, Proteomics, and gene expression. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BIOCH 743. Cellular Biochemistry I. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

BIOCH 744. Cellular Biochemistry. Cellular Biochemistry will cover the structure and function of eukaryotic cells. Topics covered include: gene expression and its regulation, cell cycle, organelle function, signal transduction, intracellular transport, bioenergetics, and model genetic systems. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

BIOCH 760. Biochemistry Research. Thesis research project under supervision of Thesis Advisor Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

BIOCH 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)


BMS 701A. Fundamentals of Materials Science A. An introduction to the fundamental concepts of bonding, crystalline structure, crystal defects and short range order as they relate to polymers, metals and ceramics. Nucleation and growth, equilibrium and non-equilibrium phase transformations and solidification on non-crystalline systems will be discussed. This will be followed by discussion of the mechanical properties of materials (fatigue, creep, elastic and plastic behavior, stress relaxation, etc.) and their relationship to structure. Alloy theory and other strengthening mechanisms, including composite theory, will be dealt with at an introductory level. The thermodynamics and kinetics of surfaces undergoing oxidation and aqueous corrosion will be discussed. Prerequisite: BMS 708 or consent of instructor. (3 Semester hours Fall) Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 701B. Fundamentals of Materials Science B. This course is a continuation of topics covered in BMS 701A. An introduction to the fundamental concepts of bonding, crystalline structure, crystal defects and short range order as they relate to polymers, metals and ceramics. Nucleation and growth, equilibrium and non-equilibrium phase transformations and solidification on non-crystalline systems will be discussed. This will be followed by discussion of the mechanical properties of materials (fatigue, creep, elastic and plastic behavior, stress relaxation, etc.) and their relationship to structure. Alloy theory and other strengthening mechanisms, including composite theory, will be dealt with at an introductory level. The thermodynamics and kinetics of surfaces undergoing oxidation and aqueous corrosion will be discussed. Prerequisite: BMS 701A, BMS 708, or consent of instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 702A. Fundamentals of Biomaterials A. This course that will deal with metals, ceramics and polymers used for dental and medical applications. The physical, mechanical and biological interactions of these materials will be topics for discussion. The history of materials used in medicine, some of the pitfalls encountered and the current state of the art will be presented in detail. Tissue engineered medical products and guided tissue regeneration will also be covered. There will be an introduction to the methods used to assess the appropriateness of materials for use in contact with living tissues. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 702B. Fundamentals of Biomaterials B. This course is a continuation of topics covered in BMS 702A. This course that will deal with metals, ceramics and polymers used for dental and medical applications. The physical, mechanical and biological interactions of these materials will be topics for discussion. The history of materials used in medicine, some of the pitfalls encountered and the current state of the art will be presented in detail. Tissue engineered medical products and guided tissue regeneration will also be covered. There will be an introduction to the methods used to assess the appropriateness of materials for use in contact with living tissues. Prerequisite: B.M.S. 702A or Consent of Instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 703. Experimental Methods in Materials Science. An introduction to the variety of equipment used to evaluate the structure and properties of materials and tissue response to biomaterials. SEM techniques, EDS, EBSD & WDS, mechanical testing equipment, thermal analysis equipment, light microscopy, histological specimen preparation, and aqueous corrosion measurement will be covered. The course will include one lecture and one three-hour laboratory per week. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BMS 703A. Experimental Methods in Mat. Sci. A. An introductory theory and laboratory course designed to acquaint students with the variety of equipment used to evaluate the structure and properties of materials. Scanning electron microscopy, mechanical testing, thermal analysis, light microscopy, x-ray scattering and other chemical and physical characterization techniques will be covered. The course will include both didactic and laboratory exercises and will meet an average of one per week for two semesters. The course will be taught simultaneously with BMS 701A and will involve the concurrent hands-on synthesis, processing, and characterization of materials and determination of the properties being taught in that course. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)

BMS 703B. Experimental Methods in Mat. Sci. B. This course is a continuation of topics covered in BMS 703A. An introductory theory and laboratory course designed to acquaint students with the variety of equipment used to evaluate the structure and properties of materials. Scanning electron microscopy, mechanical testing, thermal analysis, light microscopy, x-ray scattering and other chemical and physical characterization techniques will be covered. The course will include both didactic and laboratory exercises and will meet an average of once per week for two semesters. The course will be taught simultaneously with BMS 701B and will involve the concurrent hands-on synthesis, processing, and characterization of materials and determination of the properties being taught in that course. Prerequisite: BMS 703A or consent of instructor. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)

BMS 704. Crystallography and X-Ray Diffraction. Principles of crystallography, including point groups, space groups, stereographic projections and reciprocal lattice. Topics in x-ray diffraction, with special emphasis on application of x-ray diffraction techniques to materials analysis, will be covered during lecture and laboratory. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 705. Materials Thermodynamics. A graduate level course dealing with the principles of energetic equilibrium as applied to materials science. Materials thermodynamics provides a foundation for many other materials science courses. The first part of this course will introduce the apparatus of thermodynamics through classical steam engine calculations. The second part will apply that apparatus to predict the behavior of chemical solutions and mixtures. The following topics will be covered: the first, second, and third laws of thermodynamics; state functions and process variables; criteria for equilibrium; enthalpy of mixing; free energy basis for unary and binary phase diagrams;
capillarity and surface energy; electrochemistry. This course will involve intensive application of algebra and differential and integral calculus. Prerequisite: BMS 701A/B and BMS 708 or Consent of Instructor. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

BMS 708. Mathematics for Materials Study. This introduction for students who have a biological science background or who have not taken didactic study for some time. This course provides or refreshes the mathematical foundation necessary to study engineering. BMS708 is a prerequisite for many courses in the Biomedical Materials Science program. This course covers the following topics: orientation to MathCAD software, precision and accuracy, vector algebra, matrix algebra, complex/imaginary numbers, polar coordinates, trigonometry, differential calculus with emphasis on applications (curve sketching, design optimization, related rates, propagation of error, successive approximations, curvilinear motion), integral calculus with emphasis on applications (calculation of irregular areas, volumes, centroids, and moments of inertia; function approximation using Taylor series; spectrum analysis using Fourier series), and a brief introduction to differential equations. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

BMS 710. Fundamentals of Polymer Science. An in-depth course in polymer chemistry and physics. Areas to be covered include polymerization mechanisms, methods of polymer analysis, mechanics of amorphous and crystalline polymers (including time-dependent mechanical behavior), thermodynamics and kinetics of polymercrystallization, and thermal and optical behavior of polymers. Prerequisite: BMS 701A/B or consent of instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 711. Fundamentals of Ceramics. This graduate level course provides advanced information on ceramic compositions, processing methods, material properties, and applications. The topics will mirror those already covered in BMS 701, but they will be covered in greater depth and with emphasis on practical examples, commercially available products, and quantitative prediction of material properties. Prerequisite: BMS 701 A/B or consent of instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 712. Fundamentals of Metals. An advanced study of the principles governing the properties of metals. Principles of structure and their relationship to mechanical, thermal, electrical, optical and surface properties will be discussed. Prerequisite: BMS 701A/B or consent of instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 713. Introduction to Electron Microscopy. A study of the principles and application of knowledge in electron microscopy. The use of both the Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and the Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) will be included. The theory and practical aspects of performing compositional analysis and mapping using the energy dispersive and wavelength dispersive x-ray spectrometers will be covered. At completion of the course, the student should be able to use the integrated SEM/EDS/WDS system to quantitatively determine composition, as well as understand the use of calibration to produce quantitative results. Use of the system for digital image acquisition and elemental mapping will be covered. The student will learn appropriate methods for preparing samples for observation in the SEM and TEM, and learn to recognize artifacts of sample preparation. The student will select a project for analysis and prepare a portfolio of photomicrographs and/or analyses demonstrating proficiency with either microscope, and with the integrate Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 721. Polymer Processing. Methods used to fabricate polymer biomaterials will be presented and the parameters important to each method, the equipment and control mechanisms will be discussed with the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods compared. Among the topics to be included are injection molding, extrusion, machining, reactive injection molding and pultrusion. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 722. Degradation Mechanisms in Materials. The various mechanisms of environmentally induced material degradation (e.g., oxidation and hydrolysis) for the three major classes of materials (metals, polymers, ceramics). The course will focus on the unique aspects of the biological environment which can alter conventional degradation mechanisms. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BMS 723. Electrochem & Corrosion of Implant Mat. A detailed description of the electrochemical kinetic and thermodynamic processes that govern corrosion. Particular attention will be given to the metals and alloys systems used in current implant devices. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 724. Environmntly Asstd Fract of Implant Mat. A study of one of the principal failure mechanisms of metallic implants - environmentally assisted fracture (EAF). EAF includes the mechanisms of stress corrosion cracking (SCC) and corrosion fatigue (CF). The synergistic interaction of stress and corrosion will be discussed with particular attention to implant alloy systems. The role of EAF in the failure of other material systems (e.g., polymers) will also be discussed. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BMS 725. Surface Science. A study of the basic elements of surface characterization and the various physio-chemical phenomena that govern their properties. The theories of surface interactions with the biological environment will be discussed. Also covered, will be methods for altering surface properties. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 728. Failure Analysis of Medical Implants. This is an advanced graduate level course in which students will learn the protocol and will begin practicing the practical skills necessary to analyze failures of medical implants and prostheses following in vitro testing or clinical use. A brief review of structure, mechanical and electrochemical properties of materials used for biomedical applications will be provided. Methods used to determine appropriate material characteristics, such as grain structure, secondary phases, pores, inclusions, and mechanical and corrosion properties will be covered. Failures of metallic, polymeric, and ceramic materials will be analyzed with emphasis on methods for specimen cleaning and preservation, visual inspection, documentation, and optical and electron microscopy techniques. Prerequisite: BMS 701A/B and BMS 702A/B or Consent of Instructor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BMS 730. Grant Writing and Management. An introduction to acquiring and managing extramural funding for sponsored projects with emphasis on NIH research grants. The following topics will be covered: searching for sponsors, including an overview of NIH funding mechanisms; grant writing, including development of specific aims and hypothesis, writing a literature review, presenting preliminary data, describing methods and timelines, and making a budget; the submission and review process; revising unsuccessful applications; starting a new laboratory; and submitting progress reports and competing continuations. Students will write and revise a grant application during this course. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

BMS 737. Research in Biomedical Sciences. This course is to acquaint students with ongoing research programs and research methodologies in the Biomedical Sciences so they can choose appropriate mentor for their dissertation mentor and/or begin their training under the guidance of a chosen mentor. Only students enrolled in the Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences degree program are allowed to enroll in this course prior to them earning the Ph.D. candidacy status. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)
BMS 750. Special Topics in Biomedical Mat Sci. Treatment of specific subjects not dealt with fully in other courses. This course may cover any area of interest to the student(s) and at least one faculty member. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

BMS 797. Research Proposal in Biomedical Sciences. An advanced course in which doctoral students prepare and defend a research grant proposal concerning the topic of their dissertation research. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

BMS 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)


ID 701. Introduction to Geographic Information S. This course introduces students to fundamental concepts and applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Special emphasis is given in the areas of healthcare and epidemiology. This course combines an overview of the general principles of GIS and analytical use of spatial information technology applicable for healthcare professionals. This is the first course of a series on geospatial information technology to be offered as an interdisciplinary graduate course at UMMC. Traditional Lecture (3 - 4 credit hours)

ID 704. An Introduction to Animal Research. The use of animals as research tools, including characteristics of commonly used species, anesthesia and surgical techniques. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 705. History of Medicine from Antiquity-1700. This course introduces the student to the history of medicine in Europe from Greco-Egyptian antiquity to the association of post-mortem pathology with disease and the clinical movement of early 19th century Paris. Beginning with the earliest professionalization of healing, we will follow developments in the perception of health and disease, the elaboration of medical theory, the rise of university medicine and the professionalization of the M.D., social responses to disease and unusual mortalities, and the beginnings of public attempts to deal with the sick and contain epidemics. Students will study not only what medical historians believe actually happened in the past, but also how contemporaries understood health and disease. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 706. History of Medicine From 1700 to 2000. This course is the second quarter of the introductory survey of the social and intellectual history of medicine. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 707. Seminar: Theories & Methods in Med Hist. Historiography of the history of medicine. Use of archives, primary sources, supervised research project. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 708. Topics in the History of Medicine. Topics vary. Emphasis on mid-18th century to the present. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 709. Responsible Conduct in Research. An interactive lecture course designed to provide an understanding of ethics in scientific research and the basic skills important for both oral and written scientific communication. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

ID 710. Research Tools in Molecular Biology. A course designed to introduce students to contemporary methods in molecular biology including cloning, mutagenesis, transgenic animals, genomics, proteomics, and gene expression. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 711. Bioinformatics & Genomics. This multidisciplinary and interdepartmental course is designed to provide students in the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences, and other related programs at UMMC, with sound training and knowledge in the use and application of bioinformatics tools and genomics resources to analysis, visualization and interpretation of high-throughput “omics”, genotype, proteomics, sequence, methylation and other biological data on cancer and other complex human diseases. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 712. Professional Skills. A course designed for early to late graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to acquire skills needed to be successful in a scientific work environment, with special emphasis on oral and written communication skills, grantsmanship, career choices, laboratory management, and academic teaching skills. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 713. Teaching in Higher Education. A course designed to provide practical and theoretical foundations for teaching in higher education. The course will offer experiences to explore and develop skills that promote learning as well as apply strategies for effective course design and assessment. The intended audience is graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 714. Teaching Practicum. The practicum enables student teachers to acquire beginning competencies for teaching in higher education in a classroom setting. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 - 9 credit hours)

ID 715. Special Topics Biostat, Bioinfo, & Epi. Special Topics in Biostatistics, Bioinformatics & Epidemiology. This course is intended to meet the special needs of individual students. Students who wish to learn more about a particular topic can select from the list of available topics and/or contact the Center of Biostatistics & Bioinformatics with their mentor to request a new topic. The structure of individual course modules is decided upon by the module’s instructor. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

ID 716. Introduction to the Science and Theory o. An interdisciplinary graduate-level course that addresses population-based approaches to community health improvement. Using problem-based learning, the course covers predominant theories to describe, explain, or predict human behavior to address the social and behavioral determinants of health and promote behavior change at the population level. Case studies for analysis are contemporary public health issues. Opportunities include working with a public health mentor and exposure to current efforts of local, state, and national figures. Synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 717. Grant Writing and Management. This graduate level course provides an introduction to acquiring and managing extramural funding for sponsored projects with emphasis on NIH research grants. The following topics will be covered: searching for sponsors, including an overview of NIH funding mechanisms; grant writing, including development of specific aims and hypothesis, writing a literature review, presenting preliminary data, describing methods and timelines, and making a budget; the submission and review process; revising unsuccessful applications; starting a new laboratory; and submitting progress reports and competing continuations. Students will write and revise a grant application during this course. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

ID 718. Molecular Oncology. The course will provide an in depth presentation of cancer biology topics including initiation, progression, metastasis, genetic instability, DNA damage response, cell cycle control, oncopgenes and tumor suppressor genes, cancer immunology, and therapeutic approaches. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

ID 719. Environmental Health. This course offers a general introduction to environmental health form global to local, addressing fundamental topics and current issues. This course covers core topics that prepare students to comprehend environmental health issues leading to prevention and management of the major environmental health problems. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
ID 727. Current Issues in Biomedical Research. This course will expose students to current biomedical research from a variety of disciplines in a didactic and discussion forum. Emphasis will be placed on current technologies and areas of research, how these areas address issues of biomedical interest, and how basic research is translated into clinical practice. Lecture and seminar presentations by students and medical center faculty. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

ID 737. Research in Biomedical Sciences. An interdisciplinary course designed to acquaint students with ongoing research programs and research methodologies in the Biomedical Sciences. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

ID 740. Statistical Methods in Research I. This course is an introduction to basic statistical methods for research and is designed to enable students to develop their data analysis and interpretation skills. Students will learn about experimental design, estimation, and hypothesis testing, and how to apply statistical techniques such as point and interval estimation, tests of statistical significance, correlation, linear and non-linear regression, ANOVA, and longitudinal data (repeated measures) analysis. The emphasis will be on applied rather than theoretical statistics, and on understanding and interpreting the results of statistical analyses. Data sets will be analyzed using the statistical package STATA. This is a "hands-on" class – in the computer lab. data sets will be analyzed under the supervision of instructors. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 741. Statistical Methods in Research II. A continuation of Statistical Methods in Research I, this course introduces the student to more complicated methods than those discussed in the first course. Datasets will be analyzed using the statistical package STATA throughout the course sequence. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 767. Fundamental Histology and Cell Biology. An integrated, system-based study of the microscopic structure and function of the human body. An introduction to histology and cell biology as it relates to medical science. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 768. Essential Anatomy. An introduction to human anatomy taught through lectures, classroom activities and the study of cadaveric specimens. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 770. Evidenced Based Clinical Research I. General introduction to descriptive and inferential statistical methods designed for students in the biomedical health science. The course will cover the basic statistical procedures including one sample t-test, two independent samples t-test, paired t-test, correlation and regression methods. Little exposure to experimental designs and their application in the medical field will be addressed as well. Methods of reliability and validity of screening tests will be discussed in this course. The students will be exposed to SPSS statistical software to learn how to analyze and interpret the results. Emphasis will be given to the applied nature of the course. Examples will be given to evaluate the quality of the clinical literature based on what the student learned in this course. Traditional Lecture (2 - 3 credit hours)

ID 777A. Biomedical Sciences-Thesis Proposal. This course is designed to instruct students in the writing of a MS Thesis. It will involve development of a research proposal phase in which the student maps out a research plan, and presents it to his/her committee. The proposal forms the theoretical basis for the research phase of the MS degree program. Traditional Thesis (3 credit hours)

ID 777B. Biomedical Sciences Thesis. This course is designed to instruct students in the writing of a MS Thesis. It will involve the writing of a masters thesis in which the student describes and discusses the research performed in the course of their graduate studies. Traditional Thesis (3 credit hours)

MFM 606. Antenatal Diagnos-Fetal Ther & Sem MFM I. This is a supervised course with extensive instruction in the utilization of basic and advanced targeted sonography for the evaluation of fetal and maternal pregnancy disorders. Included is an introduction to basic invasive fetal evaluation via amniocentesis, chorion villus sampling, placental biopsy, and percutaneous umbilical blood sampling. Limited to M.D. postgraduates who have completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology and are presently fellows in the maternal-fetal medicine fellowship training program. A weekly tutorial/seminar is conducted on topics in maternal-fetal medicine. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MFM 607. Antenatal Diagno-Fetal Ther & Sem MFM II. This is an advanced course of continuing supervised instruction in advanced obstetric ultrasound. Enrollment is limited to MFM fellows as are all courses in this program. It includes seminar/tutorial systematically reviewing one half of the major topical areas in maternal-fetal ultrasound. A weekly tutorial/seminar is conducted on topics in maternal-fetal medicine. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MFM 608. Antenatal Diagn-Fetal Ther & Sem MFM III. This is a continuation of the two other antenatal diagnosis courses with other topics in maternal-fetal medicine discussed over a 3 year curriculum. The same limitation of enrollment to fellows currently in the maternal-fetal medicine training program is applied to this and all courses in this degree program. Supervised instruction with expansion of expertise and knowledge into all fetal organ systems and fetal therapy via intrauterine transfusion or drug therapy is addressed. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MFM 609. Antenatal Diagno-Fetal Ther & Sem MFM IV. The fourth course in this series continues seamlessly with the other three in the series, limited to MFM fellows in our postgraduate program. Major topical areas in maternal-fetal ultrasound are considered with continuing supervised clinical instruction. A weekly tutorial/seminar is conducted on topics in maternal-fetal medicine (3 year curriculum to topics and readings). Traditional Lecture (5 credit hours)

MFM 610. Thesis Work & Seminar in Mat Fet Med V. Closely directed supervision of thesis research project and weekly participation in MFM seminar series that is part of the three-year curriculum in the subspecialty. Limited to MFM fellows enrolled in our postgraduate program Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

MFM 611. Thesis Work & Seminar in Mat-Fetal Med V. Closely directed supervision of thesis research project and possibly other with weekly participation in the MFM seminar tutorial series that is part of the three-year curriculum in the subspecialty. Limited to MFM fellows enrolled in our postgraduate program. Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

MFM 612. Mfm Research Methods & Projects II. This is a continuation of MFM611 which is a prerequisite with enrollment likewise limited to fellow enrolled in the maternal-fetal medicine training program. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MFM 613. Mfm Research Methods & Projects III. Closely directed supervision of research projects that is limited to OBGYN fellows enrolled in the maternal-fetal medicine fellowship program. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MFM 700. Clinical & Basic Research Methods & Prjc. Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)
**MICRO 701. Medical Microbiology.** The fundamentals of microbial physiology, genetics and immunology are presented with important bacterial, viral, parasitic and mycotic infections discussed from the standpoint of etiology, epidemiology, pathogenesis and laboratory diagnosis. Participation in laboratory exercises and small group sessions is required. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

**MICRO 702. Molecular and Cellular Virology.** The students will learn fundamentals of viral replication and pathogenesis with emphasis on pertinent aspects of molecular biology. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 703. Seminar in Microbiology & Immunology.** Graduate students will prepare, present and attend weekly seminars. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MICRO 704. Research in Microbiology & Immunology.** Students participate in an on-going research project under the direction of a graduate faculty member. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MICRO 707. Microbiology & Immunology Lab Rotation.** This course is designed to acquaint the student with ongoing research and research methodologies within the department. To accomplish this, the student will actively take part in ongoing research projects in one or two laboratories during the semester. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MICRO 708. Preparation-Instruction in Microbiology.** The student will participate in the preparation of microbiological cultures and assist faculty in the teaching of the medical microbiology laboratory course. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 715. Microbiology & Immunology Special Topics.** The course is designed to meet the special needs of individual students. Students who wish to learn more about a particular topic can arrange this course by discussing their need with their mentor. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MICRO 725. Bacterial Structure and Function.** A study of bacterial physiology, anatomy and regulatory mechanisms. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 733. Exp. Immunochemistry & Immunobiology.** Theoretical and experimental applications of immunochemistry and immunobiology with major emphasis on in vivo and in vitro techniques used in investigating various aspects of humoral and cell-mediated immune responses. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 734. Advanced Immunology.** An advanced course in which students discuss and critically review new research findings in various aspects of human and comparative immunology. Prerequisites: MICRO 701, MICRO 733. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

**MICRO 735. Advanced Virology.** An advanced course in which students study, discuss and critically review research findings, concepts and laboratory techniques in the areas of viral biochemistry, molecular biology, tumor virology and medical virology. Prerequisites: MICRO 701, BIOCH 710 and MICRO 702. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

**MICRO 741. Fundamental Microbiology & Immunology.** Basic concepts in microbiology and immunology are presented and correlated with disease processes having a bacterial, viral, mycotic or parasitic etiology. The relevance of microbial pathogens in general medicine is discussed. NOTE: This course is not offered to microbiology and immunology graduate students. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

**MICRO 747. Advanced Bacteriology.** This course will offer small group sessions that address the mechanisms of infection and host defense. Prerequisite: MICRO 701 and MICRO 725. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

**MICRO 750. Proposal in Microbiology & Immunology.** An advanced course in which doctoral students prepare and defend a research grant proposal focused on their dissertation research. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

**MICRO 760. Medical Virology.** This course is a section of the larger MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY course (MICRO 701). Students OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY interested in virology may register for this course after contacting the course director. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 761. Medical Immunology.** This course is a section of the larger MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY course (MICRO 701). Students OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY interested in Immunology may register for this course after contacting the course director. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MICRO 762. Medical Bacteriology.** This course is a section of the larger MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY course (MICRO 701). Students OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY interested in bacteriology may register for this course after contacting the course director. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

**MICRO 763. Medical Parasitology/Mycology.** This course is a section of the larger MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY course (MICRO 701). Students OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY interested in parasitology/mycology may register for this course after contacting the course director. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

**MICRO 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research.** Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MICRO 799. Thesis and Thesis Research.** Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

**MSCI 710. Epidemiology I.** This course will introduce principles and methods of epidemiologic investigation. It will introduce different types of study designs, including randomized trials, case-control and cohort studies, risk estimation and causal inferences. This is a “hands-on” class, with laboratory problems providing experience in epidemiologic methods and inferences. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MSCI 711. Epidemiology II.** This course will present and illustrate key methods used in epidemiologic research at an intermediate level. Topics will include causal inference in epidemiology, additional study designs, measures of disease frequency and association, methods to assess and handle confounding and bias, and analysis and statistical modeling in epidemiologic studies. Course prerequisites: MSCI 710, ID 740. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MSCI 713. GIS in Healthcare and Epidemiology.** This course combines an overview of the general principles of geographic information systems and analytical use of spatial information technology applicable in the areas of healthcare and epidemiology. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**MSCI 720. Bench to Curbside: Principles of Collabo.** The course is designed to provide a through grounding in concepts and practice of collaborative research. The translational research team includes basic scientists, clinicians, and population scientists. Effective interactions
are not intuitive as the communication methodologies between various disciplines are typically distinct. Therefore, this course will present the perspectives of the fundamental research programs to show how translational sciences bridges them in a most effective fashion. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 721. Biomarkers, Bioimaging, and Bioinformatics. A survey course that provides the theoretical background for developing, validating and utilizing biomarkers and bioimaging techniques. Prerequisites: ID 740B. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 722. Principles of Translational Research. This course will provide an overview of developing a translational research project and how to translate basic research findings into medical practice and meaningful health outcomes. Prerequisites: ID 740B. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 723. Survey Design and Methodology. This course provides an introduction to the essential statistical methods of sample survey design and analysis. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 730. Perspectives in Multidisciplinary Clinic. This multidisciplinary course will introduce students to scientific methods used for clinical translational research. The course will stress the importance of multidisciplinary approaches to solving clinical questions and will incorporate multiple examples of research discoveries that were advanced through multidisciplinary collaborations. This course will emphasize a variety of research study designs and approaches that involve quantitative research methods to study clinically relevant research questions and problems. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 731. Fundamentals of Population Health. This course will provide students with training in the language, theories, concepts, methods, measurement, analysis, and implementation of population health. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 732. Clinical Trial Applications. This course is an overview of all components necessary to develop and implement a clinical trial. Prerequisites: ID740B, ID741, MSCI722, ID709. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 733. Social and Behavioral Sciences Theories. The content and materials in this course provides a structured overview of social and behavioral science theories and their applications relevant to population and public health research and practice. The course is designed to introduced the concepts fundamental to the understanding of multi-level factors that influence human health behaviors. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MSCI 740. Drug Device and Development. This course will explain the regulatory processes for drug and device development. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 741. Mechanics of Ethical and Regulatory Issus. This course is designed to introduce students to the ethical and regulatory issues critical in the conduct of clinical research. Students will gain an understanding of the regulations and good clinical practice guidelines that govern research with the underlying goal being the acquisition of skills used by researchers to design and conduct quality research. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 742. Introduction to Comparative Effectiveness. This course will provide the basic framework to learn about comparative effectiveness research and will include discussion on both clinical and health policy outcomes. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 790. Grant and Scientific Writing. An introduction to scientific writing. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MSCI 791. Capstone Project. Thesis and thesis research. Traditional Thesis (1 - 9 credit hours)

NSCI 701. Foundations of Neuroscience. This course provides a thorough overview of neuroscience over two semesters. It systematically covers neuroscience in an integrated fashion covering the following main topics: 1) Cellular Neurobiology; 2) Electrophysiology and Molecular Biology of Neural Potentials; 3) The Synapse; 4) Sensory Systems; 5) Motor Systems; 6) Developmental Neurobiology; 7) Regulatory Systems; 8) Neuropharmacology; 9) Higher Order Function; 10) and Neurobiology of Brain Disorders. The course also presents “technic al lectures” that cover techniques/procedures, when and why they are used, assumptions made in the techniques, and final analyses made possible by the techniques. The course includes both didactic and primary literature-- based content, and is the first required course in the Program in Neuroscience. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

NSCI 707. Special Topics in Neuroscience. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 - 9 credit hours)

NSCI 708. Special Topics in Neuroscience. A small group faculty-led discussion course on selected topics in neuroscience. Course topics are offered each Summer semester by groups of faculty and students and faculty will discuss primary literature. Traditional (1-9 credit hours)

NSCI 710. Tutorials in Neuroscience. Tutorials cover specialized topics in neuroscience in depth, in a small group setting. Courses consist of intensive, directed reading and discussion and is intended to provide students with the opportunity to study specialized topics in neuroscience with faculty experts in that area. The objective for this course in this academic year is to study experimental design, scientific rigor, and use of biostatistical methods in neuroscience. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

NSCI 720. Neuroscience Journal Club. A review of significant issues in neuroscience including literature review and discussion of recent data and news. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

NSCI 721 A. Scientific Writing in Neuroscience. An introduction to scientific writing that includes preparation of abstracts for scientific meetings, presentations at meetings, preparation of a scientific manuscript for publication and, finally, preparing a grant proposal for extramural funding in the NIH style. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

NSCI 721 B. Scientific Writing in Neuroscience (B). An introduction to scientific writing that includes preparation of abstracts for scientific meetings, presentations at meetings, preparation of a scientific manuscript for publication and, finally, preparing a grant proposal for extramural funding in the NIH style. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

NSCI 790. Neuroscience Laboratory Survey. A survey of up to six active research laboratories in the Program in Neuroscience. The goal of these rotations is to expose the students to the breadth of research occurring in the Program in Neuroscience. Additionally, exposure to the approaches and culture of multiple laboratories allows for the student to make an informed choice when selecting a dissertation mentor and advisory committee members. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

NSCI 791. Senior Laboratory Rotations. These are intensive laboratory rotations intended for students to begin research in their planned dissertation laboratories. Thus, all three rotations can be within the same laboratory. However, rotations may also be conducted in up to three different laboratories, depending on the student’s training needs and interests. Traditional Laboratory (6 - 9 credit hours)

NSCI 798. Dissertation Research in Neuroscience. Traditional - EL Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)
PATH 700. Pathology Journal Club. A review of significant findings in pathology through discussion of the current peer-reviewed literature spanning general and systems pathology, as well as the medical practice of anatomic and clinical pathology. Review of current literature, discussion, and oral presentation. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

PATH 721. General Pathology. Concepts of disease. This course extends over 2 semesters. The entire course must be completed to receive credit. Traditional Lecture (8 credit hours)

PATH 724. Autopsy Pathology. Techniques, interpretation and clinical correlation under close supervision of staff. Prerequisite: 721. Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 725. Surgical Pathology. Frozen section diagnosis, description of gross specimens, and interpretation of microscopic sections. Prerequisite: 721. Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 726. Cytopathology. Preparation of specimens, interpretation of smears, and attendance at cytology conferences and lectures. Prerequisite: 721. Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 731. Research in Pathology. Laboratory rotations and pre-dissertation research. Research activities performed under faculty guidance. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

PATH 736. Immunogenetics. The major histocompatibility complex (MHC), generation of diversity in antibody synthesis, genetics of normal and pathological immunoglobulins, genetic antigenic variation in microorganisms and animals. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

PATH 741. Immunohematology. Blood group antigens and antibodies; their role in hemolytic disease and transfusion incompatibility reactions. Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 743. Pathology Seminar. Current research topics in experimental pathology. Traditional Lecture (1 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 746. Hematopathology. An introduction to basic principles of hematopathology including interpretation of complete blood counts, peripheral blood smears, histologic preparations, and flow cytometry in order to arrive at a specific hematologic diagnosis. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 747. Clinical Practice in Laboratory Medicine. Clinical Practice in Laboratory Medicine consists of areas of special topics and many include any of the core rotations (surgical pathology, autopsy, transfusion medicine, hematopathology, and cytopathology) or clinical chemistry, immunopathology, and microbiology. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 - 15 credit hours)

PATH 748. Problems in Cancer Biology. This course will give a broad overview of the common signaling pathways involved in cancer while encompassing the updates in the field of molecular therapies. Traditional Lecture (1 - 6 credit hours)

PATH 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHARM 701. Seminar. Students are required to (1) attend presentations by others (both faculty and students) participating in the course and (2) make an oral presentation related to their own research or an assigned topic. For students in the pharmacology program, participation in pharmacology journal club is a requirement of this course. Pharmacology students must also participate in seminar during the spring semester as a requirement for PHARM 702. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHARM 702. Recent Advance-Pharmacology & Toxicology. This course comprises reading, informal presentation and discussion of topics in pharmacology, toxicology and related disciplines from the current scientific literature. Critical evaluation of experimental design, data analysis and interpretation are emphasized. Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHARM 703. Orientation to Pharmacological Research. This course will introduce students to principles of laboratory research and good laboratory practice. The student will participate in discussions with each graduate faculty in the department concerning current research interests and ongoing research projects. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 722. Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Students are introduced to the principles underlying the use of pharmacological agents in medical practice. Concepts related to drug distribution, drug-receptor interaction and drug metabolism are considered. In addition, the mechanism of action, therapeutic effects, adverse side-effects and common clinical applications of various drugs and drug classes are presented through a combination of lectures and clinical correlations. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

PHARM 723. Mechanisms of Drug Action. This course is offered in concert with Pharmacology and Therapeutics (PH722) and comprises assigned readings and discussions. Selected aspects of pharmacology are presented with emphasis on the mechanisms of drug action. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

PHARM 724. Experimental Design and Methods. This is an overview of current methods in pharmacological research critical to the understanding of the literature and current research. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHARM 726. Fundamental Pharmacology. A basic pharmacology course in which principles underlying the actions of drugs are presented, including pharmacokinetics, drug-receptor interactions, and drug metabolism. In addition, mechanisms of action, therapeutic effects, adverse effects and therapeutic indications are noted for major classes of drugs and for commonly used drugs within each class. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

PHARM 780. CNS Pharmacology. Drug actions at neuronal targets, the blood-brain barrier and special pharmacokinetics of centrally acting drugs, and the pharmacotherapy of the CNS and neurological disorders are among the topics covered. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHARM 781. Molecular Toxicology. This is a reading and discussion-based class. The molecular mechanisms of several toxicant classes is covered. Emphasis is placed on the effects of xenobiotics on cellular processes, including biochemical reactions and signaling pathways. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 782. Drug Abuse. This course describes drugs that are abused, biological aspects of abuse, patterns of abuse, and theories of drug tolerance and dependence. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 784. Circulatory Pharmacology. This course involves a study of normal circulatory mechanisms and functions and how various drugs and toxic substances modify them. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 785. Principles of Modern Drug Design. This course addresses the basic principles of the modern drug discovery and validation process, with emphasis on applications in cancer therapy. The course begins with the identification and characterization of disease-specific molecular targets using genetic and biochemical techniques. The second section describes the selection of lead drugs through high-throughput screening assays, combinatorial chemistry, and computer-assisted rational drug design. The final section covers preclinical and
clinical trials and the potential use of database analysis to ensure that the drugs are safe and effective, and that the chosen therapeutic regimen will yield the best outcome for any given patient. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 786. Pharmacology of Synaptic Transmission. The course focuses on the mechanisms of synaptic transmission in autonomic ganglia and at peripheral neurotransmitter junctions. Emphasis is placed on the pre- and post-synaptic processes regulating neurotransmitter release at these peripheral synapses. The roles of synaptic proteins, and classical and non-classical transmitters are explored in detail. As time permits, clinical examples of the effects of failures in peripheral synaptic transmission are presented. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHARM 790. Special Topics in Pharmacology & Toxicology. This course may cover any area of interest to at least one student and one faculty member. Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHARM 791. Scientific Communication in Pharmacology. An introduction to scientific writing that includes preparation of abstracts for scientific meetings, presentations at meetings, and a grant proposal for extramural funding in the NIH style. The goal for the latter is to prepare students to write and submit a predoctoral fellowship application to the NIH or a private foundation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHARM 792. Research in Pharmacology and Toxicology. Students perform research in the laboratory of a faculty member. Students are required to make a 20-30 minute presentation concerning the rotation (including the general premise, experimental approach and results; the latter two may be actual or anticipated) to the general departmental faculty at the completion of the rotation. Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHARM 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Design and performance of research leading to a Ph.D. Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)


PHN 701. Seminar (Journal Club). Serves as a forum for nursing scholars to both enhance and affirm individual scholarly activities. Includes opportunities for individual students to present a variety of research articles and proposals. Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHN 701-1. Seminar (Journal Club). Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHN 701-2. Seminar (Journal Club). Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHN 701-3. Seminar (Journal Club). Traditional Lecture (1-9 credit hours)

PHN 702. Pathophysiological Phenomena. A focused study of specific nursing phenomena in pathophysiological nursing care. Students present and evaluate current research on selected topics. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHN 705. Writing Proposals. Preparatory course for the PhD comprehensive examination that examines development of the problem statement through analyses of quantitative and qualitative research methodologies under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

PHN 706. Philosophy of Science. Focuses on the development of science in the Western world. The nature of what constitutes science and ways of knowing and thinking as they relate to the development of science will be addressed. Emphasis is placed on the process of analysis. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 707. Phenomena in Nursing Research. This course is a focused review of specific nursing phenomena (e.g., caring, coping, clinical outcomes). Students present and evaluate current research on selected topics. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHN 708. Quantitative Research Designs. This course examines quantitative designs most applicable to the discipline of nursing. The course emphasizes the practice issues related to the conceptual, empirical and analytical components of research plans as they are influenced by sample size, setting, number and time of measurements. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 709. Qualitative Research Designs. Examines the qualitative research designs most applicable to the discipline of nursing. Issues and critical analysis of traditional and emerging designs are discussed. Emphasizes the practice of qualitative research. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 710. Research Practicum. Allows the student to focus on individual area of study which supports the development of the dissertation proposal. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1-6 credit hours)

PHN 711. Data Collection and Analysis. Focuses on methods of data collection and analysis. Selected data collection methods will be examined. Selected analyses for various data sets will be studied and the graduate student will carry out an analysis of data sets. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 712. Writing for Funding. Examines the essential components of a funding/grant proposal and identifies sources of funding. Graduate student will identify potential private or government funding sources appropriate for their research interests. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHN 713. Laboratory Methods. Focuses on methods of data collection and analysis in the biological/physiological lab setting. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 714. Theory Construction and Testing. This course focuses on the analysis of existing theories as the basis for synthesis, construction, and testing of middle range theory for expanding the scientific base of the discipline of nursing. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 715. Survey Design and Analysis. This course is designed to prepare students with the skills to conduct survey research and analyze survey data. It includes sampling design, post-survey data processing, and complex survey data analysis using SPSS Complex Samples. The course will be taught along with in-class labs using ongoing surveys as the case studies. It is assumed that students have taken Biostatistics I and have basic skills of using SPSS. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHN 716. Basic Science Laboratory Techniques. This survey course allows students to have hands-on experience with a variety of laboratory techniques. Objective, quantitative measures applicable to nursing research will be explored. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

PHN 717. Directed Research. Allows the student, under faculty direction, to focus on areas of study in specific areas of research. Supports the student's efforts to clarify individual research focus. Traditional Lecture (1-4 credit hours)

PHN 733. Research Design & Methods for Adv Nurse. (Online and Hybrid) Focuses on understanding research designs and methods as they impact research utilization. Students will explore issues related to data collection, sampling, statistical versus clinical significance and outcomes evaluation. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)
PHN 737. Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology. (Hybrid) This course provides an understanding of human physiological and pathophysiological processes. A human body systems approach is used applying concepts in biochemistry and cell biology as they influence health and illness. Topics include Cell Biology, Cancer Immunity and Inflammation, Genetics and the Integumentary, Musculoskeletal, Reproductive, Pulmonary, Renal, Cardiovascular, Endocrine, Gastrointestinal and Nervous Systems. (Theory) Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHN 766. Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics. (Online) This course provides a foundation and clinical application of pharmacotherapeutic interventions commonly prescribed for healthy and ill individuals across the life span. Emphasis is placed on pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles along with integration of the use of these products including variations for selected special populations specific to the clinical track of study and client characteristics. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 777. Advanced Health Assessment. This course focuses on the theoretical basis of performing a physical assessment on the individual throughout the life span. Students will acquire advanced knowledge and skills necessary to perform physical assessments. The emphasis is on mastering interviewing, history taking, and advanced physical assessment skills. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHN 780. Special Topics. Elective course to provide the student with additional study to support research topic development. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

PHN 780-1. Special Topics 1. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)
PHN 780-2. Special Topics 2. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)
PHN 780-3. Special Topics 3. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

PHN 791. Dissertation Research Proposal. In consultation with their mentors and advisory committees, students will write and successfully defend a PhD dissertation proposal in which they describe the problem and research question(s), the background and significance, and the research design. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 3 credit hours)

PHN 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. In consultation with their mentors and advisory committees, students will write a PhD dissertation in which they describe the findings and importance of their research project. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHYSIO 701. Medical Physiology. A course providing an in depth study of the functions of the body with special emphasis on the cardiovascular and renal physiology. This course is structured as a laboratory format with some reading and lecture. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PHYSIO 705. Seminar. Graduate students will prepare, present and attend weekly seminars. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

PHYSIO 707. Research in Physiology. A course designed to provide hands-on exposure to laboratory research prior to selection of a dissertation project. Traditional Laboratory (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHYSIO 715. Endocrinology. A course covering the historical, biochemical and physiological aspects of the endocrine system Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHYSIO 717. Circulatory Physiology. A reading and conference course that emphasizes regulation of cardiac output, body fluid volumes and arterial pressures Traditional Lecture (7 credit hours)

PHYSIO 725. Fundamental Physiology. A fundamental course designed to provide students with knowledge of the basic functions of the cells, tissues, organs and organ systems, and how they interrelate to accomplish the many and diverse functions of the human body. The course is intended for students whom physiology is not their primary area of study. Also listed as Dent 625 Traditional - EL Lecture (8 credit hours)

PHYSIO 727. Physio Applications of Molecular Biology. A course designed to introduce students to the physiological application of molecular biology approaches such as real-time PCR, Western Blot, in vivo gene transfer & knockdown, transgenic rodent production, and in vitro and in vivo imaging Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHYSIO 728. Scientific Communications in Physiology. Scientific Communications is designed to provide students with basic tools needed for writing scientific research papers and grant proposals, and for giving effective PowerPoint presentations. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHYSIO 731. Renal and Body Fluid Physiology. A seminar course that includes critical study of research methods, comparative renal physiology and literature on classical and contemporaneous principles of renal physiology and pathophysiology. Traditional Lecture (7 credit hours)

PHYSIO 734. Pathophysiology. This course will integrate clinical and basic sciences and will include brief case presentations and discussion of the molecular and physiological basis of common human diseases. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHYSIO 735. Special Topics. The course will consist of any combination of lecture, one-on-one (or group) discussion, student presentation and/or written assignments on various areas of physiology Traditional Lecture (1 - 9 credit hours)

PHYSIO 744. Simulation of Physiological Mechanisms. Introduction to mathematical analysis of physiological phenomena. Topics include ordinary differential equations, numerical methods for solving differential equations, elements of digital computer programming in high-level languages and the use of simulation packages and appropriate demonstrations. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHYSIO 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 9 credit hours)


PM 740. Statistical Methods in Research I. An introduction to basic experimental statistics. Application of statistical techniques such as estimation and confidence limits, tests of significance, correlation and regression, sampling, analysis of variance and covariance to experimental data. Fundamental principles of design Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PM 741. Statistical Methods in Research II. A continuation of 740. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
PM 760. Computer Software for Health Sciences. A survey of the computing resources available to biomedical researchers, including personal computer software with an emphasis on using the SAS software system. Data entry, manipulation, summary statistics, graphs, regression, analysis of variance and diagnostics, using a “hands-on” approach. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

PM 767. Introduction to Epidemiology. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PM 771. Clinical Research Skills. (Theory) Practical research skills for clinical investigators including grant application, instrument development, project management, data management, data analysis and the communication of research results. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

PM 788. Field Training in Epidemiology. Students work individually with a preceptor on supervised field research and skills development. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

PM 798. Dissertation and Dissertation Research. Traditional Dissertation (1 - 15 credit hours)

PPP 790. Special Topics. This course provides a forum for review of graduate-level study skills, time-management, and interpersonal academic interactions for students in the Professional Portal Program who are interested in progressing to professional training in medicine or dentistry. Group discussions, individual guidance and presentations from expert guest lecturers are featured elements of this course. Traditional - EL Independent Study (1 - 9 credit hours)

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### 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

#### SPRING SEMESTER

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SCHOOL OF NURSING

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HISTORY
The School of Nursing was authorized as a baccalaureate program by an act of the Mississippi legislature in 1948. Established as the Department of Nursing, it achieved the status of a separate school in 1958. The graduate program in nursing was established in 1970. A doctor of philosophy (PhD) in nursing program began in 1997 and a doctor of nursing practice (DNP) program was established in 2009. The baccalaureate, master’s, and DNP programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Functioning as a part of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the School of Nursing assumes the responsibility for providing the people of Mississippi with registered nurses of high professional competence and for raising the professional and educational standards of the nurses already practicing in Mississippi. The School of Nursing is housed in the Christine L. Oglevee Building on the northwest side of the campus. The School of Nursing is a professional school functioning within the general framework and policies of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. It reflects the purpose of the parent university and the Medical Center in its educational services for the State of Mississippi.

MISSION
The mission of the School of Nursing is to develop nurse leaders and improve health within and beyond Mississippi through excellence in education, research, practice, and service. Core values of the School of Nursing integral to this mission are respect, integrity, diversity, excellence, and accountability.

PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATES
The School of Nursing serves approximately 800 students in the following programs and certificates.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Traditional
- Accelerated
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Online Program)
Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Nurse Educator (Online Program)
- Nursing and Health Care Administrator (Online Program)
Master of Science in Nursing
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Educator (Online Program)
- Nursing and Health Care Administrator (Online Program)
- Primary/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Dual Role)
Post-Master’s in Nursing
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Online Program)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Educator (Online Program)
- Nursing and Health Care Administrator (Online Program)
- Primary/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Dual Role)

Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Post-Baccalaureate
  - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Post-Master’s

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (See School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences)
- Post-Baccalaureate
- Post-Master’s

The University of Mississippi School of Nursing offers a Traditional BSN Program on the Jackson campus at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. An Accelerated Baccalaureate Nursing Program option is offered on the Jackson campus and on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford for applicants who hold a baccalaureate degree in another field. The RN to BSN program is offered online. Most tracks in the RN to MSN program, the Master of Science in Nursing Program (MSN), and the Post-Master’s certificate are offered through distance learning in online and hybrid course delivery. The other tracks primarily use face-to-face course delivery. The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program (DNP) primarily utilizes face-to-face course delivery options, with some courses offered online or through hybrid course delivery. Information about the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Program (PhD) is included in the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences section of the Bulletin.

Admissions
The selection process for admission to the School of Nursing begins in the Undergraduate and Graduate Admission and Progression Committees. Recommendations are made to the dean for admission to the School of Nursing. (See admission criteria found under each specific program in the Bulletin.)

Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status. For admission purposes, the School of Nursing at the University of Mississippi Medical Center gives preference to residents of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and IHL Policy 610. The School of Nursing accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. The School of Nursing may choose to not accept applications from students who cannot demonstrate residency as defined by Miss. Code § 37-103-7 and 37-103-13.

Application Procedure
Undergraduate and graduate applicants must apply online.

All correspondence regarding admission should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505. A nonrefundable application fee of $25 must accompany each application. All transcripts and documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and cannot be returned or forwarded to another school or individual. Applications are accepted for most programs beginning July 1 of the year prior to the desired year of enrollment. Applications for the Accelerated BSN program on the Jackson campus are accepted beginning January 1 each year.

Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee during the month following the deadline.

Admission Deadlines
Admission is contingent upon successful completion of prerequisite courses. If the applicant is accepted and fails to enroll or is not accepted, a new application must be submitted for consideration in the next application cycle. Accepted applicants who wish to defer enrollment due to unplanned or unavoidable circumstances must petition the associate dean for a deferral of enrollment.

Deadlines for applications are:
- Traditional BSN – Summer admission – January 15
- Accelerated BSN –
  - Fall admission - Oxford campus – February 15
  - Spring admission - Jackson campus – September 1
- RN to BSN –
  - Fall admission – May 1
  - Spring admission – October 15
  - Summer admission – February 15
RN to MSN – Summer admission – February 15

MSN -
- Fall admission* – March 31
- Spring admission* – October 15
- Summer admission* – February 15

*NOTE: Nurse Practitioner tracks in the MSN program only accept admissions for the fall semester.

Post-Master’s – Deadlines same as MSN (check with track director for appropriate semester to enter)

DNP - Fall admission – March 31

PhD - Information about application to the PhD in Nursing program is included in the School of Graduate Studies in Health Sciences section of the Bulletin.

OTHER TYPES OF ADMISSIONS

Freshman Early Entry Program
The Freshman Early Entry program is a joint offering of the University of Mississippi School of Nursing, University of Mississippi, and other participating senior colleges/universities to provide an early entry route into the Traditional Baccalaureate Nursing program. Applications to the Freshman Early Entry program are accepted in the fall semester of the freshman year until the November 1 deadline date. For detailed information regarding this program and participating colleges and universities, please contact the School of Nursing Office of Recruitment.

Admission Criteria for Freshman Early Entry Program
The minimum requirements for admission to the Freshman Early Entry program are:
- A complete application;
- A cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- An ACT score of 24 or above*;
- A personal interview and a writing sample may be required.

*Applicants after July 1, 2019: An ACT score of 25 or above

In order to retain status in the Freshman Early Entry program, the following conditions must be met:
- Continuous enrollment as a full-time student at the University of Mississippi or other participating institutions in each regular semester session must be maintained.
- All required courses must be taken at the University of Mississippi or other participating institutions in the sequence defined by the curriculum. Elective courses may be taken at other institutions.
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on all courses AND minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on all required courses through the fall semester prior to the scheduled summer enrollment in the upper division nursing program must be maintained.
- A minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course is required.

RN to MSN Early Entry Program
The RN to MSN Early Entry program (RN to MSN EE) is a joint offering of the University of Mississippi School of Nursing and participating community college associate degree nursing (ADN) programs. For detailed information regarding this program and participating community colleges, please contact the School of Nursing Office of Recruitment.

There are two application cycles for the RN to MSN EE program. Students are accepted after the first semester of their ADN program. The application deadline for students who started their nursing program in the fall is February 15. The application deadline for students who started their nursing program in the spring is August 31.

Admission Criteria for the RN to MSN Early Entry Program
Entry into the RN to MSN Early Entry program is offered to associate degree nursing students through a competitive selection process. Applicants who wish to be considered for early entry status must be enrolled in a participating community college and meet the following minimum criteria:
- A complete application;
- An ACT score of 21 or above (unless the applicant holds a master’s degree);
- A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on all college courses AND a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on all nursing courses through the first semester of full-time study in the ADN program;
- A minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course;
- Endorsement from the community college nursing program director or designee attesting to the applicant’s potential for graduate study;
- Fall admits to the ADN program must be currently enrolled in or have already completed 42 credit hours – 14 hours of which must be math and science courses - of the total of 62 hours of RN to MSN prerequisite coursework.
- Spring admits to the ADN program must be currently enrolled in or have already completed 25 credit hours - 7 hours of which must be math and science courses - of the total 62 hours of RN to MSN prerequisite coursework.

Progression and Retention Criteria for Students in the RN to MSN Early Entry Program
In order to retain status as an RN to MSN Early Entry student, the following conditions must be met:
- Must maintain continuous enrollment in the participating ADN program;
- Must take all required prerequisites at the participating ADN program in the sequence defined by the plan of study;
- Must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 AND an overall nursing GPA of 2.5 or higher;
• Must have a minimum grade of C in each required prerequisite course and nursing course.
• Failure to adhere to each of these conditions will result in dismissal from the RN to MSN EE program.

Matriculation into Master’s Program for RN to MSN Early Entry applicants
Upon completion of the ADN program and receiving the associate degree in nursing, students who meet the additional admission criteria for the RN to MSN program listed below will be directly admitted into the RN to MSN program. Additional admission criteria include:
• Completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course;
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
• Minimum score of 3.5 on the analytical portion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
• New ADN graduates must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN® examination and become licensed as a registered nurse (RN) by the end of their first semester of RN to MSN course work;
• Students in the Early-Entry RN-MSN program must have one year of clinical experience as a registered nurse before taking any clinical courses in the RN-MSN program.

Track Selection: Students declare track preference in the spring prior to beginning the RN-MSN program. Track selection is competitive.

BSN-DNP Early Entry (Post-Baccalaureate)
*Admission to the Post-Baccalaureate DNP Early Entry Program is currently suspended
The Early Entry Post-Baccalaureate DNP (BSN-DNP EE) option provides selected Accelerated BSN students with early entry into the Post-Baccalaureate DNP program. Students apply for early entry after acceptance into the Accelerated BSN program and are notified of acceptance into the program prior to or at the beginning of their Accelerated BSN coursework.

Admission Criteria for the BSN-DNP Early Entry option
Applicants who wish to be considered for early entry status must meet the following minimum criteria:
• Acceptance into the Accelerated BSN program;
• An ACT score of 26 or above OR a GRE Analytical score of 4.0 or above. The Registrar's Office must have official scores;
• A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4 (including undergraduate and graduate coursework). You must send official transcripts for every college and university you have attended. Please note: all grades, including failing grades and grades on repeated courses, are used to calculate the cumulative GPA;
• A complete application.

Progression and Retention Criteria for Students in the BSN-DNP Early Entry Program
To retain status as a BSN-DNP EE student, the following conditions must be met:
• Maintain continuous fulltime enrollment in the Accelerated BSN program;
• Maintain a nursing GPA of 3.2 or higher.

Matriculation into BSN-DNP Program for BSN-DNP EE Applicants
Upon completion of the Accelerated BSN program and receiving the BSN degree, students who meet the additional admission criteria for the BSN-DNP program listed below will be directly admitted into the BSN-DNP program:
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale; Please note: all grades, including failing grades and grades on repeated courses, are used to calculate the cumulative GPA;
• A score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section of the GRE;
• Must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN® examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse by the end of the first semester of the BSN-DNP program;
• Approval by the DNP director.

Track Selection
Students in the BSN-DNP Early Entry program declare track preference in the 2nd semester of the Accelerated BSN program. Track selection is competitive.

DNP Early Entry Program (Post-Master’s)
The DNP Early Entry (DNP EE) option permits students admitted to the School of Nursing MSN program to progress to the DNP program. Students progress seamlessly into the DNP course work upon completion of the MSN. The DNP course work can be completed in full-time study over a minimum of two years or in about three years of part-time study. Admission into the Post-Master’s DNP Early Entry program can occur after completion of all first semester courses of the MSN program. The DNP Early Entry deadline for students who have completed their first semester MSN courses is February 15.

Admission Criteria for the DNP Early Entry program
Early entry into the DNP program is offered to outstanding MSN students through a competitive selection process. Applicants who wish to be considered for early entry status must meet the following minimum criteria:
• A complete application;
• An acceptable Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Score, including a score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section;
• A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 through the first semester of full-time study in the MSN program;
• Three letters of recommendation, at least one from a practice supervisor and at least one from a doctoral-prepared faculty member attesting to the applicant’s potential for doctoral study;
• Pre-admission interview with DNP faculty at the School of Nursing.
Progression and Retention Criteria for Students in the DNP Early Entry Program

To retain status as a DNP EE student, the following conditions must be met:

- Maintain continuous enrollment in the MSN program;
- Maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 3.2. Any grade less than a C in the MSN program will result in dismissal from the DNP EE program.

Matriculation into Post-Master’s DNP Program for DNP EE Applicants

Upon completion of the MSN program and receiving the MSN degree, DNP EE students who meet the admission criteria for the DNP program listed below will be directly admitted into the DNP program:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;
- Satisfactory scores on the GRE, including a score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section;
- Approval by the DNP director

Non-Degree Seeking Students (NDSS)

Individuals who have not been admitted to a program in the School of Nursing may be considered for admission to the University of Mississippi Medical Center as a student with non-degree status for enrollment in course work. A maximum of nine hours of credit may be taken in this status, and courses with a minimum grade of B may be applied to a School of Nursing program. Individuals may also enroll in a course in the School of Nursing if they desire to take courses for personal or professional development. A written request for enrollment in the specific course must be submitted to the associate dean in order to be considered and the applicant must complete all NDSS admission requirements prior to enrollment. Enrollment as a NDSS does not guarantee admission into a School of Nursing program. All NDSS students are required to complete the full student health packet with all required immunizations, including a two-step TB skin test or two consecutive years of TB skin test results.

Conditional Admit Students (CAS)

Applicants who do not meet all requirements for admission to a School of Nursing program may be considered for conditional admission. Students admitted in this category are limited to two courses the first semester and must earn a B or higher in those courses in order to continue in the program.

Visiting Scholars

Applicants holding terminal degrees or who are engaged in thesis or dissertation research may apply to the University of Mississippi School of Nursing for admission as visiting scholars rather than students. Visiting scholars must be approved by the program in which research is to take place. Scholars may use the library and research facilities and sit in on classes with the consent of the instructor. Although fees may be charged for use of computers or laboratory items, tuition and other fees are not assessed. Applications will be reviewed by the associate dean. Applicants will be accepted based on availability of space in the course and permission of the instructor. Students enrolled as visiting scholars will not be considered candidates for a degree. Students wishing to pursue a degree candidacy should consult the appropriate section of the Bulletin.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Students in the School of Nursing may request transfer of credits from other academic institutions to meet some specified program requirements. Transfer of credit requires approval from the associate dean for academic affairs. The transfer of credit process begins in the Office of Student Records and Registrar. Students should complete the transfer of credit process, including receipt of the official transcript in the Office of Student Records and Registrar verifying successful completion of the course as soon as the course is completed and the grade is available. The deadline for completion of the transfer process, however, is the last day of classes in the semester which the student is graduating. Courses transferred to the School of Nursing must have been taken at a college accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies and, if the courses are from another school of nursing, the school must be accredited by CCNE or ACEN. Currently enrolled students who wish to take a required course outside of the University of Mississippi School of Nursing must have permission from their track director in advance. There is no guarantee that courses taken without permission will transfer and apply to the School of Nursing degree.

Academic Residency Requirements for the BSN Degree

The Traditional BSN program requires a minimum of 44 credit hours of residence. The Accelerated BSN program requires all credit hours in nursing to be earned in residency in the School of Nursing. The RN to BSN program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours in residence.

Baccalaureate Nursing Transfer Students

Students who wish to transfer to the School of Nursing from other baccalaureate nursing programs must contact the associate dean for academic affairs. Students must meet the prerequisite course requirements for the baccalaureate nursing program, must meet degree and residence credit hour requirements, and must spend the equivalent of one academic year in residence. Placement in the program will be determined after review of course syllabi by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee in collaboration with the Undergraduate Admission and Progression Committee. Only nursing courses with a grade of B or higher are considered for transfer. The associate dean notifies the registrar and the applicant of the decision.

RN to MSN Transfer Students

Students must meet the prerequisite course requirements for the respective MSN track, must meet degree and residence credit hour requirements, and must spend the equivalent of one academic year in residence. Students may transfer a maximum of 13 credit hours with approval from the associate dean. Only courses with a grade of B or higher are considered for transfer.

Master’s in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice Transfer Students

MSN and DNP students may transfer up to 50% of the total credit hours required for the DNP program or for the specific track in which the student is enrolled for the MSN degree with a minimum grade of B in each course and with the approval of the associate dean. Students must take the equivalent of one academic year of full time course work in the School of Nursing.
PhD in Nursing Transfer Students
PhD in Nursing students who wish to transfer to UMMC must contact the director of the PhD Nursing program.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA)
The School of Nursing ADA policy is found in the Student Handbook on the SON web site.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
All candidates for a baccalaureate degree from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing must meet the following core requirements: 6 hours of English composition, 3 hours of college algebra, quantitative reasoning or higher level math, 6 hours of natural science, 9 hours of humanities and fine arts, and 6 hours of social or behavioral science.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science in nursing must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall School of Nursing GPA of 2.0 or higher and must have successfully completed prescribed standardized exams administered at the end of the program. Students are certified for graduation by the dean. Transfer students who spend only one year in residence must attend the year in which the degree requirements are completed. The School of Nursing reserves the right to withhold a degree of any student deemed unsuitable for the practice of nursing.

Candidates for a master's or doctoral degree must complete the approved plan of study with an overall School of Nursing GPA of 3.0 or higher.

GRADUATION WITH HONORS
The School of Nursing awards baccalaureate degrees in nursing with honors for excellence in academic achievement. A graduating Accelerated or Traditional BSN student must have completed all nursing coursework at the School of Nursing in order to be eligible to graduate with honors. A graduating RN to BSN student must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at the School of Nursing in order to be eligible for consideration to graduate with honors. Degrees are awarded summa cum laude (3.90-4.0), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89), and cum laude (3.50-3.74). For Traditional and Accelerated BSN graduates, the GPA is determined only on the work completed in the School of Nursing. For RN to BSN graduates, the GPA is determined using a combination of the GPA for entering coursework and for work completed in the School of Nursing.

MSN students achieving the top three cumulative grade point averages will be selected for graduation with honors each year: summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude. MSN students must have completed all courses for the degree at the School of Nursing to be eligible for consideration for Latin Honors.

The Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College (SMBHC), offered on the University of Mississippi Oxford campus, allows highly motivated students to develop their own scholarly research interests. Students in the baccalaureate nursing program enrolled in the Honors College at the University of Mississippi have the opportunity to become involved with the research pursuits of the School of Nursing faculty and may complete their research project while completing the BSN program requirements. Students who successfully complete the requirements of the Honors College are honored at a commissioning ceremony before the spring commencement. Detailed information about the Barksdale Honors College can be found on the University of Mississippi website.

Ambassador Program
The Ambassador Program provides opportunities for undergraduate students who demonstrate high academic achievement to serve as official student representatives of the School of Nursing. Selected during the third semester of the Traditional BSN program, these student leaders participate in recruitment events, provide campus tours to prospective students, lead orientation groups and serve as mentors to incoming students. Through their activities and assignments, Ambassadors meet course requirements for a leadership elective and receive special recognition at the school’s annual Honors Day.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
All students in the School of Nursing should be aware of provisions in the Student Handbook which detail practices, procedures, and provisions of the school pertaining to academic progress, professional expectations, and related matters. The faculty and administration reserve the right to make changes in curricula and regulations when such changes are determined to be in the best interest of the student and the school. Accreditation requirements and other factors may necessitate some variations from program descriptions contained therein. Applicants, prospective students, and currently enrolled students must maintain communication with the School of Nursing concerning their individual goals, curricula, and requirements.

Orientation
All students must complete orientation prior to attending any course. Failure to attend orientation may result in dismissal from the program. Under extraordinary circumstances students may be excused from orientation with prior approval from the associate dean. Under such circumstances, a revised orientation plan will be developed.

Registration
To participate in, attend, and receive credit for any course, a student must be registered for that course in the Office of Student Records and Registrar. Students meet with their academic advisors prior to registration to select courses. The academic advisor’s approval verifies that the student meets all the criteria to take the course. Students who are not registered for any course work and who are not on an official leave of absence will be withdrawn from the program and must reapply for admission. Exceptions may be made for students on an alternate plan of study.
ADMISSION AND ANNUAL COMPLIANCE

TB Skin Test/Immunizations
All applicants must submit a tuberculin skin test and evidence of immunity to certain communicable diseases (i.e. MMR). The student is responsible for all costs involved. Once admitted to the School of Nursing, annual tuberculin skin tests are required and may be obtained from UMMC Employee and Student Health. If a tuberculin test is obtained from another health care provider, the student must provide evidence of valid test results to UMMC Employee and Student Health annually.

Influenza Vaccination
All students must be vaccinated annually against influenza in advance of the flu season unless they are eligible for and have an approved medical contraindication or an approved religious restriction. Proof must be provided to UMMC Employee and Student Health annually by the established deadline.

Hepatitis B
Students admitted to the School of Nursing must initiate at least the first injection in the Hepatitis B immunization series prior to registering for the first course taken. Evidence of immunization is submitted to the Office of Employee and Student Health upon admission. The remaining immunizations in the series are available from Employee and Student Health at the Medical Center. The student must complete the series as prescribed to continue enrollment in the program. The student must also provide Employee and Student Health at the Medical Center evidence of complete Hepatitis B immunization if the series is completed by another health care provider.

CPR Certification
Students are required to submit evidence of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification (CPR) as a BLS Healthcare Provider (American Heart Association) to the School of Nursing. Students in the Traditional and Accelerated BSN programs must show evidence of CPR certification by orientation preceding the first semester of the program. Students in the RN to BSN, RN to MSN, MSN, PMN, and post-baccalaureate DNP programs must show evidence of CPR certification prior to beginning any clinical, practicum, or residency courses. This certification must be maintained throughout enrollment in the School of Nursing if the student is enrolled in clinical or practicum courses. Note: This requirement is program specific and students enrolled in the Nursing and Health Care Administrator track, Post-Master’s DNP or the PhD in Nursing program are NOT required to meet this requirement.

Health Insurance
Health insurance is mandatory for all students enrolled at UMMC. Health Insurance and disability insurance are available through the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Liability Insurance
All students are required to have professional liability insurance in place during all clinical, practicum, and residency experiences. Please note: All nurse practitioner students must purchase nurse practitioner insurance and must have it in place during all clinical, practicum, and residency experiences.

Licensure
All students, except students enrolled in the pre-licensure undergraduate nursing program, are required to hold a current, unrestricted RN license in Mississippi or in one of the Compact States. Out-of-state students in non-Compact States who are not practicing in Mississippi must also hold current and unrestricted licensure in the state in which they are practicing. Verification of a current and unrestricted license is required annually. Students must notify the School of Nursing immediately of any licensure restrictions or changes that occur after admission to the school of nursing. Failure to do so in a timely manner may result in dismissal.

Background Checks
Mississippi law requires all health care workers, including students, to complete criminal history background checks through UMMC or another approved health care facility. Contact Human Resources for approval of non-UMMC background checks. All School of Nursing students are required to successfully complete a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, prior to final acceptance into the program and are required to notify the associate dean for academic affairs immediately of any arrests or convictions that occur after application to or admission to the School of Nursing. A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s eligibility to be licensed or certified.

IRB Certification
The Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center requires that all faculty, staff and students involved in human subjects research complete an IRB tutorial. The tutorial is designed to meet national, state and institutional requirements for training in human subject protection. It is a self-directed web-based educational program in the ethics of human subject s research and IRB procedures.

Service Learning
The University of Mississippi School of Nursing values service learning as a necessary aspect of education and development. Service projects provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to demonstrate the professional values through value-based behavior. School of Nursing students complete eight hours of service learning in community settings annually and submit verification of these hours to the School of Nursing Office of Student Affairs and Service Learning.

OTHER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
The University has additional compliance requirements that students must meet on an annual basis.

Students who fail to maintain School of Nursing compliance requirements will not be allowed to participate in clinical, practicum, or residency activities, which will result in an unexcused absence.

Course Audit
To audit a course, a student must obtain approval from the course coordinator and the associate dean. The student must pay related tuition, fees, and expenses prior to beginning the course.
Undergraduate Standards for Scholastic Performance

To be eligible for progression, a baccalaureate student must achieve a grade of not less than 76 in each course, must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Undergraduate students must have a cumulative School of Nursing GPA of 2.0 or higher in order to graduate. Recommendations regarding promotion, graduation, required remedial work, or dismissal are made by the associate dean.

Grading

The School of Nursing employs a numerical grading system based on 0-100. Evaluation of 300- and 400-level courses will be expressed according to the letter system listed below.

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A student must achieve a grade of 76 or higher in each course and must satisfactorily complete all requirements stated in the syllabus for each course to become eligible for progression. A grade of Incomplete is reported when the student has not fulfilled the course requirements. A grade of Incomplete is not an expectation but rather a privilege that is extended in unusual circumstances by the course coordinator. The course coordinator determines the time allowed for the student to remove the Incomplete grade. The Incomplete grade is converted to a grade of F if not removed within 12 months from the time it was assigned.
The grade F is given if the student has failed based on the evaluation of required work and course objectives. Any required course in which the student has received a grade that is less than satisfactory D or F must be repeated either at the University of Mississippi School of Nursing or, with permission of the dean, at another college or university. A minimum grade of B is required on any course repeated at another college or university. Both the first grade and the grade received when the course was repeated are calculated in the School of Nursing overall grade point average (GPA) for BSN students.

Change of Grade
A course instructor may change a reported grade only if the original grade was incorrectly assigned due to clerical or computational error, or if a student meets the requirements for the removal of an Incomplete grade.

GRADUATE STANDARDS FOR SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE
Graduate students must achieve a cumulative School of Nursing grade point average of 3.0 in order to graduate. Recommendations regarding promotion, graduation, required remedial work, or dismissal are made by the associate dean.

Grading
The School of Nursing employs a numerical grading system based on 0-100. In certain courses, a mark of P is given to indicate that a student has received graduate credit, but has been assigned no quality point grade in the course. However, in courses approved for a mark of P, instructors may assign the quality point grade of F. The instructor issues a final grade based on the evaluation of the student’s work and achievements of the course objectives. Evaluation of 500-level and higher courses will be expressed according to the letter system listed below.

MSN and DNP
A  Excellent 100-90
B  Good 89-80
C  Satisfactory 79-70
F  Failure below 70

A student must achieve a grade of 70 or higher in each graduate course and must satisfactorily complete all requirements stated in the syllabus for each course to become eligible for progression. A grade of Incomplete is reported when the student has not fulfilled the course requirements. A grade of Incomplete is not an expectation but rather a privilege that is extended in unusual circumstances by the course coordinator. The course coordinator determines the time allowed for the student to remove the Incomplete grade. The Incomplete grade is converted to a grade of F if not removed within 12 months from the time it was assigned.

Change of Grade
A course instructor may change a reported grade only if the original grade was incorrectly assigned due to clerical or computational error, or if a student meets the requirements for the removal of an Incomplete grade.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE PROGRESSION POLICIES
Final grades in completed courses are available through the student portal at the end of each academic semester. The associate dean will notify students of actions taken after grades are reviewed. The registrar reserves the right to withhold transcripts and diplomas until all account holds are removed.

Leaves of Absence (LOA)
The School of Nursing requires that all students be enrolled every semester or be on an approved Leave of Absence unless there is no course offered in the student’s plan of study for the semester. Students who do not meet this requirement will be academically withdrawn. Students may be granted a leave of absence for a period of time not to exceed a total of one year for legitimate health, personal, military or other appropriate reasons.

In case of a request for a medical leave of absence, the School of Nursing may obtain an independent verification through referral from Employee and Student Health at the Medical Center. Prior enrollment in the School of Nursing is required for a student to be granted a leave of absence. Accepted students who have signed the letter of intent but who have never enrolled are not eligible for a leave of absence. Because of the intensity of the curricula, the phasing of the courses and the rapid changes in nursing knowledge, a student may be required to restart courses from the beginning upon returning from leave. Traditional and Accelerated students are required to complete a Re-entry Skills Validation upon return from Leave of Absence.

To be granted a leave of absence, the student must:
- be in good academic standing,
- notify the associate dean in writing of the request for leave of absence,
- obtain approval from the associate dean, and
- inform the associate dean, in writing, of intentions regarding future enrollment.

Students who fail to return to the academic program within the specified time will be withdrawn from the program. If the student has courses in progress at the time the leave of absence is granted, a letter grade of F may be assigned to these courses. A student on leave of absence will not be assigned any academic or clinical responsibilities. Upon return from leave of absence, the student will re-enroll and will pay all tuition and fees appropriate for the period of re-enrollment. No leave of absence will be granted without all appropriate prior approvals.

Withdrawal
Registration for a course makes the student responsible for attending class until the course is completed or until the student withdraws from the course, with the permission of the program director and the associate dean and approval of the dean. Failure to comply will result in recording failing grades in all courses in which the student is registered. Approved withdrawals, if completed on or before the last day specified by the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawal authorized after this date will be recorded as
a W through the 10th week of the fall and spring semesters and the 6th week of the summer semester. Withdrawals authorized after this date will be recorded as W if the student is passing the course at the time of withdrawal; a grade of F will be recorded if the student is failing.

No withdrawals will be granted during exam week. A maximum of two course withdrawals are allowed in the baccalaureate programs.

Progression
Grades and progress of each student are reviewed by the associate dean at the end of each grading period. Students who do not meet the established criteria will be notified. Progression in the baccalaureate programs requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all required nursing courses. Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 in order to graduate.

- If a student makes a grade of D or F in a course, the course may be repeated once provided the overall GPA is a 2.0. Students who receive a grade of C or better in a course are not permitted to repeat the course.
- If a student repeats a failed nursing course and does not make a grade of C or better, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- Only one nursing course may be repeated. If a student receives a D or F in a second nursing course, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- Students who receive one F grade in a clinical course may be automatically dismissed from the program.
- Students who have more than two incomplete grades will not be allowed to progress until the incompletes are removed.
- If a grade of Unsatisfactory (U) is assigned for any clinical day during which the student fails to meet minimum professional expectations for the day. If the student receives two unsatisfactory grades in the same clinical course, she/he will receive an F for the course.

Clinical faculty reserve the right to assign a U to the student for failure to meet any portion of the required clinical expectations.

Required Revalidation Skills Checkoff
Students who have been out of a clinical course for more than one year are required to perform a revalidation skills checkoff prior to reentering classes or clinical. The revalidation is necessary to ensure that the student has retained the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform safe patient care for the semester to which they are returning. The student will be provided a list of required skills to be assessed and will also be provided opportunities to practice these skills prior to the revalidation skills checkoff. The student should make contact with the assistant dean one month prior to the beginning of the entering semester so arrangements for the checkoff can be made.

Probation
A baccalaureate student is placed on probation when the nursing cumulative GPA at the end of any semester is less than 2.0. Students in the BSN Program may not be on probation for more than 15 semester hours of required course work. A remedial plan of study is initiated by the academic advisor for any student placed on probation. Graduate students are placed on probation when the cumulative GPA is less than 3.0.

Dismissal
A student may not be permitted to continue enrollment when:

Undergraduate programs:
- The student receives a second failing grade (D or F) in a nursing course; or
- The student has received a grade of F and the student’s overall GPA is less than 2.0 on all course work completed in the School of Nursing; or
- Any behavior is determined to be unprofessional, unethical, unsafe, or illegal or when performance is unsuitable for the practice of nursing; or
- The student violates UMMC code of conduct or compliance policies which are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Graduate programs:
- The student receives a second failing grade (F) in a nursing course; or
- The student receives a grade of F and the student’s overall GPA is less than 3.0 on all course work completed in the School of Nursing; or
- The student receives one F grade in a clinical course; or
- Any behavior is determined to be unprofessional, unethical, unsafe, or illegal or when performance is unsuitable for the practice of nursing; or
- The student violates UMMC code of conduct or compliance policies which are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

A student may be dismissed from school without having been placed on probation. Students dismissed from the program for academic reasons and/or unprofessional behavior may appeal the dismissal by following the appeals process. The specific appeals procedure for academic and disciplinary action dismissals is found in the School of Nursing Student Handbook. In the event of an appeal, the student may continue to attend class until the appeal process has been concluded.

Re-admission
A student who has been dismissed from the School of Nursing may apply for admission no sooner than one year after being dismissed from the program. Re-admission is considered on a case-by-case basis. If re-admitted, the associate dean, program director, or admissions committee will design a plan of study based upon the applicant’s individual needs.
OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AND SERVICE LEARNING

The School of Nursing Office of Student Affairs and Service Learning provides information, resources, and support to nursing students and prospective students through non-academic advisement, career guidance, enrollment management, orientation, recruitment, tutorial information, student leadership programs, community outreach, and special events.

Counseling

Academic and career counseling is available through School of Nursing faculty, Student Affairs, administrative staff, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center Office of Academic Support Services. Mental health counseling is available through appropriate professionals at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and through contracts with other agencies through the Life Synch Student Assistance program. Associate deans, program directors, and the director of student affairs can assist students in locating such services as needed.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Associated Student Body

The Associated Student Body is composed of designated administrators, student body officers, and presidents of other student organizations who meet to exchange information and plan activities affecting student life.

Nursing Student Body Government

The Nursing Student Body Government is composed of students elected by their peers in accordance with the Nursing Student Body (NSB) constitution. The NSB Government plans student activities, fundraisers, and philanthropic activities for students in the School of Nursing with the guidance of the faculty advisor and director of student affairs.

Professional Student Organization

University Chapter, Mississippi Association of Student Nurses, is affiliated with the National Student Nurses’ Association and gives the student an opportunity to participate in the professional activities of the organization.

TUITION AND FEES

Note: Tuition and fees listed below are for the 2018-19 academic year. All amounts are subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Please contact the Department of Student Accounting for more information.

Undergraduate Programs*

Pending IHL approval, tuition for the Undergraduate Programs is $4216.50 per semester, based on enrollment of 12 or more hours. The hourly rate is $351.38 per semester hour. An additional $8149 per semester is charged to non-residents. Non-resident students taking less than a full-time load will pay a non-resident fee of $679.08 per semester hour, in addition to tuition and required fees.

Fees are charged to various programs as follows:

Traditional BSN students will be charged a HESI testing fee of $736.00 with their first semester tuition, and a lab fee of $250.00 with their second semester.

Accelerated BSN students will be charged a $3000.00 Professional fee each semester, in addition to tuition. Students on the Oxford campus will be charged an activity fee of $250.00 with their first semester tuition.

Online programs: Students enrolled in online programs will be charged a $150.00 distance learning fee each semester. Non-resident tuition will not be charged for students in online programs. Please look up your program in the bulletin to determine if it is an online program.

Graduate Programs*

Pending IHL approval, tuition for the Graduate Programs is $4216.50 per semester, based on enrollment of 9 or more hours. The hourly rate is $468.50 per semester hour. An additional $8149 per semester is charged to non-residents. Non-resident students taking less than a full-time load will pay a non-resident fee of $905.44 per semester hour, in addition to tuition and required fees.

Fees are charged as follows:

RN to MSN students will be charged a one-time lab/sim/standardized test fee of $250.00 with their first semester tuition.

Post Baccalaureate DNP students will be charged a one-time lab/sim/standardized test fee of $250.00 with their first semester tuition.

MSN and Post Masters Nursing students will be charged a one-time lab/sim/standardized test fee of $250.00 with their first semester tuition.

Online programs: Students enrolled in online programs will be charged a $150.00 distance learning fee each semester. Non-resident tuition will not be charged for students in online programs. Please look up your program in the bulletin to determine if it is an online program.

*Tuition and fees are subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Please contact the department of Student Accounting at (601) 984-1060 for further information.

Expenses

In addition to tuition, students should be prepared to spend a minimum of $1,500 per academic year for necessary books, instruments, uniforms, malpractice insurance and travel. Students are responsible for transportation and living expenses during the course of study. Each student must have a computer and software which meets program specifications. The computer and software are covered in the financial aid package for qualifying students. Laptop computers are required in the traditional and accelerated BSN, RN to MSN, MSN and post-MSN programs. Standardized exams are administered throughout the BSN program to assess students’ strengths and comprehension. Costs for the first take of these exams are included in the standardized testing fee package. Students are required to pay the additional cost for any retakes of the standardized exams. For an overview of the total cost of attendance, please visit the financial aid web page.
Refunds
See schedule for refunds in the General Information section of the Bulletin. For the most up-to-date information on tuition and fees, please visit the Office of Student Accounting website. For information regarding billing, payment, tuition refund and financial aid refund, please visit the website.

Financial Aid
The Office of Student Financial Aid encourages students to complete the required application(s) as early as possible to ensure they receive maximum consideration for financial aid. For more information, please visit the website.

SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS*
The Thomasson Family Nursing Scholarship, established in 2004, is awarded to a junior student with demonstrated academic excellence and financial need who plans to work in Mississippi upon graduation. Preference is given to students who have responsibility to care for a young family or who have a family member deployed in the military.

The Nursing Education Loan/Scholarship Program (NELS) makes scholarships available to BSN, RN to BSN, RN to MSN, MSN, DNP, and PhD students who wish to advance their academic status. Applicants must be residents of Mississippi or have resided in the state for at least a year. Loan to service obligation can be discharged on the basis of one year’s service in professional nursing for one year of loan received. Applications are available beginning in January and are awarded on a first come basis for the following fall. Further information may be obtained from the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, P.O. Box 2336, Jackson, MS 39225-2336. IHL website.

The Regions Bank Scholarship, established in 1968, is awarded annually to a junior student with excellence in academic, clinical, and overall performance and with documented financial need. For more information, please visit the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid website.

The Thomasson Family Nursing Scholarship, established in 1988, offers full tuition scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students selected on the basis of academic record and documented financial need. For more information, please visit the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid website.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center. For more information about this scholarship, please contact the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid website.

The Edwin N. Rubenstein Scholarship, established in 1998, is awarded annually to a senior student who has demonstrated the most overall improvement from the junior to senior year.
The Ottile Schillig Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 through a gift to the Medical Center from the Schillig Trust. Miss Schillig, a native of Port Gibson, was a noted concert singer. At least one scholarship is available each year to an undergraduate student in the School of Nursing. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

The Trustmark National Bank Scholarship, established in 1988, is presented to an undergraduate student with outstanding performance in nursing of children as demonstrated by excellence in academic, clinical, and overall performance.

Vicki Randle Bee Student Nurse of the Year Scholarship was established in 2006 by Alon Bee in memory of his wife, Vicki Randle Bee. The recipient is chosen by fellow senior students, and selection is based on the individual exhibiting nursing qualities valued by the School of Nursing.

J. R. Scribner Scholarship was established in 2002. This scholarship is given to a full-time undergraduate nursing student based on academic excellence and who resides north of Highway 82. The recipient agrees to work or live in Mississippi for 24 months. Students may apply through the office of Student Financial Aid.

The William Randolph Hearst Endowment Scholarship Fund, established in 2010 by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, is an endowed scholarship awarded as a recruitment scholarship to an ethnic minority student who is a U.S. citizen and Mississippi resident seeking a traditional undergraduate nursing degree in the School of Nursing, who has demonstrated financial need, and has a pre-entry GPA of 3.0 or above. Although a recruitment scholarship, it is awarded upon successful completion of the first semester in the School of Nursing.

The Orr-Russwurm Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William Robert and Helene Mays Orr, Helen Pearsall Orr, Stuart Pearsall Orr, Dr. and Mrs. William Clark and Florence Russwurm. The scholarship is designated for a student in the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Health Related Professions, School of Dentistry, or any other school that may be created in the future at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The recipient must be planning a full- or part-time career in Christian missionary work. For more information about this scholarship, please contact the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid.

The Frances Marie Dean Scholarship in Nursing was established in 2006 by the Estate of Frances Marie Dean. The recipient is a nursing student at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The McCarty Company Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 by the Create Foundation. The scholarship is awarded to a third-semester student in the School of Nursing who is 22 years of age or older, who demonstrates financial need, and who has community and volunteer involvement.

The Jessie Lynn Bidwell Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011 by Josie and Gene Bidwell in memory of their infant daughter. This scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate student who has successfully completed his/her junior year and who exemplifies caring, compassion, and respect for children and their families. The recipient must also be in good academic standing in the School of Nursing.

The Amber M. Arnold Nursing Scholarship was established in 2010 by Amber Arnold. This scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate in the School of Nursing who is a single parent, demonstrates financial need, is a Mississippi resident and a citizen of the United States, and who has a minimum GPA of 3.0.

The UMMC 50th Anniversary Scholarship was established in 2005 and derived from the UMMC “Promises Kept” campaign. This scholarship is centered on academics, character, and performance. It rotates annually among the schools.

The Susanne Marie Pruett Memorial Scholarship in Nursing was established in 2009 to honor the late Susanne Marie Pruett, a University of Mississippi Medical Center research and PICU/ICU staff nurse, by providing financial assistance to deserving students pursuing a career in the area of intensive care nursing.

The Laura C. Blair Endowed Scholarship in Nursing was established in 2009 to honor in perpetuity Laura C. Blair, a University of Mississippi Medical Center alumna, by providing scholarships to nursing students. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and Mississippi resident and seeking a nursing degree in the School of Nursing.

The Patricia Dyre Kimble Scholarship in Nursing, established in 2008, is an academic scholarship awarded to a student in the School of Nursing who demonstrates financial need, is in good academic standing, and has a genuine desire to pursue a rewarding and challenging career in nursing. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and a Mississippi resident.

Florence E. King Endowed Scholarship in Nursing, established in 2013, is awarded to a student enrolled in the Master of Science in Nursing and Health Care Administrator track. The student must be a U.S. citizen, have financial need, and be pursuing excellence in academic performance. The student awarded must plan to pursue a career in hospital administration immediately upon completion of the MSN degree requirements.

The Christine L. Oglevee Memorial Award, sponsored by the Nursing Alumni Chapter and the School of Nursing, is presented annually at commencement to a graduating senior from the traditional BSN program who is chosen by the faculty as the most outstanding student in the class. The recipient's name is engraved on a plaque which hangs in the School of Nursing.

The Yvonne Pressgrove Bertolet Award was established in 1986 with a gift from Yvonne and Bob Bertolet of Natchez. Mrs. Bertolet is an alumna of the School of Nursing. Junior students or those who have completed the junior year, who are from Mississippi or any other SREB state, who have a minimum grade point average of 3.50, who actively participate in extracurricular school and campus activities, and who demonstrate those qualities of caring and commitment which exemplify the ideal nurse, are eligible for consideration of the scholarship.

The James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship, established in 2000, offers full tuition scholarship each year to an undergraduate Accelerated Program student in the School of Nursing. All recipients must be in good academic standing and have financial need. Students must have a commitment to practice in Mississippi.
The Allie Mae Fletcher Memorial Scholarship Award was established in 2004 in memory of the grandmother of Dr. Audwin B. Fletcher. This book award is presented to a nurse practitioner student who is of African-American descent. The recipient must be in good standing and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns or communities.

The Bernice M. Gamblin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Bernice M. Gamblin, the aunt of Dr. LaDonna Northington, Dr. Monica Northington and Hiawatha Northington II. This scholarship is presented to an undergraduate student in good academic standing, with a caring attitude and an interest in working with adult clients with cancer.

The Richard N. Graves Award is presented at commencement to the registered nurse senior who is chosen by the faculty as the most outstanding registered nurse student in the class.

The Doris W. Gray Award, established in 1985, is awarded annually to the undergraduate student with outstanding performance in maternity nursing as demonstrated by excellence in academic, clinical, and overall performance.

The Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses Association Annual Award recognizes African-American undergraduate nursing student(s) with outstanding academic achievement.

The Class of 1965 Award, established in 2000, is presented annually to a third-semester junior or first-semester senior who is full time, in good academic standing, and demonstrates financial need.

The Duncan McCormac Memorial Scholarship award, established in 2004, is presented annually to a third-semester junior or first-year graduate student who is full time, in good academic standing and demonstrates the characteristics most admired in the conduct of the art and science of nursing.

Mississippi Blood Services Award is available to a full-time student in the graduate nursing program. Students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.

The F.A. Davis Undergraduate Book Award, established in 1998, is presented to a junior nursing student in recognition of his/her scholastic excellence.

The Mississippi Hospital Association Nurse Executive Award, established in 1998, is presented to the graduate student who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and creativity in developing the nurse executive role in the health delivery system.

The Bess C. Blackwell Nurse Executive Award, established in 1996, is presented to the graduate student who demonstrates overall excellence as a nurse executive.

The Bess C. Blackwell Scholarship in Nursing, established in 2008, is presented annually to an undergraduate nursing student who is a member of a group of underrepresented populations, based on GPA, letters of recommendation, and personal statement on desire to pursue a career in nursing.

The Janet Y. Harris Scholarship in Nursing, established in 2008, is presented annually to a graduate (master's or doctoral) nursing student whose focus of study/role is nurse administrator or nurse executive. The student must be an active member of local, state, or national professional nursing associations and demonstrate excellence in coursework and practicum.

The Rosie Lee Calvin Nurse Educator Award, established in 1996, is presented to the graduate student who displays overall excellence as a nurse educator.

The Elizabeth Ann Coleman Nurse Clinician Award, established in 1996, is presented to a graduating nurse clinician student with the highest academic GPA and who proves overall excellence as a nurse practitioner.

The Minta Uzodinma Community Nurse Award, established in 1998, is presented annually to the graduate student who demonstrates outstanding commitment to improve the health of the public.

The Jay Waits Graduate Student of the Year Award was established in 1986. The School of Nursing and the Nursing Alumni Chapter co-sponsor this award and present it annually to a graduate student who, in the judgment of the graduate faculty, exhibits leadership, clinical and academic excellence.

The Rene Reeb Research Award, established in 1998, is presented to a doctoral student who is in good academic standing, enrolled in the human experiences health care track, and demonstrates interest in qualitative research.

Sigma Theta Tau Outstanding Academic Performance Awards, established in 1986, are presented annually to a graduate student and undergraduate student in recognition of superior academic achievement, and activities reflecting the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau.

Sigma Theta Tau Carraway Family Scholarship, established in memory of Charles Morgan Carraway, is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate student selected by the Theta Beta Chapter of the International Nursing Honor Society.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center Student Nurses Association Outstanding Junior Award is presented to the most active junior member of the University Chapter of MASN.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center Student Nurses Association Outstanding Senior Award is presented to a senior student who has been active in MASN and has been a member of the University Chapter of MASN for two years.

Lippincott Undergraduate Book Award, established in 1998, is presented to an undergraduate student in recognition of scholastic excellence.

Lippincott Advanced Standing Book Award, established in 1998, is presented to an advanced standing student in recognition of scholastic excellence.

The Elsevier Science Graduate Book Award, established in 1998, is presented to a graduate student in recognition of scholastic excellence.

The Elsevier Science Doctoral Book Award, established in 1998, is presented to a doctoral student in recognition of scholastic excellence.

The Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award, established in 2001, is presented to the graduating MSN student who demonstrates promise in improving patient care, and shows an appreciation for scientific inquiry and an evidence-based approach to natural medicine. (This student is one who plans on completing a terminal degree in nursing or a related field.)
The Lorea May Honorary Nurse Award was established in 2009 by Dr. Marilyn May Harrington in honor of her mother, Lorea May, who always desired to become a nurse but due to lack of finances was unable to attend nursing school. It is awarded to an African-American senior traditional student or an accelerated student who desires to enter the field of pediatrics.

Master Preceptor Recognition Award recognizes a preceptor who has demonstrated outstanding performance in her/his role as a preceptor for a nursing student(s). The preceptor functions as a resource person, facilitator, clinical role model, educator, and consultant to the student. A Master Preceptor is one that has made extraordinary effort to help nursing students bridge the gap between classroom theory and clinical practice.

The Helen Reeves Turner, MD, PhD Scholarship, established in 2013, is awarded each year to a deserving student from one of the Medical Center schools. The recipient of this award, selected by the dean or her designee, exemplifies Dr. Turner’s outstanding attributes of leadership, education, and service.

* Students must meet specific scholarship and award criteria and may need to complete an application. Eligibility does not guarantee scholarship or award. Scholarships are awarded as funds allow.

LOANS

The Caldwell Loan Fund, established in 1962 by Mrs. Annie C. Caldwell of Hazlehurst, provides interest-free loans to undergraduate nursing students on the basis of need.

The Federal-State Loan Programs, in which the Medical Center participates, are administered through the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid. Application information is outlined in the Student Financial Aid Disbursement Policies section under General Information. For more information about this loan program, please contact the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid.

The George C. and Laura B. McKinstry Scholarship/Loan Fund was established in 1973 by Dr. McKinstry in memory of his father and mother to provide low-interest loans to full-time needy students in the School of Nursing.

The Christine L. Oglevee Memorial Loan Fund, supported by gifts from alumni, is a source for loans available on an as-needed basis. Funds are available to students with good scholastic records in the graduate and undergraduate programs of the School of Nursing. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs for more information.

The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning makes available the Nursing Education Loan Scholarship Program (NELS) for junior, senior, and graduate students who are pursuing a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing. Visit the website http://riseupms.com/state-aid/ or call 1-800-327-2980 for more information.

Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) application should be mailed directly to the college or university where the student will be attending. All recipients must be enrolled in a full-time plan of study and in good academic standing. Information can be obtained by writing the Mississippi Office of State Student Financial Aid, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211-6453, or by visiting its website.

WORK STUDY

Students who wish to participate in a work-study program should contact the UMMC Office of Student Financial Aid located in the Verner S. Holmes Learning Resource Center.

HONORS

The Marshal of the Class for Commencement is a graduating senior selected by the faculty based on GPA, commitment, and service to the senior class, the School of Nursing, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

The Dean’s List is recognition for undergraduate students who demonstrate superior academic achievement. Eligibility is based on successful completion of a full time course load while taking all required courses in a regular plan of study in the preceding semester in the School of Nursing with a semester average of 3.50 or above.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges is a national compendium which recognizes seniors and graduate students for outstanding achievement.

Sigma Theta Tau, Theta Beta Chapter, is the School of Nursing Honor Society, established in 1982, and chartered as the Theta Beta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing, on January 20, 1986. Membership in the society is by invitation extended to undergraduate and graduate nursing students, nursing faculty, and professional nurses who have shown superior scholarship, leadership, and nursing achievement.

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter is the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897, and the University of Mississippi Chapter was chartered in May 1959. To qualify for membership, undergraduates must be seniors with high standards of scholarship and character. Graduate students and students in professional schools must have distinguished records.

THE NURSING ALUMNI GUARDIAN SOCIETY

The society is a special organization sponsored by the nursing alumni at the University of Mississippi Medical Center to encourage extraordinary giving by nursing alumni, friends, and faculty of the School of Nursing. The gifts, representing either current or deferred contributions, may be restricted or undesignated. The membership of the society holds the responsibility of ensuring that available funds are distributed to the School of Nursing as well as serving as trustee for specially designated charitable programs.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Three options are available for students wishing to pursue the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree: the Traditional BSN program, the Accelerated BSN program, and the RN to BSN program. The RN-BSN program is classified as online.

Purpose

The purpose of the baccalaureate program is to prepare nurses for entry-level professional practice and provide a solid foundation for graduate study.
BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM OUTCOMES
1. Integrate knowledge and skills from the liberal arts, sciences, nursing, and other disciplines into professional nursing practice.
2. Apply knowledge and skills of organizational and systems leadership, quality improvement, and patient safety to improve patient care outcomes in diverse populations and health care settings.
3. Integrate current evidence from nursing research and other credible sources into professional nursing practice.
4. Integrate information management and patient care technologies into the delivery and evaluation of high-quality, safe, and patient-centered care in a variety of health care settings.
5. Apply knowledge of health care policy, finance, and regulatory environments to professional nursing practice.
6. Demonstrate effective inter- and intra-professional communication and collaboration skills in the delivery of evidence-based, patient-centered care across health care environments.
7. Implement strategies to facilitate health promotion, disease prevention, and health restoration of individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan.
8. Assume accountability for professional values and behaviors.
9. Deliver comprehensive patient- and population-centered care that reflects baccalaureate generalist nursing practice across the health-illness continuum and health care environments.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
The minimum criteria to be considered for admission to the baccalaureate nursing program are outlined under each specific program option. Admission consideration to the undergraduate program is made by the Undergraduate Admission and Progression Committee based on evaluation of application data.

TRADITIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
Admission Criteria
1. A complete application;
2. An ACT score of 21 or above;
3. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. (Hours from all previously attempted undergraduate course work are used in calculating the cumulative GPA. The GPA in required prerequisite course work will also be considered in the admission process;
4. Completion of required prerequisite courses with a minimum of grade C in each course. Applicants may apply for admission when the number of prerequisite courses completed, plus those on the plan of study, equals 62 credit hours. All prerequisite courses (62 credit hours) must be completed before beginning the nursing program;
5. A personal interview and an on-site writing sample may be required.

In unusual instances, the Undergraduate Admission and Progression Committee may consider applicants who do not meet the admission criteria.

PREREQUISITE COURSES
The lower division is comprised of the following courses, which are prerequisites for the upper division of the baccalaureate program. The 62 credit hours of prerequisite courses include:

Natural Sciences and Mathematics: (26 credit hours) Science survey courses or courses for non-science majors are not acceptable for transfer credit. Anatomy and Physiology courses taken more than 10 years ago will not be accepted for transfer credit.

Required Courses
- General Chemistry I with lab (4 hours)
- Science with lab – Suggested courses: Biological Science with lab, Chemistry II with lab, Genetics (4 hours), Environmental Science with lab
- Microbiology – One course with a laboratory (4 hours)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology – Two courses in sequence with labs which include the study of structure and function of the human body (8 hours)
- College Algebra or higher level math (3 hours)
- Statistics – Must include an introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, including measures of central tendency, variability, correlation, t tests, z tests, ANOVA, chi-square, hypothesis testing, p levels and confidence intervals (3 hours)

Psychosocial Sciences: (18 credit hours)

Required Courses
- General Psychology (3 hours)
- Introductory Sociology (3 hours)
- Human Growth and Development through the Life Cycle (3 hours):
  a. In a senior college, Developmental Psychology, to include development from infancy through old age;
  b. In a junior or community college, Human Growth and Development, to include development from infancy through old age.
- Nutrition (3 hours)
- Psychosocial Science electives (6 hours)

Suggested Elective Courses
- Abnormal Psychology
- Economics
- History
- Social Problems
- Anthropology
- Geography
- Political Science
Humanities and Fine Arts: A minimum of six courses (18 credit hours)

**Required Courses**

- English Composition (6 hours)
- Humanities and Fine Arts Electives (9 hours)
- Speech (3 hours)

**Suggested Elective Courses**

- Art
- Literature
- Drama Music
- Foreign Languages
- Philosophy
- History
- Survey of Religion
- Journalism

**Unacceptable Courses**

None of the required courses listed, described, or recommended above may be met by the following: courses in physical training, military science, dogmatic religion; mathematics or science designed for non-science majors; or course credit granted without college level testing.

**TRADITIONAL BSN PROGRAM PLAN OF STUDY**

The following plan of study is for students who are admitted to the Traditional BSN Program. Plans of study may differ based on faculty and clinical resources and necessary curriculum changes. Students will be given the most recent plans of study by their academic advisor upon enrollment. Traditional BSN students are limited to 6 credit hours of electives within the program, excluding N409 (Clinical Nursing Elective) and N322 (Strategies for Success), if required.

**SEMESTER I - SUMMER**

- N 302 Health Assessment Throughout the Life Span 3
- N 307 Pathophysiology 4

**SEMESTER II - FALL**

- N 300 Introduction to Health Promotion 3
- N 303 Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics 3
- N 304 Introduction to Professional Nursing and Evidence-Based Practice 2
- N 309 Foundations of Nursing Practice 5

**SEMESTER III - SPRING**

- N 444 Adult Health I 6
- N 427 Child-Adolescent Nursing 5
- N 428 Nursing Research 3

**SEMESTER III - SUMMER**

- N 409 Clinical Nursing Elective (optional) 3
- N 322 Strategies for Success (may be required based on standardized examination score) 2

**SEMESTER IV - FALL**

- N 460 Adult Health II 6
- N 426 Maternal-Newborn Nursing 5
- N 439 Population Based Nursing 3

**SEMESTER V - SPRING**

- N 310 Behavioral Nursing 4
- N 435 Nursing Synthesis and Practicum 4
- N 449 Nursing Management in Health Care Systems 4
- N 482 Seminar 2

**TOTAL HOURS**

62

**ACCELERATED BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program is to prepare nurses at an accelerated pace for entry-level professional practice and to provide a solid foundation for graduate study. The accelerated program is a continuous curriculum designed for students who have a prior baccalaureate degree in another field. Students complete a continuous 3-semester, 12-month curriculum. Students in the Oxford campus program are admitted annually for fall semester entry. Students on the Jackson campus program are admitted annually for spring semester entry. All students must complete 62 hours of prerequisite course credits prior to entering the program. Students in the accelerated program may integrate with students in the traditional BSN program for some learning activities. A dominant problem-based learning methodology is used for course delivery in the Accelerated BSN program option.
Admission Criteria
Admission to the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program is based on evaluation of the following by the Undergraduate Admission and Progression Committee:
1. a complete application;
2. baccalaureate degree from a college accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies (applicants must hold the degree before beginning the Accelerated BSN program);
3. an ACT score of 21 or above;
4. a cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale (Hours from all previously attempted undergraduate course work are used in calculating the cumulative GPA.)

Applicants who are admitted to the Accelerated BSN Program must complete pre-admission counseling with School of Nursing faculty. Students must enroll in full-time study in the Accelerated BSN program option. Because of the accelerated pace of the curriculum, students are strongly encouraged NOT to work while in the program.

PREREQUISITES
The prerequisite courses are the same as listed for the Traditional BSN program.

ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM OPTION PLAN OF STUDY
The following plans of study are for students admitted to the Accelerated BSN Program. The curriculum design utilizes a problem-based learning methodology for course delivery. Plans of study may differ based on faculty and clinical resources and necessary curriculum changes. Students will be given the most recent plan of study upon enrollment.

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RN to BSN PROGRAM (Post-RN and Dual Enrollment Program)

Purpose
The purpose of the RN to BSN program is to provide associate degree and diploma RNs a flexible program of study that will allow them to continue to meet work and other obligations while pursuing baccalaureate education. The program of study consists of 62 credit hours of lower division prerequisites and 30 credit hours of upper division nursing courses. All prerequisite hours must be completed prior to entering the program. After successful completion of N421 (Transitions and Trends in Professional Nursing), students will be awarded 34 hours of validation credit, applicable toward hours required for the BSN degree, for other nursing courses (taken in an associate or diploma program) equitable to UMMC School of Nursing courses. Students must complete 30 hours as a student enrolled in the School of Nursing. Graduates of the RN to BSN program will meet the standards and program outcomes for baccalaureate nursing education and receive the BSN degree. The RN to BSN program is classified as online.

A RN to BSN Dual Enrollment Program (DEP) is available to students enrolled in a participating community college. This program provides the opportunity for students pursuing the associate degree in nursing to simultaneously pursue the BSN from the School of Nursing through a dual enrollment route. Only students from partnering community colleges are eligible to participate. Admission to the DEP is competitive.

Prerequisite Courses (62 credit hours)
The lower division is comprised of the following courses, which are prerequisites for the upper division of the baccalaureate program.

Natural Sciences and Mathematics: (26 credit hours) Science survey courses or courses for non-science majors are not acceptable for transfer credit. Anatomy and Physiology courses should be taken within the last 10 years. However, applicants who have been in continuous nursing practice may request a waiver of this requirement from the associate dean.

Microbiology-(4 hours) one course with a laboratory
Human Anatomy and Physiology -(8 hours) two courses in sequence with labs which include the study of structure and function of the human body.
College Algebra or higher level math-(3 hours)
Statistics-(3 hours) must include an introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, including measures of central tendency, variability, correlation, t tests, z tests, ANOVA, chi-square, hypothesis testing, p levels, and confidence intervals.
Natural Science or Math electives (8 hours) Courses in nutrition or in computer science may be used as Natural Science/Math electives.

Psychosocial Sciences: (18 credit hours)
General Psychology-(3 hours)
Introductory Sociology-(3 hours)

Human Growth and Development through the Life Cycle (3 hours):
a. In a senior college, Developmental Psychology, to include development from infancy through old age; or
b. In a junior or community college, Human Growth and Development, to include development from infancy through old age.

Psychosocial Science Electives-(9 hours)
Suggested Courses for Psychosocial Science Electives
Abnormal Psychology or other psychology courses
Anthropology
Economics
Geography
History
Political Science
Social Problems or other sociology courses
Nutrition

Humanities And fine Arts: (18 credit hours)
English Composition-(6 hours)
Speech-(3 hours)

Humanities and Fine Arts electives- (9 hours)
Suggested Courses for Humanities and Fine Arts Electives
Art
Theatre
Philosophy
Journalism
Literature
Music
History
Drama
Foreign Languages
Survey of Religion

Unacceptable Courses
None of the required courses listed, described, or recommended above may be met by the following: courses in physical training, military science, or dogmatic religion; courses in mathematics or science designed for non-science majors; or course credit granted without college level testing.
RN to BSN (Post-RN) Admission Criteria
1. A completed application;
2. Completion of required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course;
3. An associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited program (ACEN or CCNE), which included clinical practice courses in nursing;
4. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (Hours from all previously attempted undergraduate course work are used in calculating the cumulative GPA);
5. Evidence of a current and unrestricted RN license to practice in the United States and licensure/privilege to practice in Mississippi;
6. New associate degree graduates must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN® examination and become licensed as a registered nurse (RN) by the end of their first semester of course work; and,
7. Official transcripts from all schools attended.

RN to BSN (Dual Enrollment Program) Admission Criteria
*Admission to the RN to BSN Dual Entry program is currently suspended
1. Currently enrolled in a participating ADN school;
2. Submission of a complete application:
   a. Students who have completed 42 of the 62 credit hours of required prerequisite courses will be eligible to apply one time during their second semester of enrollment in the ADN program.
   b. Students who have completed all 62 credit hours of prerequisite courses are eligible to apply one time during their first semester in the ADN program.
3. ACT score of 21 or above or previous bachelor’s degree in any field from a regionally accredited university;
4. Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on all college courses AND on all nursing courses through the first semester of full time study in the ADN program;
5. Minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course;
6. Completion of or currently enrolled in at least 42 of the 62 credit hours of required prerequisite courses for the BSN degree, including the following required courses:
   a. Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (8 hours)
   b. English Composition I and II (6 hours)
   c. College Algebra (3 hours)
   d. Human Growth and Development (3 hours)
All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrolling in any BSN-level nursing courses.

SUGGESTED RN to BSN PLAN OF STUDY
The following core and elective courses comprise the RN to BSN Plan of Study. Plans of study may differ based on faculty and clinical resources and necessary curriculum changes. Students will be given the most recent plan of study upon enrollment. All students must take N421 during their first semester and must take N461 during their final semester of study. To be considered full time, the student must be registered for at least 12 hours during a semester.

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RN to MSN PROGRAM
Purpose
The purpose of the RN to MSN program is to provide associate degree and diploma RNs a flexible program of study that will allow them to continue to meet work and other obligations while pursuing graduate education. Graduates of the RN to MSN program will meet the standards and program outcomes for baccalaureate and master's nursing education and receive the MSN degree. After successful completion of N521-1 (Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice), students will be awarded 34 hours of validation credit, applicable toward hours required for the MSN degree, for other nursing courses (taken in an associate or diploma program) equitable to UMMC School of Nursing courses. The courses for most tracks are online or hybrid. The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) tracks may have some specialty courses that require meeting on the Jackson campus a maximum of four times during each semester. In addition, the first 45 clinical hours and an additional 200 clinical hours for the AGACNP track must occur at UMMC. The remaining 385 clinical hours may occur at UMMC or at another approved site with an approved preceptor. Graduates of all
The Lower Division is comprised of the following courses, which are prerequisites for the upper division of the RN to MSN program.

**Prerequisite Courses (62 credit hours)**

The lower division is comprised of the following courses, which are prerequisites for the upper division of the RN to MSN program.

**Natural Sciences and Mathematics:** (26 credit hours) Science survey courses or courses for non-science majors are not acceptable for transfer credit. Anatomy and Physiology courses should be taken within the last 10 years. However, applicants who have been in continuous nursing practice may request a waiver of this requirement from the associate dean.

- Microbiology-(4 hours) one course with a laboratory
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- General Psychology-(3 hours)
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- Human Growth and Development through the Life Cycle (3 hours):
  a. In a senior college, Developmental Psychology, to include development from infancy through old age; or
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- Abnormal Psychology or other psychology courses
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Political Science
- Social Problems or other sociology courses
- Nutrition

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** (18 credit hours)

- English Composition-(6 hours)
- Speech-(3 hours)

**Unacceptable Courses**

None of the required courses listed, described, or recommended above may be met by the following: courses in physical training, military science, or dogmatic religion; courses in mathematics or science designed for non-science majors; course credit granted without college level testing; or courses taken from a college or university that was not accredited by a regional accrediting agency.

**Admission Criteria**

1. A completed application. Pre-application counseling is required;
2. Completion of required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C in each course;
3. An associate degree or diploma in nursing from a program that includes clinical practice courses in nursing, that is accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies, and that holds professional accreditation by CCNE or ACEN;
4. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
5. One year of experience as a RN is required for all nurse practitioner tracks prior to beginning the program. Applicants for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track must have at least one year experience as a RN in critical/emergency care prior to beginning the program;
6. Evidence of current unrestricted licensure (RN) to practice in the United States and licensure/privilege to practice in Mississippi;
7. New associate degree graduates must successfully complete the NCLEX-RN® examination and become licensed as a registered nurse (RN) by the end of their first semester of course work;
8. Preadmission Counseling (completed after the application is reviewed by the Graduate Admissions and Progression Committee);
9. Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), including a score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section; and,
10. Official transcripts from all schools attended.

**SUGGESTED PLANS OF STUDY**

**FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**RN to MSN PLAN OF STUDY**

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**NURSE EDUCATOR**

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER**
### SPRING
- N 531-1 Health IT and Patient Safety 3
- N 614-1 Nurse Educator Practicum (Practicum I) (90 clinical hours) 2
- N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
- N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics 3

### SUMMER
- N 616-1 Nurse Educator Practicum (Practicum I) (90 clinical hours) 2

### FALL
- N 526 Portal to Advanced Health Assessment 1
- N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
- N 615-1 Educational Technology and Health Care Informatics 3
- N 620-1 Direct Care Role of the Nurse Educator (Practicum II) (90 clinical hours) 2

### TOTAL HOURS
11

### ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

#### RN to MSN PLAN OF STUDY

#### SUMMER
- N 521-1 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice 4
- N 533 Portal to Research Design and Methods 1
- N 526 Portal to Advanced Health Assessment 1
- N 538 Healthcare Leadership and Collaboration 3

#### FALL
- N 524 Portal to Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 2
- N 527 Health Promotion in Populations 2
- N 600 Application and Interpretation of Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Diagnostic Modalities 2
- N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2
- N 677 Advanced Health Assessment 3

#### SPRING
- N 531-1 Health IT and Patient Safety 3
- N 601-1 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I (45 clinical hours) 1
- N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
- N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics 3

#### SUMMER
- N 617 Informatics and Health Care Technology 1
- N 601-2 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II (135 clinical hours) 3
- N 605-1 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management, and Evaluation I 2

#### FALL
- N 601-3 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III (225 clinical hours) 5
- N 605-2 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management, and Evaluation II 2
- N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
- N 669 Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing 3

#### SPRING
- N 601-4 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV (225 clinical hours) 5
- N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
- N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3

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### NURSING AND HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATOR

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### FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

#### RN to MSN PLAN OF STUDY

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- N 533: Portal to Research Design and Methods  
- N 526: Portal to Advanced Health Assessment  
- N 538: Healthcare Leadership and Collaboration

**FALL**
- N 524: Portal to Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  
- N 527: Health Promotion in Populations  
- N 633: Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  
- N 677: Advanced Health Assessment

**SPRING**
- N 666: Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics  
- N 637: Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  
- N 531-1: Health IT and Patient Safety  
- N 607-1: Health Policy and Population Health

**SUMMER**
- ID 630: Health Care Quality Improvement  
- N 617: Informatics and Health Care Technology  
- N 687-1: Clinical Assessment of Persons with Mental Health Problems – Family  
- N 686-1: Practicum in Clinical Assessment of Persons with MH Problems I – Family (180 clinical hrs.)

**FALL**
- N 669: Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  
- N 632: Discipline of Nursing  
- N 687-2: Clinical Management of Individuals with Mental Health Problems II – Family  
- N 686-2: Practicum in Clinical Management of Individuals with Mental Health Problems II – Family (180 clinical hours)

**SPRING**
- N 652-1: Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  
- N 687-3: Clinical Management of Families and Groups with Mental Health Problems III  
- N 686-3: Practicum in Clinical Management of Families and Groups with Mental Health Problems III (270 clinical hours)

**Total Hours** 62

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The University of Mississippi School of Nursing, located on the only health science campus in Mississippi, provides an excellent environment for learning. The School of Nursing shares the campus with six other professional schools: Medicine, Health Related Professions, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Population Health, and Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. The School of Nursing graduate program is affiliated with several hundred hospitals, community health centers, health departments, private practice and community clinics, and schools, affording the student extensive opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration in clinical practice and research.

Classrooms at all sites are equipped with distance learning technology. The courses for most tracks are offered online or in a hybrid format. Online courses meet synchronously or asynchronously and may require attendance at proctored examination or lab experiences. Hybrid courses require the student to be on campus up to four times during the semester. The Family Nurse Practitioner, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Primary/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner tracks may have
some specialty courses that require meeting on the Jackson campus several times during the semester, primarily on weekends. Contact the track director for information about specific courses. In addition, the first 45 clinical hours and an additional 200 clinical hours for the AGACNP track must occur at UMMC. The remaining 385 clinical hours may occur at UMMC or at another approved site with an approved preceptor.

The University of Mississippi School of Nursing has eight tracks leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree: Nurse Educator, Nursing and Health Care Administrator, Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner, Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, and Primary/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (dual role). Preparation for advanced practice roles includes core content in research, informatics, finance and leadership, quality improvement, health policy, and theoretical foundation of the discipline. In addition, each track has specialized courses appropriate for the role. Part-time study is available. Candidates who successfully complete the program are awarded the Master of Science in Nursing degree. Graduates of all nurse practitioner tracks meet eligibility requirements for advanced practice certification by national professional organizations and by the Mississippi Board of Nursing. To be considered full time, the graduate student must be registered for at least 9 hours during the semester. The following MSN tracks are classified as online: AGNP, FNP, NED, NHCA, and PMHNP.

Purpose
The purposes of the master’s program are to: 1) prepare baccalaureate nurses for advanced practice and 2) provide a solid foundation for additional graduate study.

MASTER’S PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Background for Practice from Sciences and Humanities
Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health

Master’s Level Nursing Practice
1. Apply broad, organizational, patient-centered, ethical, and culturally responsive concepts into daily practice.
2. Demonstrate theoretical knowledge from nursing and other disciplines to advanced role practice in nursing for analysis of clinical problems, illness prevention, and health promotion strategies.
3. Utilize quality processes to evaluate outcomes of aggregates and monitor trends in healthcare.

Organizational and Systems Leadership
Quality Improvement and Safety
4. Analyze the impact of systems on patient outcomes.
5. Demonstrate leadership in providing quality cost-effective care, with management of human, fiscal, and physical resources.

Translating and Integrating Scholarship into Practice
6. Apply translational research in the practice setting through problem identification, systematic inquiry, and continuous improvement processes.

Informatics and Healthcare Technologies
7. Utilize current technologies to deliver, enhance, and document care across multiple settings to achieve optimal outcomes.

Health Policy and Advocacy
8. Articulate change within organizational structures of various health care delivery systems to impact policy, financing, and access to quality health care.

Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes
9. Lead and coordinate interprofessional teams across care environments to reduce barriers, facilitate access to care, and improve health outcomes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
All correspondence regarding admission should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505. A nonrefundable application fee of $25 must accompany each application. All transcripts and documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and cannot be returned or forwarded to another school or individual. Applications are accepted beginning July 1 of the year prior to the desired year of enrollment and continue until the deadline for the particular term of attendance. Applicants who are enrolled in the final semester of a baccalaureate nursing program may be considered.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
Admission to the master’s program is based on evaluation of the following by the Graduate Admission and Progression Committee.
1. A complete application;
2. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting body, that holds professional accreditation by CCNE or ACEN, and which included upper division theory and clinical practice courses in nursing;
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
4. Undergraduate or graduate level statistics course;
5. One year of experience as a RN is required for all nurse practitioner tracks prior to beginning the program. Applicants for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track must have at least one year experience as a RN in critical/emergency care prior to beginning the program;
6. Evidence of current unrestricted licensure (RN) to practice in the United States and licensure/privilege to practice in Mississippi;
7. Satisfactory scores on the GRE, including a score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section;
8. Official transcripts from all schools attended;
9. Graduates of foreign schools whose academic language is not English: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam is required to demonstrate competence in written and spoken English;

10. Pre-admission counseling, (completed after the application is reviewed by the graduate admission and progression committee). In unusual instances, the Graduate Admission and Progression Committee may consider applicants who do not meet the admission criteria. The School of Nursing reserves the right to offer programs based on the number of acceptable applicants admitted. When a program is not offered due to limited enrollment, the applicant will be notified and other admission options will be explored.

Residence
Depending upon the MSN track, a minimum of one academic year of course work with continuous residence is required. The total number of hours must be equivalent to a full-time plan of study for two or three semesters.

Time Limit for Degree Requirements
All requirements for the MSN degree must be completed within a six-year time span.

SUGGESTED PLANS OF STUDY

ADULT-GERONTOLOGY (Primary Care) NURSE PRACTITIONER
The Adult-Gerontology (Primary Care) Nurse Practitioner track (AGNP) provides graduate students and/or currently practicing advanced practice nurses with specialization in the care of adults and older adults. The curriculum prepares the student to: 1) integrate the principles of aging, health, and specialized advanced practice nursing into evidence-based clinical management of adults, their families, and communities of diverse cultures in rural settings; 2) demonstrate comprehensive assessments, planning, and interventions with the complex health care problems of adults and older adults and their caregivers in a variety of rural health care settings; and 3) use critical thinking and decision-making skills in evidence-based clinical management of wellness, prevention, maintenance, common symptoms and syndromes, and common illnesses affecting adults and older adults and their families in rural settings. The clinical component consists of a minimum of 630 hours of guided experience in select areas under the mentorship of an advanced practice nurse or a physician.

PLAN OF STUDY

FALL
N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
N 677 Advanced Health Assessment 3
N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3
N 610-2 Reproductive Health for Adult Practitioners 2

SPRING
N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2
N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics 2

SUMMER
N 627-4 Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults I 2
N 628-4 Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults I (180 clinical hours) 4
N 617 Informatics and Health Care Technology 1
ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement 3

FALL
N 669 Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing 3
N 627-5 Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults II 3
N 628-5 Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults II (180 clinical hours) 4

SPRING
N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
N 627-6 Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults III 2
N 628-6 Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults III (270 clinical hours) 6

Total Hours 48

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
The Family Nurse Practitioner track (FNP) is designed to prepare nurses to deliver primary health care to adults and families. The didactic curriculum provides students with advanced knowledge and skills in biophysiological science, pharmacotherapeutics, primary care concepts, advanced assessments, and diagnostic skills as a basis for clinical practice. The clinical component consists of a minimum of 630 hours of guided experience under the mentorship of an advanced practice nurse or a physician. Plans of study are designed by faculty with individual consideration given to students’ goals and geographic locations.
### PLAN OF STUDY

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- N 632 Discipline of Nursing  2
- N 677 Advanced Health Assessment  3
- N 610 Reproductive Health for Advanced Nursing Practice  3

#### SPRING
- N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  3
- N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  2
- N 612 Therapeutic Management of the Pediatric Client  2
- N 685-1 Practicum in Primary Care I (90 clinical hours)  2
- N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics  3

#### SUMMER
- N 682-1 Therapeutic Management in Primary Care I  2
- N 685-2 Practicum in Primary Care II (135 clinical hours)  3
- ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement  3
- N 617 Informatics and Health Care Technology  1

#### FALL
- N 682-2 Therapeutic Management in Primary Care II  2
- N 685-3 Practicum in Primary Care III (180 clinical hours)  4
- N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  3
- N 669 Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  3

#### SPRING
- N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health  2
- N 682-3 Therapeutic Management in Primary Care III  2
- N 685-4 Practicum in Primary Care IV (225 clinical hours)  5

**Total Hours**  50

### ADULT–GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track (AGACNP) is designed to prepare nurses to deliver acute and/or critical care to adult and older adult clients in a variety of settings. The didactic curriculum will provide students with advanced knowledge and skills in biophysiological science, pharmacotherapeutics, acute and/or critical care concepts, advanced assessments and diagnostic skills as a basis for clinical practice. The clinical component consists of a minimum of 630 hours of guided experience in select areas under the mentorship of an advanced practice nurse or a physician. Plans of study are designed by faculty with individual consideration given to students’ goals and geographic locations.

#### PLAN OF STUDY

#### FALL
- N 677 Advanced Health Assessment  3
- N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  3
- N 632 Discipline of Nursing  2
- N 600 Application and Interpretation of Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Diagnostic Modalities  2

#### SPRING
- N 601-1 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I (Clinical 45 hours)  1
- N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics  3
- N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  3
- N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  2

#### SUMMER
- N 601-2 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II (Clinical 135 hours)  3
- ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement  3

- N 617 Informatics and Health Care Technology  1
- N 605-1 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management & Evaluation I  2
### FALL
- N 601-3 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III (Clinical 225 hours) 5
- N 605-2 Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management & Evaluation II 2
- N 669 Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing 3

### SPRING
- N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
- N 601-4 Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV (Clinical 225 hours) 5

Total Hours 45

### NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER
The Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) is prepared to deliver comprehensive care to pre-term and full-term infants. The curriculum emphasizes advanced nursing care of newborns and infants from birth through the first two years of life. The spectrum of health from promotion of wellness to management of acute and chronic illness in a variety of settings is incorporated into the program. The clinical component consists of a minimum of 630 hours of guided experience in select settings under the mentorship of an advanced practice nurse or a physician.

**PLAN OF STUDY**

**FALL**
- N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
- N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2
- N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3
- N 677 Advanced Health Assessment 3

**SPRING**
- N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
- N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics 3
- N 618 Focus on Advanced Nursing Practice Specialization – Neonatal 2

**SUMMER**
- N 617 Informatics and Health Care Technology 1
- ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement 3
- N 629-1 Advanced Neonatal Nursing I 3
- N 634-1 Practicum I – Neonatal Nurse Practitioner I (90 clinical hours) 2

**FALL**
- N 669 Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing 3
- N 629-2 Advanced Neonatal Nursing II 4
- N 634-2 Practicum II – Neonatal Nurse Practitioner II (135 clinical hours) 3

**SPRING**
- N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
- N 629-3 Advanced Neonatal Nursing III 4
- N 634-3 Practicum III – Neonatal Nurse Practitioner III (135 clinical hours) 3

**SUMMER**
- N 634-4 Residency Program (270 clinical hours) 7

Total Hours 53

### PRIMARY/ACUTE CARE PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER (DUAL ROLE)
The dual role Primary/Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PACPNP) is prepared to provide advanced care in both primary and acute care settings. The curriculum emphasizes advanced nursing care of infants, children, and adolescents with acute and complex health disorders. The spectrum of health from promotion of wellness to management of acute and chronic illness in a variety of settings is incorporated into the program. The clinical component consists of a minimum of 990 hours of guided experience in select settings under the mentorship of an advanced practice nurse or a physician.

**PLAN OF STUDY**

**FALL**
- N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
- N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2
- N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3
- N 677 Advanced Health Assessment 3
- N 660 Focus on Advanced Nursing Practice Specialization – Pediatrics 2
FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) is prepared to provide advanced mental health care. The curriculum assists students to develop skills for independent and interdependent decision-making and direct accountability for clinical judgment. The required skills include comprehensive physical and mental health assessment, diagnosis, and psychotherapeutic and pharmacological interventions. The graduate will be able to participate in and use research, help to develop and implement health policy, implement educational programs, and provide case management and consultation in his/her area of expertise.

PLAN OF STUDY

FALL
N 632  Discipline of Nursing  2
N 652-1  Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  3
N 677  Advanced Health Assessment  3

SPRING
N 637  Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  3
N 633  Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  2
N 666  Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics  3

SUMMER
N 686-1  Practicum in Clinical Assessment of Persons with Mental Health Problems I - Family (180 clinical hours)  4
N 687-1  Clinical Assessment of Persons with Mental Health Problems I – Family  2
N 617  Informatics and Health Care Technology  1
ID 630  Health Care Quality Improvement  3

FALL
N 669  Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  3
N 687-2  Clinical Management of Individuals with Mental Health Problems II – Family  3
N 686-2  Practicum in Clinical Management of Individuals with Mental Health Problems II –Family (180 clinical hours)  4
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SPRING
N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
N 687-3 Clinical Management of Families and Groups with Mental Health Problems III 2
N 686-3 Practicum in Clinical Management of Families and Groups with Mental Health Problems III 6 – (270 clinical hours)

Total Hours 10

NURSE EDUCATOR
A nurse prepared at the master’s level in the Nurse Educator track (NED) is able to serve important functions as an expert health agency educator and as a faculty member in a nursing education program. To achieve this goal, the Nurse Educator track provides the graduate learner with the knowledge, skills, and abilities of specialty nursing practice. The Nurse Educator curriculum provides the learner with a foundation to pursue doctoral education. All track-specific courses are offered online. Others are online or hybrid courses.

PLAN OF STUDY
FALL
N 677 Advanced Health Assessment 3
N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3
N 613 Foundations of Nurse Educator Role and Teaching Methods 3

SPRING
N 637 Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
N 614-1 Nurse Educator Practicum I (90 clinical hours) 2
N 666 Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics 3
N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2

SUMMER
N 615-1 Educational Technology and Health Care Informatics 3
ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement 3
N 620-1 Direct Care Role of the Nurse Educator Practicum II (90 clinical hours) 2

FALL
N 616-1 Curriculum and Program Development and Evaluation 3
N 625 Nurse Educator Practicum III (180 clinical hours) 4

Total Hours 38

NURSING AND HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATOR
The Nursing and Health Care Administrator track (NHCA) provides a comprehensive study of concepts, theories, and research for effective management of health care systems. Students immerse themselves in courses that provide experiential learning in finance, management, organization administration, policy, and strategic management. The program culminates in a full-time-equivalent residency in which students integrate practice, theory, and research with a senior administrator in health care. The plan of study is flexible and can be adapted to student needs during the year. The residency and accompanying directed study are the final components of the program, and the student may enroll in these during spring, summer, or fall terms. Part-time and full-time plans of study are available.

PLAN OF STUDY
FALL
N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
N 644 Human Resource Management 3
N 658 Strategic Management 3
N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3

SPRING
N 641 Fiscal and Operations Management 3
N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2

SUMMER
ID 630 Health Care Quality Improvement 3
N 646 Organizational Leadership and Communication 3
N 640 Project Management (or another approved elective) 3
POST-MASTER’S (PMN) CERTIFICATE
The Post-Master’s certificate is designed for registered nurses who already hold a master’s degree in nursing and who seek academic preparation in a new specialty or subspecialty area of advanced nursing practice. Post-Master’s certificate students may apply for any of the specialty options offered by the School of Nursing. Theory and clinical experiences focus on the role selected by the student and are congruent with the student’s long-term career goals. The curriculum consists of supportive science and clinical specialty courses. Each certificate is designed to be in compliance with national certification requirements including required support courses, didactic specialty courses, and clinical hours. Students who complete the Post-Master’s Nurse Practitioner tracks are academically eligible for national certification by professional organizations and for state certification by the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Post-Master’s plans of study are individualized based on previous coursework. Students are required to complete all specialty courses and any support courses not previously completed. Based on individual review of MSN coursework, Post-Master’s certificate students are not required to complete MSN core courses (see the previous section on MSN curriculum for the BSN-prepared RN for a listing of courses for each specialty area). The following PMN tracks are classified as online: AGNP, FNP, NED, NHCA, and PMHNP.

POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE OUTCOMES
Background for Practice from Sciences and Humanities
Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health
Master’s Level Nursing Practice
1. Apply broad, organizational, patient-centered, ethical, and culturally responsive concepts into daily practice.
2. Demonstrate theoretical knowledge from nursing and other disciplines to advanced role practice in nursing for analysis of clinical problems, illness prevention, and health promotion strategies.
3. Utilize quality processes to evaluate outcomes of aggregates and monitor trends in healthcare.
Organizational and Systems Leadership
Quality Improvement and Safety
4. Analyze the impact of systems on patient outcomes.
5. Demonstrate leadership in providing quality cost-effective care, with management of human, fiscal, and physical resources.
Translating and Integrating Scholarship into Practice
6. Apply translational research in the practice setting through problem identification, systematic inquiry, and continuous improvement processes.
Informatics and Healthcare Technologies
7. Utilize current technologies to deliver, enhance, and document care across multiple settings to achieve optimal outcomes.
Health Policy and Advocacy
8. Articulate change within organizational structures of various health care delivery systems to impact policy, financing, and access to quality health care.
Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes
9. Lead and coordinate interdisciplinary teams across care environments to reduce barriers, facilitate access to care, and improve health outcomes.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
All correspondence regarding admission should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505. A nonrefundable application fee of $25 must accompany each application. All transcripts and documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and cannot be returned or forwarded to another school or individual. Applications are accepted beginning July 1 of the year prior to the desired year of enrollment and continue until the deadline for the particular term of attendance.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
Admission to a Post-Master’s track is based on evaluation of the following by the Graduate Admission and Progression Committee.
1. A complete application;
2. Master’s degree in nursing from an institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting body and that holds professional accreditation by CCNE or ACEN;
3. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale;
4. Undergraduate or graduate level statistics course;
5. One year of experience as a RN is required for all nurse practitioner tracks prior to beginning courses. Applicants for the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner track must have at least one year experience as a RN in critical/emergency care prior to beginning courses;
6. Evidence of current unrestricted licensure (RN) to practice in the United States and licensure/privilege to practice in Mississippi;
7. Official transcripts from all schools attended;
8. Graduates of foreign schools whose academic language is not English: The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam is required to demonstrate competence in written and spoken English;
9. Pre-admission counseling, (completed after the application is reviewed by the graduate admission and progression committee).
In unusual instances, the Graduate Admission and Progression Committee may consider applicants who do not meet the admission criteria. The School of Nursing reserves the right to offer tracks based on the number of acceptable applicants admitted. When a track is not offered due to limited enrollment, the applicant will be notified and other admission options will be explored.

**Residence**

Depending upon the Post-Master’s track, a minimum of one academic year of course work with continuous residence is required. The total number of hours must be equivalent to a full-time plan of study for two or three semesters.

**Time Limit for Degree Requirements**

All requirements for the Post-Master’s certificate must be completed within a six-year time span.

**SUGGESTED POST-MASTER’S PLANS OF STUDY**

Students will be given an individualized plan of study appropriate for their role by their academic advisor upon enrollment. Students in a Post-Master’s nurse practitioner track who already have Nurse Practitioner certification in another area will typically have a shorter plan of study. Contact the appropriate track director regarding a plan of study that is developed based on your previous graduate nursing coursework.

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) PROGRAM**

**OVERVIEW**

The DNP program is based on the AACN Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice. UMMC offers two entry points to the DNP – the Post-Baccalaureate DNP (multiple tracks available) and the Post-Master’s DNP. Applicants interested in pursuing a Nurse Practitioner track in the DNP program must complete the post-baccalaureate DNP application.

The purpose of the DNP program is to prepare advanced practice nurses at the highest professional level of clinical nursing practice to advance the application of nursing knowledge through the conduct and use of research and evidence based practice for the purpose of improving health care to diverse populations. Nurses who wish to continue their education in the areas of advanced practice, nursing and health administration, or staff development may consider the DNP option. It is a viable option for nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurses in or pursuing health administration positions, or nurses who work in staff development.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is **March 31** for fall semester admission.

1. Individuals seeking admission to the DNP program must meet the following requirements:
   a. Completed application;
   b. Graduate GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale for the Post-Master’s DNP program or a cumulative (undergraduate and graduate) GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale if applying for the post-baccalaureate DNP;
   c. Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), including a score of 3.5 or higher on the analytical section.
   d. Previous degree: For Post-Baccalaureate applicants, a BSN is required; Post-Master’s applicants must hold a BSN degree and a master’s degree in nursing or related field; **Note: Applicants interested in pursuing a Nurse Practitioner track in the DNP program must complete the post-baccalaureate DNP application, regardless of whether they have a MSN degree.**
   e. Evidence of an unrestricted/unencumbered nursing license as a registered nurse in the United States or one of its territories and be eligible for licensure in Mississippi. May and December BSN graduates who are applying to the Post-Baccalaureate DNP must successfully complete NCLEX-RN® and be licensed as a RN prior to the program’s start date. August BSN graduates must successfully complete NCLEX-RN® and be licensed as a RN during the first semester of the Post-Baccalaureate DNP program. Once admitted, students must be licensed/privileged as a RN in Mississippi and must maintain a current and unrestricted RN license
   f. One year of professional nursing experience preferred, but not required;
   g. Completion of at least one research course and one statistics course at the undergraduate or graduate level;
   h. Three letters of reference;
   i. Curriculum vitae or professional resume;
2. For applicants who earned course work/degrees from institutions outside the United States:
   a. Completion of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for graduates of foreign schools whose academic language was not English. The minimum required score is:
      - TOEFL-Internet Based Test (IBT): 79 or higher
      - TOEFL-Paper Based Test (PBT): 550 or higher
   b. Other documents required by UMMC and local, state, and federal authorities;
   c. Transcripts must be evaluated in a course-by-course report from **World Education Services** (WES) or the **Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools** (CGFNS).
3. Computer literacy requirement - Fluently use of computers. Applicants should be familiar with the use of basic computing including, but not limited to, the internet, search engines, browsers, instructional computer systems (Canvas), and publicly available research databases (PubMed, CINAHL, Psych, etc.).

**DNP PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

1. Develop and manage innovative health services to improve access, quality, and health outcomes.
2. Enhance the culture of safety in health systems through the application of information technologies and evidenced-based practice.
3. Translate practice inquiry to improve health services delivery for diverse populations.
4. Provide leadership for multidisciplinary teams through analysis of critical indicators and/or health systems to improve health status.
5. Design culturally competent health services for vulnerable populations.
6. Translate theoretical knowledge into practice to improve health outcomes.
7. Examine, implement, and evaluate the modification of evidenced-based health services, health systems, and health policies.
8. Develop and test new models of care that address the complex health needs of individuals, families, and rural populations.

DNP SYSTEMATIC REVIEW/SCHOLARLY PROJECT
Each DNP student is required to implement evidence based healthcare through the completion of a systematic review, using the Joanna Briggs methodology, and a scholarly project. After completion of a systematic review, students will identify and carry through a project, such as pilot study, a quality improvement project, a consulting project, or program implementation. A systematic review secondary reviewer and a scholarly project committee guide the student through identification of a clinical question, acquisition and appraisal of the best evidence, and project planning, implementation, and evaluation.

RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE
Residency experiences afford the student the opportunity to develop and synthesize the knowledge and skills required to demonstrate doctoral level competency in a specialized nursing practice area. The residency requirement for the DNP program meets the AACN requirement of 1,000 clinical hours. The number of hours required for students in the Post-Master’s DNP program depends on the transferable clinical hours from the student’s master’s education. The clinical practice hours include those required to complete the Systematic Review/DNP Scholarly Project. Students in the Post-Baccalaureate DNP plan of study will obtain a minimum of 1,000 clinical hours in the program.

POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP PLAN OF STUDY - Nursing and Health Care Administrator

FALL
N 632 Discipline of Nursing 2
N 652-1 Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems 3
DNP 720 Biostatistics I 3

SPRING
N 607-1 Health Policy and Population Health 2
N 633 Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice 2
N 641 Fiscal and Operations Management 3
DNP 700 Clinical Applied Epidemiology 3

SUMMER
ID 730 Health Care Quality Improvement (75 clinical hours) 3
N 646 Organizational Leadership and Communication 3
DNP 703 Population Health 3

FALL
N 644 Human Resource Management 3
N 658 Strategic Management 3
DNP 740 Project Management (75 clinical hours) 3
DNP 701 Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice 3

SPRING
DNP 704 Leadership in Health Systems 3
DNP 707 Health Care Finance 3
DNP 702-1 Transforming Advanced Nursing Practice (75 clinical hours) 3

SUMMER
DNP 706 Evaluation Approaches, Models and Methods 3
DNP 705 Practice Inquiry I 1
DNP 712 Scholarly Project (75 clinical hours) 1

FALL
DNP 708 Practice Inquiry II 1
ID 718 Health Policy and the Health Care System 3
DNP 712 Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours) 2
### POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP PLAN OF STUDY - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP

#### FALL
- N 632  Discipline of Nursing  
  - 2
- N 652-1  Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  
  - 3
- DNP 720  Biostatistics I  
  - 3
- N 677  Advanced Health Assessment  
  - 3

#### SPRING
- DNP 700  Clinical Applied Epidemiology  
  - 3
- N 607-1  Health Policy and Population Health  
  - 2
- N 633  Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  
  - 2
- N 637  Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  
  - 3
- N 666  Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics  
  - 3

#### SUMMER
- DNP 703  Population Health  
  - 3
- DNP 706  Evaluation Approaches, Models, and Methods  
  - 3
- ID 730  Health Care Quality Improvement (75 clinical hours)  
  - 3

#### FALL
- N 600  Application and Interpretation of Acute Care Diagnostic Modalities  
  - 2
- DNP 740  Project Management (75 clinical hours)  
  - 3
- ID 718  Health Policy and the Health Care System  
  - 3
- DNP 701  Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice  
  - 3

#### SPRING
- N 601-1  Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (45 clinical hours)  
  - 1
- DNP 707  Health Care Finance  
  - 3
- DNP 702-1  Transforming Advanced Nursing Practice (75 clinical hours)  
  - 3

#### SUMMER
- N 605-1  Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management, and Evaluation I  
  - 2
- N 601-2  Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II (135 clinical hours)  
  - 3
- DNP 705  Practice Inquiry I  
  - 1
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (75 clinical hours)  
  - 1

#### FALL
- N 605-2  Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Assessment, Management, and Evaluation II  
  - 2
- N 601-3  Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner III (225 clinical hours)  
  - 5
- DNP 769  Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  
  - 1
- DNP 708  Practice Inquiry II  
  - 1
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)  
  - 2

#### SPRING
- N 601-4  Practicum in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner IV (225 clinical hours)  
  - 5
- DNP 704  Leadership in Health Systems  
  - 3
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)  
  - 2

### Total Hours
- Total Hours 79
- Total Clinical Hours 1230
### POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP PLAN OF STUDY - Adult-Gerontology NP

#### FALL
- DNP 720  Biostatistics I  
- N 632  Discipline of Nursing  
- N 652-1  Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  
- N 677  Advanced Health Assessment

#### SPRING
- N 607-1  Health Policy and Population Health  
- N 633  Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice  
- N 637  Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology  
- N 666  Clinical Pharmacotherapeutics

#### SUMMER
- DNP 703  Population Health  
- DNP 706  Evaluation Approaches, Models, and Methods  
- ID 730  Health Care Quality Improvement (75 clinical hours)  

#### FALL
- N 610-2  Reproductive Health for Adult Nurse Practitioners  
- ID 718  Health Policy and the Health Care System  
- DNP 740  Project Management (75 clinical hours)  
- DNP 701  Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice  

#### SPRING
- DNP 707  Health Care Finance  
- DNP 702-1  Transforming Advanced Nursing Practice (75 clinical hours)  
- DNP 700  Clinical Applied Epidemiology

#### SUMMER
- N 627-4  Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults I  
- N 628-4  Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults I (180 clinical hours)  
- DNP 705  Practice Inquiry I  
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (75 clinical hours)  

#### FALL
- N 627-5  Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults II  
- N 628-5  Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults II (180 clinical hours)  
- DNP 769  Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  
- DNP 708  Practice Inquiry I  
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)

#### SPRING
- N 627-6  Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults III  
- N 628-6  Practicum in Clinical Management of Adults and Older Adults III (270 clinical hours)  
- DNP 704  Leadership in Health Systems  
- DNP 712  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)

**Total Hours** 82  
**Total Clinical Hours** 1230

### POST-BACCALAUREATE DNP PLAN OF STUDY - Family NP

#### FALL
- N 632  Discipline of Nursing  
- N 652-1  Finance and Leadership in Health Care Systems  
- DNP 720  Biostatistics I  
- N 677  Advanced Health Assessment

#### SPRING
- N 607-1  Health Policy and Population Health  
- N 633  Research Design and Methods for Advanced Nursing Practice
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
# POST-MASTER’S DNP PLAN OF STUDY

## FALL
- **ID 718**  Health Policy and the Health Care System  
- **DNP 740**  Project Management (75 clinical hours)  
- **DNP 701**  Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Nursing Practice  

## SPRING
- **DNP 704**  Leadership in Health Systems  
- **DNP 707**  Health Care Finance  
- **DNP 702-1**  Transforming Advanced Nursing Practice (75 clinical hours)  

## SUMMER
- **N 687-1**  Clinical Assessment of Persons with Mental Health Problems I – Family  
- **N 686-1**  Practicum in Clinical Assessment of Persons with MH Problems I – Family (180 clin hrs.)  
- **DNP 705**  Practice Inquiry I  
- **DNP 712**  Scholarly Project (75 clinical hours)  

## FALL
- **N 687-2**  Clinical Assessment of Persons with Mental Health Problems II – Family  
- **N 686-2**  Practicum in Clinical Assessment of Persons with MH Problems II – Family (180 clin hrs.)  
- **DNP 769**  Role Development and Role Enactment for Advanced Role Practice in Nursing  
- **DNP 708**  Practice Inquiry II  
- **DNP 712**  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)  

## SPRING
- **N 687-3**  Clinical Management of Families and Groups with MH Problems III  
- **N 686-3**  Practicum in Clinical Management of Families & Groups III (270 clinical hours)  
- **DNP 712**  Scholarly Project (150 clinical hours)  

Total Hours: 80  
Total Clinical Hours: 1230

Variable: (The program requires a minimum of 5 hours of Scholarly Project. Additional Residency hours may be required depending on the number of transferrable clinical hours from the student’s master’s degree.)
PhD IN NURSING PROGRAM

The PhD program provides a strong foundation in theoretical and methodological content essential for the scholarly investigation of health care problems encountered in the practice of nursing. The program is designed to develop nurse researchers to generate and translate knowledge toward improving the health of individuals, families, communities and populations through the conduct of biologic, physiologic or experiential research in health and illness. The program of study and research is foundational to understanding client-centered health problems and developing the theoretical and experiential foundation necessary to initiate and coordinate clinical outcomes research.

Purpose

The purpose of the PhD in Nursing program is to prepare nurse researchers to generate and translate knowledge toward improving the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be prepared to:

- Design, conduct, direct, and disseminate research in nursing and allied health;
- Test and/or generate concepts, theories, and models for the advancement of nursing science and practice;
- Assume a leadership role in the generation and implementation of solutions for reduction of health disparities and improvement in health outcomes.

UMMC offers two entry points to the PhD in Nursing program: the Post-BSN and Post-Master’s. The Post-BSN option is designed to allow highly motivated and exceptional BSN graduates an accelerated and rigorous route to the PhD. Students in their last year of a BSN program or registered nurses who have earned a BSN and demonstrate potential for academic success and significant contributions to nursing may apply. The Post-Master’s option offers opportunities for registered nurses who hold a BSN degree and a graduate degree in nursing or a related field to gain the complementary knowledge and experiences requisite for scholarly pursuits in nursing and health-related fields.

Complete information about the PhD in Nursing program is included in the School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences section of the Bulletin.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

DNP 700. Clinical Applied Epidemiology. This course provides an overview of the basic epidemiological methods and study designs that may be used by advanced practice nurses to study the health of populations. This course will combine a focus on traditional and social epidemiology to examine how society and social organizations influence health and well-being of individuals and populations. In particular, this course will address the frequency, distribution, surveillance and tracking of disease as well as the social determinants of states of health in populations. The course will include new methods and new applications of already known epidemiological methods for elucidating the complex and socioecological web within which the health-disease phenomenon occurs. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 - 3 credit hours)

DNP 701. Theoretical Foundations for Adv Nurs Prac. This course examines relevant theories and models from nursing and related disciplines for applicability to advanced nursing practice. Role theory, learning theory, psychological theory, management theory, leadership theory, consultation models and collaborative models are analyzed for historical significance, relative scientific position and contemporary application for advanced nursing practice and practice inquiry. Systematic examination, evaluation and refinement of relevant theories and models enable the student to develop a conceptual model for practice within a relevant setting. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 702. Transforming Advanced Nursing Practice. This course is designed to be the introductory course for the DNP student and will introduce the DNP from a historical perspective then address the three domains of advanced nursing practice, leadership and scholarship. This course will focus on influencing practice patterns for populations, communities and health care systems, articulating the leadership role of the DNP and embracing practice inquiry as fundamental. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

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DNP 703. Population Health. This course introduces an understanding of the multiple determinants of health of populations. Students will be presented an overview of the determinants of health and measurement of health status. One of the major goals of the course will be to enable students to apply the concepts underlying the trends in health care to the health status of populations in their clinical settings as well as in integrated delivery systems of the future. The goal of this course is to develop the student’s understanding of the principles and practice of monitoring population health. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 704. Leadership in Health Systems. This course focuses on nursing leadership, integrating theory and research as a basis for improvement of health systems and health outcomes. Emphasis is placed on strategic thinking, influence, negotiation and power strategies for effective leadership in health care delivery systems. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 705. Practice Inquiry I. This course covers information systems and technology needed for establishing evidence-based practice models in clinical, educational, and administrative settings. The emphasis for this course is on the role of information technology and the use of data and the translation of research into practice. Students will develop skills needed for transferring data between heterogeneous systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

DNP 706. Evaluation Approaches, Models & Methods. In this course the student will examine evaluation approaches, models and methods appropriate to translate research findings into clinical practice and to conduct practice and health system performance evaluations. The DNP is accountable for the provision of quality, cost-effectiveness of health care. Outcomes measurement, process improvement, program evaluation, impact analysis and provider performance are studied. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 707. Health Care Finance. This course provides students with an overview of the principal financial mechanisms in the U.S. health care industry and offer specific insights into the critical issues the industry currently faces. A feature of the course is the development of
DNP 708. Practice Inquiry II. This course builds upon the data management skills developed in Practice Inquiry I. This course focuses on developing a beginning level of understanding the use of outcomes measurement frameworks and the use of outcome data in practice, educational, and administrative settings. Students select and analyze outcome measures, apply skills in data management, and evaluate data management processes for their individual projects. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 712. Scholarly Project. In this course, the student identifies an inquiry area. A Secondary Reviewer works with the student throughout the systematic review process and may consult for the Scholarly Project. A two-member committee, for the Scholarly Project is appointed. The course focuses on inquiry identification, inquiry planning, implementation and evaluation of the inquiry in collaboration with a committee. The student integrates and applies appropriate theoretical and evidence-based literature and inquiry methods to achieve specified outcomes. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 5 credit hours)

DNP 720. Biostatistics I. This course is designed to introduce the application of statistical methods to health sciences. Contents include descriptive statistics, some basic probability concepts, distribution, central limit theorem, hypothesis testing, and power and sample size calculation. Techniques of t-test, ANOVA, linear regression and correlation analysis will be taught along with in-class exercises using SPSS and other predictive analytics software. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 721. Biostatistics II. This course is designed to concentrate on more advanced methods of statistical analysis including regression diagnostics and canonical correlation, logistic regression, factor analysis, path analysis, and structural equation modeling. The analysis technique will be taught along with in-class exercises using SPSS. It is assumed that students have taken Biostatistics I and have basic skills of using SPSS. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 740. Project Management. In this course students learn the principles and fundamentals of project management necessary to achieve objectives in healthcare organizations. Special emphasis will be placed on the application of leadership skills, overcoming objections, achieving buy-in, conflict management, negotiation skills and working with diverse groups of individuals. Through case studies and various exercises, students will use tools and techniques to gain experience in single and multi-project management. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. (75 clinical hours) Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DNP 759. Residency in the DNP Role. The purpose of the residency is to provide structured clinical (field) experiences functioning as a DNP. The student will have an opportunity to apply the theories, principles and techniques learned in the didactic portion of the DNP program in a selected health system setting under the guidance of a clinical mentor and a faculty advisor. The residency allows the student to integrate advanced nursing practice, leadership and scholarship domains of the DNP role for the improvement of programs and systems of healthcare. The residency experience provides the student with a foundation to practice at the highest level of nursing practice. (75 clinical hours per credit hour) Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 - 7 credit hours)

DNP 769. Role Development & Enactment for Adv Role Practice. In this role course, enactment of advanced role practice in nursing is studied. Seminars will focus on the continued development of knowledge for role development and implementation, advanced communication, and interventions with groups and communities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

ID 500. Educator Institute. This course is designed to strengthen the educator's role through examination of issues and skills related to health provider education in Professional Schools and other health care settings. Students will use educational and learning theories to: 1. develop course content; 2. plan strategies for change in curriculum development; 3. demonstrate didactic and clinical instructional modalities; 4. conduct didactic and clinical evaluations. The course format consists of theoretical and practical application of content and allows the student to produce tangible and useful educational products. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

ID 600. Educator Institute. This course is designed to strengthen the educator's role through examination of issues and skills related to health provider education in Professional Schools and other health care settings. Students will use educational and learning theories to: 1. develop course content; 2. plan strategies for change in curriculum development; 3. demonstrate didactic and clinical instructional modalities; 4. conduct didactic and clinical evaluations. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

ID 630. Health Care Quality Improvement. This course equips health professions students (medicine, nursing, health administration) with the ability and confidence to contribute to continual improvement in health care. Through seminar and field experiences, students will learn the philosophy, knowledge and skills of continuous improvement, teamwork and interdisciplinary work, and apply these to improve patient-centered health care quality. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

ID 700. Ethics in Research. This course explores issues related to ethics in healthcare research conducted in a variety of settings. Principles of philosophy of science and select ethical theories are applied as a framework for critical ethical issues in healthcare research. Synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

ID 718. Health Policy and the Healthcare System. Provides students the opportunity to analyze health policies and economic issues as they relate to healthcare delivery systems. The complex arrangements and interactions among governmental, private-not-for-profit, and for-profit systems are explored within a context that includes economic, legal, and socio-political and public perspectives. Synchronous and asynchronous instruction. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

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N 300. Introduction to Health Promotion. This didactic course which focuses on health promotion, risk reduction, teaching/learning, and disease prevention across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on current major determinants of health. Global healthcare issues are examined as they relate to nursing care. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 301. Gerontological Nursing. This independent web-based nursing elective focuses on the care of older adults with acute chronic health problems. The focus is on preventive care, acute care and long term care in the community and institution settings. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 302. Health Assessment Throughout Life Span. This introductory course focuses on health assessment across the life span. Students will acquire the requisite knowledge and skills necessary to perform health assessments. The emphasis is on developing interviewing, history taking, and basic physical assessment skills. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

N 303. Introduction to Pharmacotherapeutics. This course presents principles of pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics. Characteristics and uses of major drug groups and safe medication administration are discussed with emphasis on nursing management. Consideration is given to individual, age related, and generic responses with specific drugs. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 304. Intro to Prof Nurs & Evidence Based Prac. This beginning professional course focuses on professional nursing roles, values, ethics and legal issues. It incorporates an introduction to evidence based practice as well as emphasizing professional writing skills. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 307. Pathophysiology. This didactic course builds on concepts and principles from the basic sciences. The emphasis of the course is on pathological responses to illness/disease. Physical, biochemical, microbial and genetic factors that alter homeostasis are examined. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

N 309. Foundations of Nursing Practice. This didactic, laboratory, and clinical course begins preparing the student to function as a provider of care. Traditional Lecture/Lab (5 credit hours)

N 310. Behavioral Nursing. This didactic and clinical course focuses on the nursing care of clients with acute, chronic and complex mental health problems across the life span. Current trends, ethical and legal issues, political, economic and social issues that influence the health care of mental health clients and families are examined. Clinical practice is provided in a variety of settings including acute and community facilities. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

N 312. Directed Clinical Practice Elective. This clinical elective course is designed to augment the student's existing knowledge and skills in a specific area of clinical nursing practice. Learning activities are tailored to meet student needs and areas of interest. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 6 credit hours)

N 322. Strategies for Success. This elective course is designed to assist the student in strengthening knowledge of nursing theory and critical thinking skills related to content included in the undergraduate curriculum. Emphasis will be placed on the development of effective study and test taking skills, utilizing personal and preferred learning styles. Test anxiety and other barriers to effective test performance will be identified and discussed. Students will develop and implement, in collaboration with faculty, an individualized plan of content remediation based on identified needs. Traditional Independent Study (1 - 2 credit hours)

N 406. Health Assessment. This web-based course focuses on the theoretical basis of performing an assessment on the individual throughout the life span. Students acquire knowledge and skills necessary to perform health assessments. Emphasis is placed on developing skills in interviewing, history taking, and health assessment. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 407. Pathophysiology. This didactic web-based course builds on concepts and principles from the basic sciences. Emphasis is placed on normal and pathological responses to illness. A human body systems approach is used, applying concepts from cellular biological processes. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 408-1. Health Promotion in Populations. The course focuses on understanding the forces shaping community and global health patterns and the impact of these global processes on societies. Students will review strategies to assess, plan, implement and evaluate population-focused programs for health promotion and disease prevention of individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 409. Clinical Nursing Elective. This clinical elective course focuses on expanded application of the nursing process in a variety of settings. A limited number of students may be eligible for specialty experiences working with clinical preceptors in the Student Nurse Externship Program. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

N 412-1. Professional Nursing Role Development I. This is a two part didactic course series addressing professional nursing development, which is designed to provide a foundational and conceptual context for provision of nursing care. The first course includes basic content on selected concepts for professional nursing practice. The second course expands on the concepts presented in the first course, allowing students the opportunity to apply concepts to embody the role of the professional nurse. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 412-2. Professional Nsg Role Development II. This is a two part didactic course series addressing professional nursing development, which is designed to provide a foundational and conceptual context for provision of nursing care. The first course includes basic content on selected concepts for professional nursing practice. The second course expands on the concepts presented in the first course, allowing students the opportunity to apply concepts to embody the role of the professional nurse. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)
N 413-1. Health & Illness Across the Lifespan I. This three part didactic course series examines health and illness across the lifespan from infancy through senescence, including the childbearing cycle and mental health. Each course is taught using a conceptual approach and problem based learning methodology. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

N 413-2. Health & Illness Across the Lifespan II. This three part didactic course series examines health and illness across the lifespan from infancy through senescence, including the childbearing cycle and mental health. Each course is taught using a conceptual approach and problem based learning methodology. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

N 413-3. Health & Illness Across the Lifespan III. This three part didactic course series examines health and illness across the lifespan from infancy through senescence, including the childbearing cycle and mental health. Each course is taught using a conceptual approach and problem based learning methodology. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

N 419. Special Topics in Nurs and Healthcare. This elective course enables the student to use learning experiences focused on selected topics in special and healthcare nursing to satisfy individual learning needs and interests. Online, Internet, or Web-based Independent Study (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 420. Independent Study. This elective course enables the student to use individually designed learning experiences focused on selected topics in nursing to satisfy individual learning needs and interests. Online, Internet, or Web-based Independent Study (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 421. Transitions and Trends in Prof Nurs. This bridge course between basic nursing education and advanced practice nursing education examines the following professional roles; provider of care, designer, manager, or coordinator of care and member of the profession. Within these roles, specific role components inherent to professional nursing practice are further explored; altruism, autonomy, human dignity, and integrity. This course must be taken during the first semester of the RN-BSN plan of study. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 426. Maternal-Newborn Nursing. This didactic and clinical course focuses on nursing care for childbearing clients and their families. Emphasis is on health patterns occurring during pregnancy, birth, and the newborn period. Clinical practice experience is provided in a variety of settings. Traditional Lecture/Lab (5 credit hours)

N 427. Child-Adolescent Nursing. This didactic and clinical course focuses on nursing care of infants, children and adolescents within the context of the family. Clinical learning experiences occur in a variety of settings including acute and ambulatory settings. Traditional Lecture/Lab (5 credit hours)

N 428. Nursing Research. This introductory course to the research process focuses on the study of the research process as a base for nursing practice. Emphasis is on critical analysis of published research studies with regard to implications for clinical nursing practice. Ethical concepts related to research are explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 431. Patient Safety and Quality Improvement. This course provides an introduction to patient safety and health care quality improvement. Emphasis is placed on the role of the professional nurse in improving the quality of health care through designing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based patient safety interventions and strategies. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 432. Introduction to Professional Writing. This elective course provides students an opportunity to master basic written communication skills necessary to express themselves professionally. The principles and practices examined in this course provide practice in the composition of traditional writing forms such as letters, memorandums, professional papers, and formal proposals. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 433-1. Interprofessional Education I. This interprofessional course is a three part series addressing the four interprofessional (IP) collaborative practice competency domains: values/ethics for interprofessional practice, roles/responsibilities, interprofessional communication, and teams and teamwork. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)

N 433-2. Interprofessional Education II. This interprofessional course is a three part series addressing the four interprofessional (IP) collaborative practice competency domains: values/ethics for interprofessional practice, roles/responsibilities, interprofessional communication, and teams and teamwork. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)

N 433-3. Interprofessional Education III. This interprofessional course is a three part series addressing the four interprofessional (IP) collaborative practice competency domains: values/ethics for interprofessional practice, roles/responsibilities, interprofessional communication, and teams and teamwork. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)

N 434-1. Clinical Practicum I. This three part clinical practice course series is designed to provide the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to apply the nursing process to the delivery of patient centered nursing care across the lifespan and in a variety of settings. Clinical across the series includes care of the adult, the neonate, the pediatric and adolescent, childbearing families and the patient with psychiatric/mental health concerns. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

N 434-2. Clinical Practicum II. This three part clinical practice course series is designed to provide the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to apply the nursing process to the delivery of patient centered nursing care across the lifespan and in a variety of settings. Clinical across the series includes care of the adult, the neonate, the pediatric and adolescent, childbearing families and the patient with psychiatric/mental health concerns. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 - 5 credit hours)

N 434-3. Clinical Practicum III. This three part clinical practice course series is designed to provide the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to apply the nursing process to the delivery of patient centered nursing care across the lifespan and in a variety of settings. Clinical across the series includes care of the adult, the neonate, the pediatric and adolescent, childbearing families and the patient with psychiatric/mental health concerns. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 - 5 credit hours)

N 435. Nursing Synthesis and Practicum. This didactic and clinical practicum focuses on refinement of students' clinical and leadership skills. Students synthesize knowledge and skills in client management with multiple clients in collaboration with an assigned preceptor. Emphasis is on refinement of clinical reasoning skills and decision making skills. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

N 436. Scholarship for Evidence Based Practice. This is an introductory course focusing on the research process and scholarship as the basis for evidence based practice. Emphasis is placed on critical analysis of published research studies regarding credibility, quality, and implications for clinical nursing practice. Ethical concepts related to the research process are integrated throughout the course. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
N 438. Essentials of Wound Care. This elective course is designed for the student with an interest in the management of acute and chronic wounds. This course provides the student with in-depth knowledge of wound care, including etiology, risk assessment, prevention, and treatment modalities utilizing current research findings and evidence-based practice. Emphasis is placed on the use of the nursing process in all aspects of skin and wound care with specific focus on pressure ulcers, neuropathic ulcers, vascular insufficiency ulcers, surgical wounds and skin tears. Regulatory issues relating to skin and wound care are also explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 439. Population-Based Nursing. Global trends for health promotion and disease prevention are examined. Students analyze healthcare policy issues and paradigmatic cases of ethical dilemmas in world health. Emphasis is on collaboration with others to advocate for improvement in the health of vulnerable populations and elimination of health disparities. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

N 440. Politics, Policy and Nursing (Online). This course provides knowledge and understanding needed to participate as a professional nurse in health policy development, analysis and implementation. The influence of politics on the delivery of health care and nursing services will be explored. Focus will be placed on the recognition of social, economic and political determinants of health as well as evidence-based practices and policies that influence outcomes in vulnerable populations. The role of the professional nurse as a change agent in the political area will be examined from a historical to contemporary perspective. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 444. Adult Health I. This didactic and clinical course focuses on the nursing care of adults and elders with chronic and long-term health care problems. Emphasis is placed on the role of provider of care in acute and community settings. Professional nursing values are integrated in theory and clinical learning experiences. Traditional Lecture/Lab (6 credit hours)

N 449. Nursing Management in Health Care System. This course focuses on preparing students to acquire skills in nursing management. Application of leadership and management principles will be demonstrated within a variety of healthcare environments. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

N 453. Exploration in Culture. This elective web-based course surveys cultural phenomena common to various ethnic groups. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 454. Intrprtg Lab Values & Common Clin Tests. This course is a study of the background, meaning, and nursing implications of laboratory test results. The course will provide the student with the opportunity to understand the interrelationships between clinical laboratory test results and the disease process occurring in the patient. Laboratory values from hematology, clinical chemistry and urinalysis, and microbiology/immunology will be interpreted for infectious diseases, liver diseases, kidney diseases hematologic disorders, and metabolic disorders. Appropriate case studies will be used to illustrate clinical significance. This online course is delivered utilizing asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 - 3 credit hours)

N 459. Introduction to Pain Management. This elective course is designed for the student seeking a deeper understanding of pain, pain medications, and pain management. This course provides the student with in-depth knowledge of pain characteristics, assessment, medications, and alternative treatment modalities utilizing current research findings and evidence-based practice. Emphasis is placed on the use of the nursing process in various aspects of pain management with a specific focus on the opioid epidemic. State and Federal regulatory issues relating to opioids and pain management are also explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 460. Adult Health II. This didactic and clinical course builds on the theoretical and clinical learning experiences of Adult Health I and focuses on the nursing care of adults and elders with complex health care problems. Emphasis is placed on the learner’s developing role of provider and manager of care in acute and community settings. Traditional Lecture/Lab (6 credit hours)

N 461. Management and Leadership Practicum. This clinical laboratory course focuses on the development of the nurse as a manager of care. In the clinical laboratory, the learner applies theoretical concepts of management to the nurse manager’s role in the actual work setting. The clinical experience provides the learner opportunities to demonstrate skills in using patient care technologies, information systems and communication devices that support safe nursing practices. The learner will evaluate data from many relevant sources to inform the delivery of care. Emphasis is placed on strategies to facilitate implementation of management role functions in a variety of organization environments. This course must be taken during the last semester of the RN-BSN plan of study. Traditional Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)

N 462. Professional Role Enactment. This course focuses on the synthesis of professional nursing knowledge at the baccalaureate level. Emphasis is placed on continued professional development, and the accountability for professional values and behaviors. Students will develop and demonstrate skills that reflect self-reflection in the pursuit of practice excellence, lifelong learning, and professional engagement. Content is designed to enhance the development of the nurse as a member of the profession. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 463. Ambassador Elective. This elective course is designed to nurture leadership development in academically talented students who are selected to participate in the Ambassador program. Students participate in a variety of SON and community service activities that foster personal and professional development, communication and peer mentoring skills. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

N 466. Legal Issues in Nursing. This didactic web-based elective course is designed to assist the learner in exploring the influence of law, legal issues and ethics on professional nursing practice. Content includes basic liability concepts, professional standards of care, legal doctrines, legal documentation of the medical record and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 482. Seminar. The emphasis of this course is the application of critical thinking for effective test taking to enhance performance on the NCLEX-RN. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 497. Nursing Capstone. This course focuses on refinement of the student’s clinical and leadership skills for practice as a nurse generalist. Emphasis is placed on clinical reasoning and decision-making. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 498. Directed Study in Research. The course provides students practical knowledge of the components of the research process and the opportunity to participate in components of the research process under the direction of a graduate faculty member. Students enrolled in the Sally Barksdale Honors College may enroll in N498 to complete research and thesis hour requirements. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 499H. Honors Research and Thesis. This course provides the student enrolled in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College the opportunity to conduct and defend thesis research in collaboration with a thesis advisor and committee members in the School of Nursing.
The student will gain practical knowledge of the research process and the opportunity to participate in research under the direction of a nursing faculty member. May be repeated for a total of 6-9 hours. Online, Internet, or Web-based Thesis (1 - 3 credit hours)

**N 521-1. Concepts of Professional Nsg Practice.** This bridge course between basic nursing education and advanced practice nursing education examines the professional roles of provider of care, designer/manager/coordinator of care and member of the profession. Within these roles, specific role components inherent to professional nursing practice are explored. This course provides students' opportunity to master writing skills and to analyze professional writings to allow them to address relevant issues within today's healthcare delivery system. This online course is delivered utilizing asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

**N 524. Portal to Adv Physiology/Pathophysiology.** This course provides an introduction to advanced physiology and pathophysiology. It facilitates seamless transition for the RN-MSN student into the master's level Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology. Course content includes an introduction to cell biology and genetics with a focus on application of the content to disease processes. Specific cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the pathophysiological processes of diseases in all body systems will be highlighted. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

**N 526. Portal to Advance Health Assessment.** This course provides an introduction to advanced health assessment. This intensive 15 clock hour didactic course facilitates seamless transition for the associate degree nurse into the master's level course Advanced Health Assessment. Course content focuses on an overview of the client interviewing skills with a focus on the principles of clinical observation and communication. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

**N 527. Health Promotion in Populations.** The course focuses on understanding the forces shaping community and global health patterns and the impact of these global processes on societies. Students will review strategies to assess, plan, implement and evaluate population-focused programs for health promotion and disease prevention of individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

**N 528. Leadership and Management.** This course describes the functions and roles of management and leadership in professional nursing. Decision making, communication, motivation changes, theories, managed care, and leadership strategies are presented and discussed to enhance the development of a beginning nurse manager. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**N 531-1. Hlth Information Technology & Pt Safety.** This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the use of health information technology, patient safety, and health care quality improvement. Emphasis is placed on technology-based health applications that enhance the efficacy of the nursing process, as well as the role of the nurse in improving the quality of health care through designing, implementing, and evaluating evidence-based patient safety interventions and strategies. Confidentiality, ethical, and legal issues related to the use of electronic health records will be considered. This online course is delivered utilizing Asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**N 533. Portal to Research Design and Methods.** This course provides an introduction to research facilitating seamless transition for the RN to MSN students into the master's level research course. Course content focuses on beginning skills and approaches to reading and evaluating research studies. This online course is delivered utilizing asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

**N 538. Healthcare Leadership and Collaboration.** This course describes the functions and roles of management and leadership in professional nursing. Decision making, communication, motivation changes, theories, managed care, and ethical/legal issues are presented and discussed to enhance the development of a beginning nurse manager. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

**N 540. Portal to Fiscal & Operations Mgmt.** In this course students are introduced to fiscal and operations management. Students will learn about operations management as a business function, the transformation process, key trends impacting health care organizations, key strategies for managing cost and the potential impact of fiscal and operations management on the patient experience. This online course is delivered utilizing asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

**N 545. Portal to Organizational Ldshr & Comm.** This course is designed to increase the student's knowledge and application of organizational principles and communication models. This intensive portal will introduce the student to application of systems thinking framework in analyzing organizational structure, culture and communication framework and the impact of these elements on organizational outcomes. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

**N 600. App & Intrp Adt Geri Acute Care Diag Mod.** This course provides the theoretical basis for the application and interpretation of diagnostic modalities used in management of the acute care patient. Emphasis is placed on selected laboratory and radiology studies and interpretation of electrocardiogram and pulmonary function tests. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

**N 601-1. Practicum in Adult Geri Acute Care NP I.** This supervised 45 hours clinical practice course offered in a variety of settings allows the student the opportunity to integrate and practice advanced health assessment, diagnostic reasoning, decision making for the collaborative management of patients with selected acute health problems such as cardiovascular disorders, diabetes, renal diseases, respiratory alterations, etc. Students are precepted by physicians/nurse practitioners under the direction of faculty. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

**N 601-2. Pract in Adult Geri Acute Care NP II.** This supervised 135 hours clinical practice in specialized settings allows the student the opportunity to integrate and practice advanced health assessment, diagnostic reasoning and decision making for the collaborative management of adult gerontology clients with complex critical health problems. The student selects a clinical area of specialization and, through a learning contract developed with faculty, achieves the course objectives. Students are precepted by physicians/nurse practitioners under the direction of the course faculty. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 3 credit hours)

**N 601-3. Pract in Adlt Geri Acute Care NP III.** This supervised 225 hours clinical practice in critical care settings allows students the opportunity to integrate and practice advanced health assessment, diagnostic reasoning and decision making, for the collaborative
management of patients with complex critical health problems such as multi-system failure, cardiac and or respiratory failure, brain attack or renal failure. The utilization of advanced technology as a diagnostic and management tool is emphasized. Students are precepted by physicians/acute care nurse practitioners under the direction of faculty. Settings include coronary care units, surgical intensive care units, neurology intensive care units, emergency departments, etc. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

N 601-4. Pract in Adlt Geri Acute Care NP IV. This supervised 225 hours clinical practice in acute/critical care allows the students the opportunity to refine and evaluate nursing management of patients with complex health problems. The focus of the clinical is to perfect their clinical skills including: diagnostic reasoning and decision making. This along with the clinical seminar IV is the capstone experience for this role practice. Students are precepted by physicians/acute care nurse practitioners under the direction of faculty. Settings include coronary care units, surgical intensive care units, neurology intensive care units, emergency department, etc. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

N 605-1. Adlt Geri Acute Care Asmt Mgt & Eval I. This course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnosis, reasoning and decision making for the collaborative management and evaluation for advanced nursing practice. Focus will be on the collaborative management of clients with acute health problems such as: diabetes, hypertension, acute renal failure, pulmonary diseases, endocrine problems, and neurological disorders etc. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 605-2. Adlt Geri Acute Care Asmt Mgt & Eval II. This course provides the theoretical basis for assessment, diagnosis reasoning and decision making, in the collaborative management for advanced nursing practice. Focus will be on the collaborative management and evaluation of clients with complex acute health problems such as: acute respiratory failure, heart failure, brain attack, post surgical complications, pre, intra and post partum complications, etc. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 607-1. Health Policy & Population Health. This is a role support course to explore and analyze interrelations of societal values and issues, political process, politics, and development of health policy and its impact on population health. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 609. Directed Individual Study. This didactic elective course enables the student to use individually designed learning experiences focused on selected topics in nursing to satisfy individual learning needs and interests. A mutually agreed upon contract that details objectives and evaluation methods for the experience will be developed by student and faculty. Online, Internet, or Web-based Independent Study (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 610. Reproductive Health for Advanced Pract. This didactic course provides the theoretical basis for assessing and managing reproductive health care patterns in men and women for advanced role practice in nursing as a nurse practitioner. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, screening, and prevention of illness, and management of problems common in the reproductive health care of men and women. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 610-2. Reproductive Hlth for Adult NP. This didactic course provides the theoretical basis for assessing and managing reproductive health care patterns in men and women for advanced role practice in nursing as an adult gerontology nurse practitioner. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, screening, prevention of illness, and management of problems common in the reproductive health care of men and women. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 610-3. Childbearing Hlth Care for the Adv NP. This didactic course provides the theoretical basis for assessing and managing reproductive health care patterns in men and women for advanced role practice in nursing as a nurse practitioner. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, screening, prevention of illness, and management of problems common in the reproductive health care of men and women. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 610-4. Therapeutic Mgmt of Pediatric Client IV. This role support course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of pediatric health problems in the pediatric critical care setting as a pediatric nurse clinician. Emphasis is placed on collaborative management of pediatric clients with critical health problems. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 612-2. Therapeutic Mgmt of Pediatric Client II. This role support course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of pediatric health problems in the pediatric chronic care setting as a pediatric nurse clinician. Emphasis is placed on the collaborative management of pediatric clients with chronic health problems. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 612-3. Therapeutic Mgmt of Pediatric Client III. This role support course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of pediatric health problems in the pediatric acute care setting as a pediatric nurse clinician. Emphasis is placed on the collaborative management of pediatric clients with acute health problems. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 612-4. Therapeutic Mgmt of Pediatric Client IV. This role support course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of pediatric health problems in the pediatric critical care setting as a pediatric nurse clinician. Emphasis is placed on the collaborative management of pediatric clients with critical health problems. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 613. Found of Nurse Educ Role & Teach Meth. This role support course encourages the educator student to use critical thinking, creativity, and research outcomes to develop expertise in the design and delivery of instructional strategies. Learning theories, as well as other selected principles and theories associated with the educator role, are emphasized. The roles of the nurse educator as scholar, collaborator, and educator are explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 614-1. Nurse Educator Practicum I (2hr). This course is the first of three practicum courses that gives the graduate learner an opportunity to develop and practice advanced skills in teaching and communication in academic, hospital or community environments with an emphasis in the academic setting. The graduate learner will apply theoretical knowledge in the delivery of nursing education to individuals, groups, families and communities. (90 clinical hours) Traditional Practicum/Internship (2 credit hours)

N 615-1. Education Tech & Health Care Informatics. This course provides an overview of current technologies used for instructional design, delivery, and evaluation in nursing education and technologies used to deliver, enhance, integrate, and coordinate patient care. Opportunities for using and evaluating current nursing education and healthcare technologies are incorporated in the course. Principles of
data management for provision of evidence-based care and health education are explored along with the use of electronic health records to improve patient care. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 616-1. Curriculum & Pgm Development & Eval. This role support course facilitates the application of nursing and educational theories, concepts, and models in the design and evaluation of nursing curricula and programs. Societal influences and acquisition of new knowledge in nursing and related disciplines are analyzed in relation to curriculum and program development and evaluation in nursing. This course provides the student an opportunity to design data collection and analysis strategies used in evaluation processes. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 617. Informatics & Health Care Technology. This course provides an overview of the use of technologies to deliver, enhance, integrate, and coordinate care; data management to analyze and improve outcomes of care; health information management for evidence-based care and health education; and facilitation and use of electronic health records to improve patient care. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

N 618. Focus on Adv Nurs Pract Spec (Neonatal). This didactic course provides a in depth examination of human genetics, embryologic development and normal physiologic functioning of developing body systems. The structural and functional development of fetal systems during critical growth periods is emphasized, and environmental factors that influence the structural and functional development of fetal systems are discussed. This course will build a foundation essential for the assessment, planning and evaluation of the health of neonatal clients. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 620-1. Direct Care Role of the Ns Edu (Prac II). This course is the second of three courses that gives the graduate learner an opportunity to implement and evaluate, and plan the delivery of educational content to individuals, groups and communities. The emphasis is on teaching practice in hospital settings with multiple delivery modalities and measuring outcomes of planned instructional strategies in the practice setting. (90 clinical hours) Traditional Practicum/Internship (2 credit hours)

N 625. Educator Practicum III. This capstone practicum provides the graduate learner opportunities to implement the nurse educator role components of teacher, scholar and collaborator with a preceptor in a selected educational setting. Opportunities are provided to utilize theoretical knowledge of evaluation processes to critically examine curriculum and program components and learning outcomes. Self-assessment and strategies for transition to the educator role are incorporated. The emphasis is on teaching practice in multiple settings with multiple delivery modalities. (180 clinical hours) Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 627-4. Clin Mgt of Adults & Older Adults I. This course is focused on the principles of adult health, advanced clinical assessments of adults and older adults of diverse cultures, issues in the care of adults and older adults with emphasis on wellness, prevention, health maintenance, and early health care interventions. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 627-5. Clin Mgt of Adults & Older Adults II. This course is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, common geriatric syndromes, and complex health problems of adults and older adults of diverse cultures, including frail and demented older adults in rural settings. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 627-6. Clin Mgt of Adults & Older Adults III. This course is focused on synthesis of theory into evidence-based gerontological advanced nursing practice with adults and older adults and their families of diverse culture, integration of NP roles, and professional practice in selected rural health care systems. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 628-4. Prac in Clin Mgt Adlts & Older Adlts I. This 180-hour practicum course is focused on advanced clinical assessments of adults and older adults from diverse cultures, with emphasis on wellness, prevention, maintenance, and early interventions in rural health care settings. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 - 4 credit hours)

N 628-5. Prac in Clin Mgt Adlts & Older Adlts II. This 180-hour practicum course is focused on the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses, common geriatric syndromes, and complex health problems of adults and older adults of diverse cultures, with emphasis on advanced health care interventions with frail and demented adults and older adults in rural health care settings. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 - 4 credit hours)

N 628-6. Prac in Clin Mgt Adlts & Older Adlts III. This 270-hour practicum course is focused on synthesis of theory into evidence-based advanced nursing practice with adults and older adults and their families of diverse cultures, integration of AGNP roles, and practice management in selected rural health care systems. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 - 6 credit hours)

N 629-1. Advanced Neonatal Nursing I. This didactic course addresses the complete neonatal assessment process including prenatal thorough neonatal history and neonatal physical examination. Neonatal pharmacology, common neonatal diagnostic and laboratory testing and invasive procedures are also examined as well as family function, dynamics, crisis theory and the grieving process are surveyed. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 629-2. Advanced Neonatal Nursing II. This didactic course will provide a thorough understanding of the pathophysiology and management of common disease processes in the neonatal (preterm and term infants). This course will focus on the cardiovascular, pulmonary, gastrointestinal/nutrition, renal/genitourinary, and hematologic systems as well as fluid and electrolytes. Furthermore, this course will assist in developing the role of the neonatal nurse practitioner in the neonatal intensive care nursery (NICU), especially in emergency situations. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

N 629-3. Advanced Neonatal Nursing III. This didactic course will provide a thorough understanding of the pathophysiology and management of common disease processes in the neonate (preterm and term infants). This course will focus on the endocrine and metabolic, immune, neurobehavioral, musculoskeletal, eyes/ears/nose/throat and dermatologic systems. Furthermore, this course will include discharge planning and follow-up care for the high-risk neonate. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

N 632. Discipline of Nursing. This core course involves the study of knowledge shared among members of the discipline, the patterns of knowing and knowledge development, criteria for evaluating knowledge claims, and philosophy of science. The course is aimed at enabling graduate students to become knowledgeable about approaches to the study of disciplines and scientific knowledge development. The inter-relationship between theory, research, and practice is examined through discussions and critique of selected theories relevant for
nursing. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 633. Research Design & Meth for Adv Nurs Pract. This core course is focused on understanding and using research designs and methods to support clinical practice. It provides the knowledge base for research problem identification, the ethical conduct of research, synthesis of research literature, critical analysis of research design, methods and data analysis for utilization in practice. In this course, students will identify practice questions for scholarly projects in role-specific courses. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 634-1. Practicum I: Neonatal Ns Practitioner. This clinical role support course provides the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of pediatric health problems in the neonatal health care setting as a neonatal nurse practitioner. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

N 634-2. Practicum II: Neonatal Ns Practitioner. This second clinical role support course will continue to provide the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of specific health problems in the neonatal health care setting as a neonatal nurse practitioner. Focus of care on the neonates will be related to the cardiovascular, pulmonary, gastrointestinal/nutrition, renal/genitourinary, and hematologic systems as well as emergency situations that arise in the neonate. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

N 634-3. Practicum III: Neonatal Ns Practitioner. This third clinical role support course will continue to provide the theoretical basis for advanced assessment, diagnostic reasoning, and collaborative management of specific health problems in the neonatal health care setting as a neonatal nurse practitioner. Focus of care on the neonates will be related to the endocrine/metabolic, immune, neurobehavioral, musculoskeletal, ears/nose/throat, and dermatologic systems that arise in the neonate as well as discharge planning and follow-up care for the high risk neonate and family. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

N 634-4. Residency Program. This final course provides concentrated clinical experiences as students synthesize theory, knowledge, and skills from previous courses within the neonatal nurse practitioner scope of practice. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals in the critical care setting to further develop expertise relevant to the assessment and management of groups of neonates and infants through 2 years of age. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 - 7 credit hours)

N 637. Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology. This course provides the graduate student with an understanding of human physiological and pathophysiological processes. A human body systems approach will be used in the presentation of physiologic concepts and adaptations and alterations which occur in selected disease states across the life span. This course will build a foundation essential for planning and evaluating health care and health care outcomes and serves as a basis for understanding the rationale for assessment and intervention that is taught in the advanced nursing courses. This online course is delivered through synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 638-1. Synthesis 1st Yr Nurse Practitioner Mgt. This elective course will offer students the opportunity to synthesize information from prerequisite courses using a case study approach. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 638-2. Clinical Elective for Advanced Practice. This precepted clinical course provides the student an opportunity to practice in the role of advanced nurse practitioner and begin to establish the skills necessary to assume responsibility for management and health care of clients. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, differential diagnosis, evaluation and health care management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. Traditional Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)

N 640. Project Management. In this course students learn the principles and fundamentals of project management necessary to achieve objectives in healthcare organizations. Special emphasis will be placed on the application of leadership skills, overcoming objections, achieving buy-in, conflict management, negotiation skills and working with diverse groups of individuals. Through case studies and various exercises, students will use tools and techniques to gain experience in single and multi-project management. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 641. Fiscal and Operations Management. Students learn how effective operations management is essential to achieving a favorable patient care experience and the financial health of an organization. Using quantitative and qualitative measures, students will study how to reduce cost and improve quality related to the conversion of resources into desired healthcare services and products. This online course is delivered through synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 644. Human Resource Management. This role support course is designed to increase students’ knowledge and application of concepts, theories, and models of human resource management. Emphasis is on the analysis of structural and behavioral systems, human resources process systems, and human resources outcomes. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 646. Organizational Leadership & Communicat. This course is designed to increase students’ knowledge and application of concepts, theories and models in communication for organizational leadership, problem solving, and decision making. The course emphasizes communication as a tool for organizational effectiveness and leadership. The content focuses on self awareness/knowledge, communication within complex adaptive systems, communicating for organizational effectiveness, facilitating difficult conversations and managing conflict. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 652-1. Finance & Ldrshp in Hlth Care Systems. The course focuses broadly on leadership principles and their application at the micro and macro levels. This introduction to leadership is followed by the essential accounting and financial management principles and concepts relevant to management of health services organizations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 658. Strategic Management. This role support course is designed to provide the student with the opportunity to describe, analyze, and apply the strategic management process. Emphasis is placed on understanding and using tools and techniques such as SWOT analysis, matrix analysis, flow charts and performance measures to analyze a health care system. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 659. Residency in Nsg & Hlth Care Adm Role. The residency provides a structured field experience in an administrator role. The student will have an opportunity to apply theories, principles and techniques learned in the didactic portion of the program in a selected health
system under the guidance of an experienced preceptor and faculty advisor. (75 clinical hours per credit hour - total 525 clinical hours)

Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 7 credit hours)

N 660. Focus on Adv Nsg Practice Spec (Peds). This didactic course provides a foundation for the role of pediatric nurse practitioners to survey the normal growth and development and expected developmental milestones of the pediatric client from conception through adolescence. This course will build a foundation essential for the assessment, planning and evaluation of the health in the pediatric clients as well as the assessment for pediatric clients. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 661. Practicum for Pediatrics I. This course provides a foundation and clinical application of the care of clients from birth through adolescence in the primary care setting. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, screening, and prevention of illness and management of selected client health problems in the pediatric client. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 - 4 credit hours)

N 661-1. Practicum for Pediatrics II. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner in the chronic care setting. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client group in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 661-2. Practicum for Pediatrics III. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner in the acute care setting. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 661-3. Practicum for Pediatrics IV. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner in the acute care setting. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 661-4. Practicum for Pediatrics V. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the pediatric nurse practitioner in the critical care setting. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 665. Role Dev & Role Enact Adv Role Prac Nsg. In this role course, enactment of advanced role practice in nursing is studied. Course will focus on the continued development of knowledge for role development and implementation. This online course is delivered utilizing synchronous and asynchronous distance learning modalities. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 677. Advanced Health Assessment. This course focuses on the theoretical basis of performing a physical assessment on the individual throughout the life span. Students will acquire advanced knowledge and skills necessary to perform physical assessments. The emphasis is on mastering interviewing, history taking, and advanced physical assessment skills. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 682-1. Therapeutic Management in Primary Care I. This role support course provides theoretical basis for assessing and managing client health patterns for advanced role practice in nursing as a nurse clinician. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, screening, prevention of illness, and management of selected client health problems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 682-2. Therapeutic Management in Primary Care II. This role support course provides foundational knowledge for managing care of persons with altered health patterns relevant to advanced role practice as a nurse clinician. Altered health patterns are examined in relation to differential diagnosis, therapeutic agents and problem management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 682-3. Therapeutic Mgmt in Primary Care III. This course focuses on the health issues and needs of older adults and principles for evaluating, managing and coordinating their care in a variety of settings. Emphasis is on the collaborative role of advanced practice nurses in assisting older adults and family caregivers from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to negotiate health care delivery systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 685-1. Practicum in Primary Care I. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the family nurse practitioner. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management for the subset of women's health client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. (90 clinical hours) Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 2 credit hours)

N 685-2. Practicum in Primary Care II. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of family nurse practitioner. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management for the subset of primary care client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. (135 clinical hours) Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 - 3 credit hours)

N 685-3. Practicum in Primary Care III. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the family nurse practitioner. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management for the subset of primary care client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. (180 clinical hours) Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 - 4 credit hours)

N 685-4. Practicum in Primary Care IV. This course provides opportunities for the graduate student to develop expertise in the role of the family nurse practitioner. Through a learning contract developed with faculty, the student uses advanced knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and problem management with select client groups in collaboration with preceptors and other health care professionals. (225 clinical hours) Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 - 5 credit hours)
N 686-1. Practicum in Clinical Assess MHP I Fam. This 180-hour practicum course is focused on the application of theoretical concepts and assessment skills with persons of diverse cultures in rural health care settings experiencing or at risk for common mental health problems and major psychiatric disorders. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 686-2. Practicum in Clinical Mgt of Indiv w/MH. This 180-hour practicum course is focused on integration of theory and practice in assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and documentation of individuals of diverse cultures in rural settings experiencing mental health problems, major psychiatric disorders, and psychiatric complications of physical illnesses. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 686-3. Practicum in Clinical Mgt of Fam and Gr. This 270-hour practicum is focused on evidence-based psychoeducation, supportive therapy, and psychotherapy with groups, couples, and families of diverse cultures and on synthesis of clinical roles, practice management activities, and strategies for complex mental health issues in rural health care settings. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

N 687-1. Clinical Assessment of PMH I - Fam. This didactic course is focused on advanced psychiatric mental health nursing practice with persons of diverse cultures in rural settings experiencing or at risk for common mental health problems and major psychiatric disorders. Emphasis is on the mental health environment and advanced clinical processes, including communication strategies, psychiatric assessments, and diagnostic standards. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 687-2. Clinical Mgmt of Indiv w/MHP II Fam. This didactic course is focused on the advanced nursing practices of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, planning, evaluation, and documentation of individuals of diverse cultures in rural settings experiencing common mental health problems, major psychiatric disorders, and psychiatric complications of physical illnesses. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

N 687-3. Clinical Mgt of Fam & Group MHP III. This didactic course is focused on evidence-based conceptual models, theories, and techniques for therapies with groups, couples, and families of diverse cultures across the lifespan. The clinical roles, practice management activities, and strategies for complex mental health care issues in rural settings also are evaluated. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

N 696. Directed Study in Management Research. This role support course provides an opportunity for students to apply the research process to administrative problems under the direction of a graduate faculty mentor. Focus areas of research projects include organizational behavior, costs analysis, outcomes measurement, strategic management, health policy, case management, managed care, and information systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

N 698. Directed Study in Research. This elective allows students to participate in research activities as specified in a mutually determined learning contract. A nursing faculty member with a graduate appointment will direct all research activities. With faculty guidance, students may select to: 1) participate with a mentor (minimum master's degree preparation) in the mentor's ongoing research activities, or 2) complete individual or group research proposed in previous courses. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

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Hiser, Larae, BS, PhD, Associate Professor-Nursing
Hoover, Kim W., BSN, MSN, PhD, Professor-Nursing
Jones, Teresa, BSN, MSN, Instructor-Nursing
Kirkendall, Neeli, BSN, MSN, Instructor-Nursing
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HISTORY
The Board of Trustees authorized the School of Health Related Professions in October 1971 to provide a source of trained, competent allied health personnel to meet the needs of Mississippi; provide consultant services to allied health educational programs; aid in the development of appropriate cooperative education programs for allied health personnel; and provide continuing education programs for allied health personnel.

MISSION
In keeping with the vision of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the School of Health Related Professions is dedicated to improving lives by achieving the highest standards of performance in education, research and health care; promoting the value of professionalism and lifelong learning among students, faculty and staff; finding solutions to the challenges of health disparities in Mississippi; embracing diversity; recruiting and retaining high performing students and faculty; and graduating outstanding health care professionals.

PROGRAMS
The School of Health Related Professions serves approximately 600 students in the following programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management - Angela Morey, PhD, Director (Online Program)
- Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences - Cynthia Casey, DNP, Director (Online Program)
- Bachelor of Science in Histotechnology – Renee Wilkins, PhD, Director
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science - La'Toya Richards-Moore, PhD, Director
- Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences - Kristi Moore, PhD, Director
- Master of Health Informatics and Information Management - Lisa Morton, PhD, Director (Online Program)
- Master of Health Sciences – Cynthia Casey, DNP, Director (Online Program)
- Master of Occupational Therapy - Christy Morgan, PhD, Director
- Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Asher Street, DHA, Director
- Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology - Sherry J. West, DHA, Director
- Doctor of Health Administration - Angela Burrell, PhD, Director (Online Program)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy – Christy Morgan, PhD, Director
- Doctor of Physical Therapy – Lisa Barnes, PhD, Director

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status.

For admission purposes, the School of Health Related Professions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center gives preference to residents of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and IHL Policy 610.

Out-of-state applicants will be considered only if there are positions available after all qualified Mississippi applicants are accepted. The number of students admitted to each of the various departments within the school is dependent upon the educational resources available to support the program.

The School of Health Related Professions currently accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. The School of Health Related Professions may choose to not accept applications from students who cannot demonstrate residency as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7 and 37-103-13.

Meeting qualifications does not ensure admission as selection of applicants is on a competitive basis. No applicant is accepted until the admissions process is complete, which may include an interview by members of the appropriate departmental admissions committee. Applicants should not present themselves for interviews until requested as interviews are scheduled as required. Those applicants whom the appropriate departmental admissions committee deems it advisable to interview are notified well in advance.

Transfer of Credits - All prerequisite courses may be taken at either the University of Mississippi, Oxford campus, or any other regionally accredited institution of higher education. (If transferring from a Mississippi community college, please see the Articulation Agreement between the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for program-specific transfer.) Depending upon the undergraduate program, up to 60 semester hours of academic credit is the maximum which may be applied toward admission to departments where a degree is granted by the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Graduate students in the School of Health Related Professions may request transfer of credits from other academic institutions; however, transfer of credit is dependent upon each individual graduate program policy and requires approval of the program chair and academic dean.
Technical Standards – The program admissions committees of the School of Health Related Professions, in accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (PL101-336), have established technical standards for the essential functions of students in the school’s educational programs. A copy of these technical standards can be found on each department’s web page; click on the Admissions link to see the link for the department’s Technical Standards.

Verbal and written communication skills are vital to success in the academic programs in the School of Health Related Professions and, therefore, applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and demonstrate competence in written and spoken English. Information on the TOEFL examination may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service. (877) 863-3546.

Background Check – Mississippi Law requires all health care workers, including students, to successfully complete a criminal history background check, including fingerprinting, prior to beginning clinical activities. Students will receive information about the Medical Center process for completing the criminal history background checks from their respective schools. Be advised that a misdemeanor or felony conviction may affect a student’s continued enrollment in the School of Health Related Professions and a graduate’s eligibility to sit for certification, registration, or licensure examinations. Affected students should contact the appropriate certification, registry or licensure agency or organization.

TB Skin Tests/Immunizations/Vaccines – All entering students at the School of Health Related Professions, including those in online or distance education programs, regardless of physical presence on the UMMC campus are required to meet and maintain the immunization requirements found in the Immunization Requirements Policy located in the UMMC Document Center.

Students admitted to the School of Health Related Professions are required to have an annual tuberculin skin test which may be obtained from UMMC Employee Student Health. If TB test is obtained from another healthcare provider, the student must provide evidence of a valid test results to UMMC Employee Student Health annually.

All students must be vaccinated annually against influenza in advance of the flu season unless they are eligible for and have an approved medical contraindication or an approved religious restriction. Proof must be provided to UMMC Employee Student Health annually by the established deadline.

Student Health Insurance - All students are required to carry hospitalization insurance while enrolled at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The University of Mississippi Medical Center offers a group health insurance policy. It is mandatory for students to participate in this insurance program unless, at the time of registration, they can demonstrate adequate or equivalent hospital insurance through a sponsor or with another carrier. Both individual and family coverage is available. Information is available at the Office of Student Accounting.

Transient or Non-degree Seeking – The School of Health Related Professions does not routinely accept transient, non-degree, audit or honor students. Incoming students, former SHRP students or transient students seeking a professional degree from another UMMC program may take courses at SHRP on a temporary basis per dean approval. Applicants are required to fill out a transient/non-degree seeking application administered through the UMMC Registrar’s Office and receive approval from the Program Chair and SHRP Dean to register for a course. Prior to registering for a course, transient or non-degree seeking students must submit the fully completed application and meet all appropriate admission requirements. Proof of required immunizations must be submitted to Student Health Services before the student can register for a course. Approved transient, non-degree, audit or honor students are administratively enrolled through the Registrar’s Office at the beginning of the term and monitored by the faculty of the designated program of study.

Probation or Conditional Acceptance – A student who is accepted into a program at SHRP with less than the required cumulative GPA or specified admission requirements will be placed on academic probation with a conditional acceptance. All probation or conditional acceptances must be approved by the SHRP Dean. The Program’s Chair and Admission Committee is responsible for identifying the requirements, with established time limits, that must be met to attain good standing in the designated program. If the student does not satisfy the set conditions, this will lead to disqualification from the major degree program without an intervening term on explicit probation.

GENERAL APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants for programs in the School of Health Related Professions must apply online. All applicants must pay a nonrefundable application fee of $25.

All transcripts and documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and cannot be returned to an applicant or forwarded to another school or individual.

Applications may be submitted for the enrollment period designated on the application beginning July 1 and continuing until the application deadline as established by each program. The school reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080. If the applicant fails to complete the application, is accepted and fails to enroll or is not accepted, a new application including all forms, documentation and transcripts must be submitted to be considered for a subsequent enrollment date.

Application deadlines are:

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Fall Admission  
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Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science (Traditional)  
Fall Admission  
March 1

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (Traditional)  
Fall Admission  
February 15

Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (Advanced Standing)  
Fall Admission  
July 1

Master of Health Informatics and Information Management  
Fall Admission  
May 15

Master of Health Sciences  
Summer Admission  
March 1

Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
Summer Admission  
April 1

Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology  
Summer Admission  
April 1

Doctor of Health Administration  
Summer Admission  
December 1

Doctor of Occupational Therapy  
Summer Admission  
January 15

Doctor of Physical Therapy  
Summer Admission  
November 1

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

Note: Tuition and fees listed below are valid for 2018-19 only and are subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Please contact the Department of Student Accounting at (601) 984-1060 for further information.

Pending IHL approval, Tuition for the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management, Health Sciences, Histotechnology, Medical Laboratory Science and Radiologic Sciences is $351.38 per semester hour, up to a maximum charge per semester of $4,216.50 for Mississippi residents. An additional $679.08 per semester hour, up to a maximum of $8,149 per semester, is charged to non-residents. Students enrolled in online programs will be charged a $150.00 distance learning fee each semester. Non-resident tuition will not be charged for students in online programs. Please look up your program in the Bulletin to determine if it is an online program.

Pending IHL approval, tuition for the Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology, Master of Health Informatics and Information Management, Master of Health Sciences, and Master of Occupational Therapy is $468.50 per hour, up to a maximum of $4,216.50 per semester. An additional $905.44 per semester hour, up to a maximum of $8,149 per semester, is charged to non-residents. Students enrolled in online programs will be charged a $150.00 distance learning fee each semester. Non-resident tuition will not be charged for students in online programs. Please look up your program in the Bulletin to determine if it is an online program.

Pending IHL approval, tuition for the Doctor of Health Administration is $541.44 per semester hour, up to a maximum charge per semester of $4,873.00. A $150.00 distance learning fee will be charged each semester.

Pending IHL approval, tuition for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Doctor of Physical Therapy is $729.07 per semester hour, up to a maximum charge per semester of $6561.67 for Mississippi residents. An additional $810.22 per semester hour, up to a maximum of $7,292 per semester, is charged to non-residents.

FINANCIAL AID

Students wishing to apply for financial aid at the University of Mississippi Medical Center must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online (using the Medical Center’s Federal School Code number 004688) and create a FSA ID online. Because the University of Mississippi Medical Center offers special financial aid programs to students from underserved areas, the Medical Center recommends all applicants, regardless of financial need, complete the FAFSA. Applicants who need financial aid assistance should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at (601) 984-1117 or by e-mail.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

The Dean’s Scholarship, established in 2001, offers a full tuition scholarship to a student in the School of Health Related Professions. Recipients must be in good academic standing.

E.H. Sumners Foundation Scholarships were established in 1977 by Mrs. E.H. Sumners of Eupora, MS, to provide scholarship assistance for students from Webster, Montgomery, Attala, Carroll and Choctaw counties who are enrolled at the Medical Center.

Federal-State Loan Programs, in which the Medical Center participates, are administered through the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Feild Co-operative Association, Inc. Loan program offers low-interest, long-term loans to residents of Mississippi who have completed a minimum of two years of college work. Students may borrow up to $1,000 per nine-month academic year.

Frances H. Freeman Scholarship Fund was established in 1990, in recognition of Mrs. Freeman and her many contributions to medical technology education. Mrs. Freeman was the first chairman of the School of Health Related Professions’ medical technology department.
The scholarship is awarded to a senior medical laboratory science student who has earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and has demonstrated outstanding performance in professional activities.

**George C. and Laura B. McKinstry Loan Fund** was established in 1973 by Dr. McKinstry in memory of his father and mother to provide low-interest loans to needy students in the School of Health Related Professions.

**Health Related Professions Alumni Student Emergency Loan Fund** provides small low-interest loans to students repayable within 90 days.

**Irene H. Snipes Scholarship Fund** was established in 1997 by the Mississippi Hospital Association in memory of Irene H. Snipes. The fund provides assistance to students in good academic standing.

**James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship**, established in 2000, offers a full tuition scholarship to a student in the School of Health Related Professions. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

**Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarships** are available to female students in all programs. Awards are based on financial need.

**Mississippi Rural Allied Health Professionals Scholarship** was established in 2015 by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation for selected SHRP allied health students from the state of Mississippi obligated to providing healthcare service in a rural or underserved area equal to one year for each year of scholarship support.

**Ottie Schillig Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established in 1984 through a gift to the Medical Center from the Schillig Trust. Miss Schillig, a native of Port Gibson, was a noted concert singer. At least one scholarship is available each year to the School of Health Related Professions. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in small Mississippi towns and communities.

**Pearl and Otis Walters Scholarship Fund** is presented annually to a SHRP student(s) with outstanding academic achievement and who intends to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

**Physical Therapy Scholarship** was established in 2009 by friends and program alumni. One scholarship is awarded annually to a second-year physical therapy student.

**Raymond E. Hogue Scholarship Fund** was established in 2008 to recognize the first chairman of the physical therapy program and his contributions to practice in Mississippi. At least one scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified second-year physical therapy student.

**Rita and David Halbrook Endowment** to the Health Informatics and Information Management program was established in 2007. This scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified applicant.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Academic Excellence Award** is presented to graduating students in graduate programs who have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.75 or better every semester of continuous fulltime enrollment.

**Alpha Eta Award** is presented by the University of Mississippi Medical Center chapter of the Alpha Eta Honor Society to student initiates of Alpha Eta who excel in scholarship and leadership. The recipients of this award will be the University of Mississippi Medical Center nominees for the national Alpha Eta Society’s Sidney Rodenberg, Lee Holder, and Exceptional Student Professional Service Awards.

**Alpha Eta Society** is a national allied health scholastic and leadership honorary which recognizes outstanding achievement by allied health students, faculty and alumni. Student membership is limited to seniors who have an overall grade point average of 3.50 or better for bachelor degree candidates and 3.75 or better for master’s or doctoral degree candidates; each program is limited to no more than 20 percent of the graduating class.

**Benton Clay Gordon Award**, sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society, is presented to the graduating radiologic sciences student who demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical practice.

**Bette A. Groat Occupational Therapy Award** is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who has maintained a high level of performance, both clinically and academically, and represents the occupational therapy profession in an exemplary manner before peers and the public.

**Celia Robson Sports and Orthopedics Physical Therapy Award**, an award honoring Celia Robson, is presented to the graduating physical therapy student demonstrating exemplary attitude and interest in sports physical therapy.

**Dean’s Award** is presented to graduating students in any discipline, whose activities in the areas of academics, scholarship, school, community or professional service are exemplary and bring honor to the school. The award is presented at the discretion of the dean.

**Dean’s List** recognizes undergraduate students for superior academic achievement. Eligibility is based upon at least 12 semester hours in the preceding semester on the Medical Center campus with a semester average of 3.50 or above.

**D.J. Banford Award** is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who has been continuously enrolled as a full time student and who has the highest academic average.

**Dr. Virginia Stansen Tolbert Award**, sponsored by the Mississippi State Medical Association, is given on Commencement Day to the graduating student who has been continuously enrolled as a full time student and who has the highest academic average.

**Excellence in Coding Award** is presented to the health informatics and information management student deemed by the faculty to demonstrate excellence in all aspects and applications of coding and classification systems.

**John Carey Bolen Occupational Therapy Memorial Award** is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who, as deemed by the faculty, exemplifies the spirit of occupational therapy through courage and determination to persevere and overcome adversity to accomplish professional goals while maintaining interest and enthusiasm for the profession.
Juanita Woods Distinguished Service Award, sponsored by the Mississippi Physical Therapy Association in honor of Juanita Woods, is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who has demonstrated involvement in community and school activities, and leadership in the physical therapy profession.

Latin Honors are awarded to undergraduate students who have been continuously enrolled as full time students and have achieved a cumulative GPA average of 3.50 or higher during the duration of the entire undergraduate career. Latin Honors awarded include Cum Laude (3.50-3.74 GPA), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89 GPA), or Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.0 GPA).

Leaders in Service Award is presented to the SHRP student who has demonstrated a high level of service and humility in regards to their commitment to community engagement, service, and advocacy.

Lois Boackle Jones Memorial Award was established in 2013 by the family of Lois Boackle Jones. One award is given annually to a senior student who has earned a minimum 3.75 grade point average at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The scholarship rotates among baccalaureate programs.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Excellence Award is sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society and presented to the graduating student in Magnetic Resonance Imaging who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Marshal of the Class Award is presented to the Student Marshal of the Class, selected as the graduating student with highest grade point average in a department on a rotational basis. The Marshal of the Class is responsible for organizing, leading and guiding the graduates at commencement.

Mississippi Blood Services Medical Laboratory Science Outstanding Clinical Achievement Award is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student who demonstrates outstanding clinical achievement in the senior year.

Mississippi Occupational Therapy Association Outstanding Leadership Award is presented to a graduating occupational therapy student judged by the faculty to consistently demonstrate exceptional leadership skills in the classroom, on the school campus and in the community.

Mississippi Society of Radiologic Technologists Excellence Award, sponsored by the Mississippi Society of Radiologic Technologists, is presented to the graduating student in Radiologic Sciences who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Neva F. Greenwald Physical Therapy Award is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who has maintained a high level of performance, both clinically and academically, and represents the physical therapy profession in an exemplary manner before peers and the public.

North Mississippi Medical Center Community Outreach Occupational Therapy Award is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who demonstrates community awareness and promotion of the field of occupational therapy.

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Nuclear Medicine Technology Clinical Practice Award is sponsored by the Mississippi Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging and is presented to the graduating Nuclear Medicine Technology student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in clinical practice.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Excellence Award is sponsored by the Mississippi Radiological Society and presented to the graduating student in Nuclear Medicine Technology who has excelled both academically and clinically.

Occupational Therapy Award of Clinical Excellence is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who demonstrates outstanding performance, judgment and attitude in clinical performance.

Jack R. Gordy Outstanding Graduate Student Capstone Award is presented to the graduating student in the Master of Health Sciences program who demonstrates academic excellence, as deemed by departmental faculty, and received the highest peer reviewed rating on his/her capstone presentation.

Outstanding Health Informatics and Information Management Student Award is presented to the graduating health informatics and information management student judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service and community involvement.

Outstanding Immunohematology Award is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student with the highest academic average in immunohematology.

Outstanding Occupational Therapy Student Award is presented to the graduating occupational therapy student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service and community involvement.

Outstanding Physical Therapy Student Award is presented to the graduating physical therapy student who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service and community involvement.

Jack R. Gordy Outstanding Undergraduate Student Capstone Award is presented to the graduating student in the bachelor of science in health sciences program who demonstrates academic excellence, as deemed by department faculty, and received the highest peer reviewed rating on their capstone presentation.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others. Initiates are selected on the basis of academic achievement.

Physical Therapy Award of Excellence, initiated by the physical therapy class of 1983, is presented to a graduating physical therapy student in recognition of overall contribution to physical therapy and the potential for future professional achievement.
Physical Therapy Clinical Education Award, initiated by the physical therapy class of 1991, is presented to a graduating physical therapy student or students who are judged by essay to have a keen insight into the goals and benefits of clinical education and who reflect a commitment to lifelong learning.

Pi Theta Epsilon (Gamma Lambda Chapter) is a specialized honor society recognizing and encouraging superior scholarship among occupational therapy students. The society strives to instill in its members the ideal of respect for learning and commitment to scholarship throughout one’s professional life.

Rebecca J. Yates Professionalism Award is given to a health informatics and information management graduating student who displays exceptional poise, confidence, knowledge and skill.

Regions Bank Health Informatics and Information Management Scholastic Award is presented to the graduating undergraduate health informatics and information management student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

Regions Bank Medical Laboratory Science Scholastic Award is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

Robert B. Weaver Student Physical Therapy Award, sponsored by the physical therapy class of 1998, recognizes a graduating physical therapy student for friendliness, helpfulness, genuine concern, cooperation, effective communications and interpersonal skills.

Scottie Mooney Memorial Outstanding Medical Laboratory Science Student Award is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student judged by the faculty to be outstanding in clinical interpretation as demonstrated by clinical and academic performance.

Student Research Awards, sponsored by the School of Health Related Professions, acknowledges students for their outstanding achievements in research.

Timothy Moore Student Award is given to the graduating occupational therapy student who is deemed by their peers to be a living example of therapeutic use of self in putting others’ needs before their own. This person exhibits humility, a consistently positive attitude, and a true love of their chosen profession.

Trustmark National Bank Occupational Therapy Scholastic Award is presented to the occupational therapy student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

Trustmark National Bank Physical Therapy Scholastic Award is presented to the physical therapy student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

Trustmark National Bank Radiologic Sciences Scholastic Award, honoring Ann Whitfield Fox, is presented to the radiologic sciences student graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

University Pathology Associates Award, sponsored by the University Pathology Associates, is presented to the graduating medical laboratory science student who demonstrates the highest standards in professionalism and interpersonal communication skills in laboratory knowledge.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges listing is a national compendium recognizing seniors for outstanding achievements.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

The regulations published in the Bulletin are a digest of the rules of the University and School of Health Related Professions. Changes may be made in the regulations at any time to promote the best interests of the University and its students. Students are responsible for knowing the published regulations, policies and standards of the University and the School.

Orientation – All students must complete orientation prior to attending any courses. Failure to complete orientation may result in dismissal from the program and/or school. Please be advised that each individual program may have specific orientation requirements in addition to UMMC General Orientation and School of Health Related Professions Orientation.

Student Compliance Training - The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) has implemented a compliance program to develop effective internal controls that promote adherence to applicable federal and state law, and the program requirements of federal, state, and private health plans furthering the fundamental mission of UMMC to provide quality care to patients. All SHRP students are required to complete a student compliance and safety training course in Canvas during program orientation and on a continued basis. Failure to complete compliance training courses will result in a Canvas hold and removal from course participation which could result in a failing grade on scheduled course assignments and could result in dismissal from the program.

Registration – In order for the student to receive credit for any course, the student must be registered for that course in the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

Attendance – Enrollment in the School of Health Related Professions obligates students to attend all scheduled classes, laboratories, conferences, seminars, clinical experiences, testing, and other course activities. No right or privilege exists which permits a student to be absent from any given number of these scheduled course activities. Attendance for online courses is determined by participation in required course activities as specified in the course syllabus. It is a professional expectation that students arrive to class and are seated at the time class begins to avoid interruptions to the learning environment. The consequences for a late arrival to class are determined by the course faculty.

No Show Policy – A “no show student” is defined as a student registered for a course who fails to begin attendance or actively participate by the 15th day of the semester. Students who are “no show” are subject to being administratively withdrawn by the academic dean. Any student receiving financial aid reported as a “no show” by the course instructor will have their financial aid adjusted to reflect actual enrolled hours.
Continuous Enrollment - Once a student is admitted to a program at UMMC, that student is expected to be continuously enrolled throughout his/her tenure. In programs that follow a standard lock-step curriculum, a student is not allowed to be enrolled in the program without registering for class hours unless he/she is on leave of absence. Any student in a program that is not lock-step who fails to register for classes more than two consecutive semesters within the program's course of study, will be placed on leave of absence or withdrawn from the program and must reapply and be readmitted. Students enrolled in a program but not registered for class hours may have their student insurance policy terminated. Additional information is available in the UMMC Document Center.

Classroom Behavior – Students are expected to behave respectfully toward class instructors, guest lecturers and fellow students. Cell phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode. Food and drink are only permitted in designated areas. Disruptive behavior in an academic situation or purposely harming academic facilities also is grounds for academic discipline.

Professional Appearance - Appearance and conduct are a reflection of our role as a professional. As healthcare providers, professionalism is expected in the classroom, in laboratories, in clinical areas, and any campus location. The School of Health Related Professions has adopted a dress code that promotes a professional atmosphere. This dress code requires dress and grooming guidelines to promote a consistent professional appearance that contributes to a respectful and safe environment for fellow, faculty, staff, students, and others who you will encounter on campus. Refer to the full policy in the UMMC Document Center.

Standards of Honesty – The School of Health Related Professions is conducted on a basis of common honesty. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the School are regarded as particularly serious offenses and may result in disciplinary action. Refer to the SHRP Academic Dishonesty Policy (Policy E-SHRP-GEN-GEN-PO-00001) in the UMMC Document Center for additional information.

Grading – In determining the final grade to be assigned to each student at the end of a course, all important attributes of each student’s performance in the course are given consideration. This includes cognitive, psychomotor and other attributes such as deportment, interpersonal relationships, attitudes toward course work and other factors, which in the opinion of the faculty are important to the student’s future role as a health care professional. An instructor may change a reported grade only if the original grade was incorrectly assigned due to clerical or computational error or if a student meets the requirements for the removal of an “I” grade.

Undergraduate programs:
Final grades will be expressed using this letter system: “A” - Excellent, 90-100; “B” - Good, 80-89; “C” - Average, 75-79; “D” - Below average, 70-74; “F” - Failure, below 70. The quality point value of each letter grade is A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1; and F-0.
The grade of “F” may be recorded when the student has failed to meet minimal performance standards, dropped the course without permission, officially withdrawn from the course with a failing grade after the last day specified in the academic calendar, or failed to satisfy requirements for the removal of an incomplete grade.

Graduate programs:
Final grades will be expressed using this letter system: “A” - Excellent, 90-100; “B” - Good, 80-89; “C” - Less than satisfactory, 75-79; and “F” – Failure, below 75, the quality point value of each letter grade is A-4; B-3; C-2; and F-0.
The grade of “F” may be recorded when the student has failed to meet minimal performance standards, dropped the course without permission, officially withdrawn from the course with a failing grade after the last day specified in the academic calendar, or failed to satisfy requirements for the removal of an incomplete grade.

Incomplete Grades - A letter grade of “I” (incomplete) is given if a student’s work is satisfactory, but for reasons beyond the student’s control is incomplete at the time grades are recorded. If not removed within the time limit specified by the instructor (not to exceed 12 months), the dean will consult with the instructor and a grade of “W” or “F” will be assigned.

Pass / Fail Courses - In pass/fail courses, the grade of “P” is recorded for a student who earns a passing grade. “P” grades are not used in computing the student’s grade point average.

Grade Challenge – The responsibility for evaluating student work and assigning grades lies with the instructor of a course. However, a student may challenge a grade in order to initiate a review process for the student to better understand the reason(s) why the grade was assigned, the instructor to be made aware of and correct possible errors, and academic administrators to review the basis on which a grade has been awarded and, to correct, when appropriate, grades assigned by arbitrary or capricious action or other reasons not related to academic performance.

In all cases of a disputed grade, the student has the burden of proof that the assigned grade was not appropriate. It is for this reason that students should first speak with the instructor. If satisfaction is not found after speaking with the instructor, the student should speak with the program director who will advise the student to submit a written petition to include a copy of the syllabus and any assignment/grading rubrics along with copies of any tests, quizzes, assignments or other written work completed for which the student is challenging the grade. If the student is still not satisfied, the department chair and/or dean’s office will review the action of the program director and/or department chair to see if the grade being challenged was appropriately assessed. If, in the opinion of the program director, department chair and/or the dean’s office, deficiencies in instruction are so grave as to warrant such a change, the proper remedy will usually involve alternative assignments or examinations to allow the student the opportunity to demonstrate the appropriate level of competency in that area in order to earn a different grade than the grade originally assigned. The decision of the dean’s office is final.

Grade Forgiveness - Grade forgiveness is separated into two overarching categories: I. Admission Forgiveness (i.e., prerequisite GPA calculations), and II. Progression Forgiveness (i.e., repeated SHRP curriculum course work). Due to the diversity among programs in the School of Health Related Professions, the school allows for, but does not mandate, grade forgiveness among its programs. A department/program may adopt any combination of grade forgiveness. Grade forgiveness is dependent upon each individual program and requires approval of the program chair and academic dean. Refer to the SHRP Forgiveness Policy (Policy E-SHRP-GEN-GEN-PO-00004) in the UMMC Document Center for additional information.
Repeat Courses - A repeated course is defined as the opportunity for a student to repeat a single course within a program without readmission or reclassification. Due to the diversity among programs in the School of Health Related Professions, the school allows for, but does not mandate, repeat courses among its programs. A department/program may not allow repeat courses. Repeat courses are dependent upon each individual program and requires approval of the program chair and academic dean. The following guidelines are followed for repeat courses when adopted by a department/program.

1. A student must obtain written approval from the chair/program director and academic dean to repeat a course for grade forgiveness.
2. Courses are not eligible for grade forgiveness when the previous grade was due to reasons of academic discipline.
3. A student must have a grade of “F” to be eligible for grade forgiveness.
4. A student may repeat up to 2 courses for grade forgiveness and each course may only be repeated one time.
5. Although both courses will remain on the student's transcript, the last grade received will be the grade used to calculate credit earned and the resulting cumulative grade point average.
6. Based on the recalculated grade point average, the student shall have all privileges associated with the new GPA (i.e., opportunities for honors and/or scholarships).

Refer to the SHRP Forgiveness Policy (Policy E-SHRP-GEN-GEN-PO-00004) in the UMMC Document Center for additional information.

Course Withdrawal – Registration for a course makes the student responsible for attending that class until the course is completed or until, with the permission of the academic dean the student withdraws from the course. To begin the course withdrawal process, the student should submit a written request to the course instructor requesting course withdrawal. Upon recommendation of the program director, the academic dean will submit an official course withdrawal request to the Offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Aid and Student Accounting.

An approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawals authorized after the last day specified in the academic calendar will be recorded as a “W.” Withdrawals authorized after the three quarters point of the semester, specified in the academic calendar, will be recorded as an “F” if failing a course at the time of withdrawal. Failure to officially withdraw will result in the recording of a failing grade in the course in which the student is registered.

Academic Progress – It is the student’s responsibility to ascertain his or her academic progress and seek assistance from the course instructor if the student finds himself or herself performing inadequately.

The program faculty reserves the right to recommend promotion, probation, reclassification, or dismissal of any student. The school reserves the privilege of promoting only those students who, in the judgment of the program faculty, satisfy requirements of scholarship and personal suitability for the profession. Additional information can be found in the SHRP Academic Good Standing Policy (Policy E-SHRP-GEN-GEN-PO-00007) in the UMMC Document Center.

Promotion – Promotion is contingent upon successful academic performance, including demonstration of professional attributes. Recommendations for promotion and graduation are made by program faculty to the dean.

Probation – Undergraduate

Upon the recommendation of undergraduate program faculty, a student may be placed on probation when either the student’s semester or overall cumulative grade point average falls below 2.00 or the student has failed to meet professional expectations.

Probation – Graduate

Upon the recommendation of graduate program faculty, a student may be placed on probation when either the student’s semester or overall cumulative grade point average falls below 3.00 or the student has failed to meet professional expectations.

Dismissal – Undergraduate

Upon recommendation of undergraduate program faculty, a student may not be permitted to continue enrollment when:

1. The student has received a grade of “F”;
2. The student’s overall cumulative grade point average is less than 2.00 on all course work completed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center;
3. The student’s semester grade point average is less than 2.00 in each of two consecutive grading periods;
4. The student has failed to meet professional expectations including behavior determined to be unprofessional, unethical, unsafe, or illegal; or
5. The student incurs an unexplained or unexcused absence from all classes and school and departmental activities for a period of two continuous weeks.

Dismissal – Graduate

Upon recommendation of graduate program faculty, a student may not be permitted to continue enrollment when:

1. The student has received a grade of “F”;
2. The student’s overall cumulative grade point average is less than 3.00 at the end of the second semester or any semester thereafter;
3. The student’s semester grade point average is less than 3.00 in each of two consecutive grading periods;
4. The student has failed to meet professional expectations including behavior determined to be unprofessional, unethical, unsafe, or illegal; or
5. The student incurs an unexplained or unexcused absence from all classes and school and departmental activities for a period of two continuous weeks.

When it seems advisable, a student may be dismissed from school without having been placed on probation. Students recommended for dismissal may appeal the dismissal by submitting a written request to the dean. In the event of an appeal, the student may continue to attend class until the appeal process has been concluded.
Specific requirements for each degree program may be found in the DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.

The appeal procedure is as follows:

1. The student must submit a written request for an appeal to the dean within five (5) calendar days from the time that the notice of dismissal is sent by e-mail. Failure to make a written appeal within the five calendar day time period shall constitute a waiver of the appeal right and shall result in the sanction becoming final as recommended. The written request for an appeal must set forth the substantive basis for the appeal and be documented in an official letter to the dean. The official letter of appeal should be sent as an email attachment to the dean.

2. The dean may uphold or deny the appeal or appoint a committee to hear the appeal and forward its written recommendation to the dean. If the dean appoints a committee to hear the appeal, the student will be informed of the time and place of the appeal hearing. The student must appear in person at the hearing to present the appeal to the appeals committee.

3. During an appeal hearing the student shall be permitted, at his or her expense, to have an advisor at the hearing and through all other stages of the disciplinary process. The role of the advisor/legal counsel shall be limited to an advisory capacity only. He/she will not be permitted to make opening or closing statements, question witnesses, or make oral argument. The student is entitled to present witnesses or other evidence, and make opening and concluding statements on his or her own behalf. If the student elects to bring legal counsel to the hearing, he/she must give prior notice to the dean.

4. The decision of the dean will be made in writing and will be sent by e-mail to the student. The dean's decision shall be final, subject to the student's right to appeal to the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs following the same procedures as outlined in numbers 1 and 2 above.

Leave of Absence – On the recommendation of a department chair and the approval of the dean, a student in good academic standing may be granted a leave of absence for approved medical, personal, or military reasons. The request for leave of absence must be appropriately documented, and in the case of medical leave, reviewed by the director of the Student-Employee Health Services. Leave may not exceed one (1) calendar year. Because of the intensity of the curricula, phasing of the courses, and rapid changes in allied health education, a student may be required to restart courses from the beginning upon returning from leave. Students who fail to return to the academic program within the specified time will be automatically withdrawn from the program. If the student has courses in progress at the time leave of absence is granted, a letter grade of F may be assigned to these courses. A student on leave of absence will not be assigned any academic or clinical responsibilities. Upon return from leave of absence, the student will re-enroll and pay all tuition and fees appropriate for the period of re-enrollment. No leave of absence will be granted without appropriate prior approvals.

Program Withdrawal – Registration for an academic program makes the student responsible for attending until the course of study is completed or until, with the permission of the academic dean, the student withdraws from the curriculum. To begin the program withdrawal process, the student should submit a written request to the program director and/or chair requesting program withdrawal. Upon recommendation of the program director and/or chair, the academic dean will submit an official program withdrawal request to the Offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Aid and Student Accounting.

An approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student's record. Withdrawals authorized after this date will be recorded as a "W" unless the student has completed the course, in which case the final grade in the course will be recorded. Withdrawals authorized after the three quarters point of the semester, specified in the academic calendar, will be recorded as an "F" if failing a course at the time of withdrawal. Failure to officially withdraw will result in the recording of a failing grade in the course(s) in which the student is registered.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Specific requirements for each degree program may be found in the Bulletin descriptions under the appropriate program. The School of Health Related Professions reserves the right to withhold a degree of any student deemed unsuitable for professional practice.

A degree cannot be granted unless the student has spent the equivalent of at least one full academic year in residency; earned a minimum of 30 semester hours of residence credits; and completed the required course of study in the School of Health Related Professions with the appropriate overall cumulative grade point average on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

- Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management – 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences – 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Bachelor of Science in Histotechnology – 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science – 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences – 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Master of Health Informatics and Information Management – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Master of Health Sciences – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Master of Occupational Therapy – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Doctor of Health Administration – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
- Doctor of Physical Therapy – 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale

Transfer students who spend only one year in residency must attend in the year in which the degree requirements are completed.
PROGRAMS OF STUDY

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (DHA) (Online)
Angela Burrell, PhD, MSN, RN, Department Chair and Program Director

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
The Doctor of Health Administration (DHA) program offers an advanced educational opportunity in health care leadership. The program trains leaders in administration, education and clinical areas to navigate changes in the health care environment. The program is designed to provide graduates an opportunity to assume upper level managerial and leadership roles within the health care delivery system. The program is also designed to prepare licensed, certified and/or registered health care practitioners for faculty and leadership positions within health care organizations.

The DHA program, offered across nine semesters, is devised for, part-time, nontraditional students. Online course work is the primary method of content delivery with minimal face-to-face mandatory on-campus sessions.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the doctor of health administration program must meet the following requirements:

1. Awarded a master’s degree or professional doctorate from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in a health care related field or a master’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and five or more years of experience in health care management, health care policy, clinical medical specialty, etc.;
2. Official scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE),
3. Current curriculum vitae or resume and,
4. Submit an essay documenting previous health care experience

A limited number of applicants will be admitted to the health administration program with students selected on a competitive basis. Qualification does not ensure admission.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINES
All application documents and application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by December 1 for summer admission. Final transcripts indicating graduate degree completion must be included in these documents. In addition, the GRE must be official and completed within the last 5 years. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions.

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, students should be prepared to spend $1,500 to $2,000 per year for textbooks and supplies. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Candidates for the doctor of health administration degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Credits representing research and preparation of the doctoral project (dissertation) hours are earned as directed by the plan of study. The acceptability of the doctoral project proposal and defense is determined by the student’s Advisory Committee and Program Chair. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the doctor of health administration from the University of Mississippi.

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HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (BS) (Online)

Lisa Morton, PhD, RHIA, Department Chair
Angela Morey, PhD, RHIA, Program Director

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Health informatics and information management professionals are experts in managing the collection, storage, retrieval and interpretation of health care information. To provide the highest quality health care delivery, health care information is used not only for patient care, but also in medical legal issues, research, planning and evaluation. Opportunities for employment are found in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, managed care organizations, insurance agencies, governmental agencies, educational institutions and research centers.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The health informatics and information management baccalaureate program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), 233 North Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-5800. CAHIIM’s phone number is (312) 233-1183.

HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Online)

The baccalaureate degree program in health informatics and information management is an entry-level program for students who want to pursue a career in health informatics and information management and to obtain the registered health information administrator (RHIA) credential from the American Health Information Management Association. Upon completion of the program, students receive a bachelor of science degree and are prepared to apply for and obtain their RHIA.

The program is designed for part-time, nontraditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the health informatics and information management program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale;
3. Submit ACT scores; and
4. Successfully complete (a grade of C or better) the following minimum prerequisite requirements:

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PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by May 15 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES

In addition to tuition and fees, students should be prepared to spend $3,500 over the course of the program for books and supplies. In addition to books and supplies, students are required to take the Registered Health Information Administrator examination during the senior year at a cost of approximately $300. The cost of the registry examination and all required items are covered in the financial aid package for qualifying students. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION

Candidates for the health informatics and information management degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management from the University of Mississippi and are eligible to apply to take the registration examination of the American Health Information Management Association for the RHIA designation.
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PROGRESSION HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (Online)

This progression program is designed to allow a health care professional holding the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential from the American Health Information Management Association to receive credit for previous educational and professional experience and to earn a baccalaureate degree in health informatics and information management from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The program is designed for part-time, nontraditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the progression health informatics and information management program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale;
3. Hold a current RHIT credential; and
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PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and the application fees for the progression program in health informatics and information management must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by March 1 for summer admission, May 15 for fall admission, and October 1 for spring admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES

In addition to tuition and fees, progression students should be prepared to spend $1,900 over the course of the program for books and supplies. In addition to books and supplies, students are required to take the Registered Health Information Administrator examination during the senior year at a cost of approximately $300. The cost of the registry examination and all required items are covered in the financial aid package for qualifying students. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state's other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.
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*Upon the successful completion of HI 451, students will be awarded an additional 23 semester hours of transfer elective credit based on required course work completed in the associate degree program that enables them to sit for and earn their professional credential.

DEGREE

Candidates for the health informatics and information management degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management from the University of Mississippi.

HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (MHIIM) (Online)

Lisa Morton, PhD, RHIA, Department Chair and Program Director

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

The Master of Health Informatics and Information Management program prepares health care professionals for leadership roles in a health care system that increasingly relies on information technology. It provides students with knowledge and skills in the areas of information systems analysis, design, implementation and management; health information exchange; social and ethical issues in health care computing; privacy and security of electronic health information; database and knowledge management; decision support systems; and other emerging areas.

The program has two tracks wherein students may earn a Master of Health Informatics and Information Management degree. The health informatics track prepares graduates to assume a critical role in the development and implementation of electronic health records in hospitals and health systems as related to structure, function and transfer of information, socio-technical aspects of health computing and human-computer interaction.

Specifically, graduates will be able to do the following:

1. Describe the impact of modern computing technologies and the Internet on biomedical computing;
2. Examine sociotechnical aspects of health care computing;
3. Evaluate human computer interaction and incorporate human factors engineering principles into user interface design;
4. Examine computer skills required for implementation of technical security applications and software requirements;
5. Explore networking principles to achieve system interoperability and health information exchange; and
6. Develop a map for clinical terminologies, vocabularies and ontologies.

The health informatics management track prepares graduates to assume a critical role in the development and implementation of electronic health records in hospitals and health systems, to manage patient health information and medical records, administer computer information systems, collect and analyze patient data, and use classification systems and medical terminologies.

Specifically, graduates will be able to do the following:

1. Apply knowledge of health data structure, content, and acquisition to the management of health care data;
2. Apply knowledge of clinical classification systems to manage processes, policies, and procedures to ensure the accuracy of coded data;
3. Manage processes for compliance and reporting of health care data based on knowledge of reimbursement methodologies, regulations, and revenue cycle management;
4. Analyze and present data for quality management, utilization management, risk management, and other patient care related studies; and
5. Apply knowledge of research methods to facilitate biomedical research while ensuring adherence to Institutional Review Board (IRB) processes and policies.

This track will allow graduates to test for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) credential from the American Health Information Management Association if an additional five (5) hours are completed.

The Master of Health Informatics and Information Management is devised for part-time, non-traditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.
ACCREDITATION STATUS

The health informatics track of the Master of Health Informatics and Information Management program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), 233 North Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-5800. CAHIIM’s phone number is (312) 233-1183.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the Master of Health Informatics and Information Management program must:

1. Have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale on the last 60 hours attempted;
2. Submit an official GRE report;
3. Submit a resume;
4. Submit an essay; and
5. Successfully complete (a grade of “C” or better) a course in Human Anatomy and Physiology. This includes Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II (lab not required) or one course that covers anatomy and physiology related to all body systems.

Students will be selected on a competitive basis. Qualification does not ensure admission.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by May 15 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline, if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES

In addition to tuition and fees, students should be prepared to spend approximately $3,200 for books and supplies. Students who sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator examination can expect to incur an additional cost of approximately $300. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION

Candidates for the master of informatics and information management degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the master of informatics and information management from the University of Mississippi.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
**HEALTH SCIENCES (BS) (Online)**
Cynthia Casey, DNP, RN, Department Chair and Program Director

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**
The mission of the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program is to educate health professionals and provide students with a firm foundation for understanding the role of health care in the contemporary society. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program provides exposure to expanded roles in healthcare management and community education. The program prepares clinical and non-clinical health professionals, leaders, managers, and educators to enter the workforce. The program also prepares students for and promotes post-baccalaureate education in clinical and non-clinical degree areas. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program is a degree-completion program with three degree pathways.

The Track I Health Care Practitioner curriculum is designed to enable licensed, registered, or certified health care practitioners who are graduates of a regionally accredited associate’s degree health care program to prepare for a management career within their area of discipline in health care systems or organizations. Degree content focuses on management of the healthcare delivery environment. The Track I Health Care Practitioner student earns 60 hours of academic credit through the successful completion of academic courses and professional, non-traditional academic credit. Examples of individuals who may qualify for admission to the health care practitioner track include, but are not limited to, respiratory care practitioners, radiologic technologists, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants, dental hygienists, emergency medical technician-paramedics, medical laboratory technologists, and health information administrators.

The Track II Health Care Operations curriculum is designed to enable administrative support personnel, in health science centers and other healthcare environments, to prepare for a management career in administrative functions within health care systems or organizations. Degree content focuses on administrative functions necessary to maintain and operate successful health care centers or organizations. The Track II Health Care Operations student earns 60 hours of academic credit through the successful completion of academic courses. Examples of individuals who may qualify for admission to the health care operations track include, but are not limited to, administrative assistants, medical assistants, pharmacy technicians, medical coders, surgical technologists, emergency medical technicians, diagnostic medical sonographers, cardiovascular technologists, vascular technologists and technicians, and licensed practical nurses.

The Track III Healthcare Generalist curriculum is designed to enable healthcare support personnel, in health science centers and other healthcare environments, to prepare for a management career in administrative functions within health systems or organizations. Degree content focuses on administrative functions necessary to maintain and operate successful healthcare centers or organizations. The Track III Healthcare Generalist student will earn 30 hours of academic credit through the successful completion of academic courses. To be considered for the healthcare generalist track, the student must meet the requirements of the Complete 2 Compete (C2C) Initiative. Please visit [http://www.msc2c.org/](http://www.msc2c.org/) to see if you qualify.

The program is devised for, but not limited to, part-time, non-traditional students. Online instruction is the method of content delivery.

**PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**Track I and Track II**
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the health sciences program (Track I and Track II) must:

1. Have an associate degree or a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Submit
   a. A copy of a current license, registration, or certification in a health care field (Track I)
   b. An employee verification from their previous or current supervisor in a health care institution (Track II only); or
   c. Documentation detailing observation of various clinical and/or administrative support roles within the health care environment (Track II only); or
   d. Documentation of a recent community service within the health care environment (Track II only)
3. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on 4.00 scale; and
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The program director and the dean must approve any exceptions to the requirements listed above. All applicants are subject to interview. An applicant’s certification, license, registration and transcript(s) will be reviewed to determine the appropriate education track eligibility.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Track III

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the health sciences program (Track III Healthcare Generalist) must:

1. Must meet the requirements of the Complete 2 Compete (C2C) Initiative. Please visit http://www.msc2c.org/ to see if you qualify.
2. Have a minimum of 90 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
3. Submit:
   a. An employee verification from their previous or current supervisor in a healthcare institution; or
   b. Documentation detailing observation of various clinical and/or administrative support roles within the healthcare environment; or
   c. Documentation of a recent community service within the healthcare environment
4. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on 4.00 scale;
5. Have not attended a postsecondary institution within 24 consecutive months of application;
6. Not have already earned a postsecondary baccalaureate degree; and
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The program director and the dean must approve any exceptions to the requirements listed above. All applicants are subject to interview. An applicant’s certification, license, registration and transcript(s) will be reviewed to determine the appropriate education track eligibility.

READMISSION POLICY

This policy is for Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences students who have been inactive for more than two (2) consecutive semesters and those students who have reapplied to the program after a voluntary or involuntary absence.

- Students who have been inactive for more than two (2) consecutive semesters are subject to being administratively withdrawn by the School.
- Students will be required to re-apply to the program via the UMMC Registrar’s office and pay a new application fee.
- Updated transcripts will not be required as long as the student has not attended any other school during the period of inactivity.
- A written letter requesting consideration for readmission and an updated resume must be submitted for committee review. It is required that the letter include reasoning for inactivity.
- The admissions committee will review the student’s file. Once reviewed, the admission committee will determine if an interview is required. All readmissions are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students applying for readmission are not guaranteed admission. All readmission requests must be made prior to the application deadline for the semester in which the student wishes to enroll.

Students who were placed on probation and are reapplying will only be considered for readmission on a probationary status. If readmitted, the student must complete the first 6 hours of returning classes with a 2.0 or higher GPA in order to have the probationary status removed.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by March 1 for summer admission and May 15 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.
EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, general fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $1000 per year for textbooks. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

NO SHOW POLICY
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DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Candidates for the health sciences degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences from the University of Mississippi.

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Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine eligibility for readmission, candidates seeking admission to the Master of Health Sciences program must:

1. Have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in a health care-related field. Qualifying fields include medical laboratory science, cytotechnology, dental hygiene, health care administration, health informatics, medical sciences, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychology, public health, radiologic sciences, respiratory therapy, speech pathology, medicine or another health-related field. Professional experience may also be considered. Other degrees may be considered acceptable at the discretion of the dean.
2. Submit an official score from the GRE, and
3. Submit a letter of recommendation from a current supervisor or previous instructor.

A limited number of applicants will be admitted to the Master of Health Sciences program during each admission cycle. Students will be selected on a competitive basis. Qualification does not ensure admission.

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TRANSFER POLICY
This policy is for Master of Health Sciences students who may have completed related graduate level coursework in a similar program.

- Graduate students must complete 75% of course work through courses offered by the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
- Graduate transfer work must have been completed at a regionally accredited institution in the United States.
- Graduate transfer work must have been completed with a grade of “B” or better. No transfer course work taken as pass/fail or a similar grading system will be accepted.
- Graduate transfer credit will not be allowed for undergraduate level courses, continuing education units (CEUs), and non-credit certificate programs.
- A maximum of nine (9) credit hours may be allowed for transfer toward the master of health sciences degree, as approved by the program director and the dean. The student transfer credit form must be completed.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
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HISTOTECHNOLOGY (BS)
LaToya Richards-Moore, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM, Medical Laboratory Science Department Chair
Renee Wilkins, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM, Program Director
William Daley, MD, Medical Director
Bevilyn Perkins, MS, HTL(ASCP)CM, Education Coordinator

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
The HISTOTECHNOLOGIST (HTL) is a health care professional that processes and prepares human and animal tissues to be observed by various forms of microscopy. Following proper tissue preparation, a histotechnologist stains tissue for routine and special identification of bacteria, fungi, cancer, and tissue structure abnormalities for pathological diagnosis. The histotechnologist performs standardized laboratory skills that include tissue fixation, processing, embedding, sectioning, and staining. These skills and tasks performed by the histotechnologist require patience, dexterity, and knowledge of anatomy, pathology, physiology, microbiology, immunology, molecular biology, and chemistry. This knowledge, combined with the skillful application of standardized techniques, enables the histotechnologist to apply appropriate methods for visualizing anatomic structures with high quality results. Employment for the majority of histotechnologists are in anatomic pathology laboratories within hospitals and clinics; however, career opportunities also exist in pharmaceutical, veterinary, biomedical, and academic laboratories. There is an exponential growth for opportunities in this field of study.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The Bachelor of Science in Histotechnology Program is seeking programmatic accreditation by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) serves as the accrediting body for Histotechnology programs in the United States. The initial accreditation process for new programs is sequential in nature consisting of 1.) NAACLS submission letter requesting an application; 2.) Preliminary program report with required documentation; 3.) NAACLS self-study process following the beginning of the first class; 4.) Initial application payment fee; 5.) Self-study submission to NAACLS; 6.) Program application status from NAACLS; 7.) Self-study review and response; and 8.) Site visit and site visit report. All documentation is reviewed by NAACLS. The Clinical Laboratory Sciences Programs Review Committee makes recommendations for accreditation to the NAACLS Board of Directors. The NAACLS Board of Directors then awards the final accreditation. Contact information for NAACLS is as follows: 5600 North River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018-5119; phone number for NAACLS is (773) 714-8880.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The Histotechnology Program is an entry-level program incorporated within the Medical Laboratory Science Department. Histotechnology students engage in common core courses with Medical Laboratory Science students and graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Histotechnology.
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the Histotechnology program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Complete a total of 12 semester hours in required science courses before the application deadline;
3. Have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale; and
4. Successfully complete (a grade of C or better) the following minimum prerequisite requirements:

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1Social and Behavioral Sciences include courses such as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology.
2Humanities and Fine Arts include courses such as art history, dance, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion or theatre.
3Biological Sciences include courses such as general biology, cell biology, genetics, embryology and zoology. Science survey courses and science courses designed for non-majors are not acceptable for transfer credit.
4Chemistry courses such as inorganic, organic, and biochemistry are acceptable. Science survey courses and science courses designed for non-majors are not acceptable for transfer credit.
5Electives should be selected from a broad range of academic courses which may include immunology, cell biology, genetics, embryology, calculus, management or computer applications.

**PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by March 1 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

**EXPENSES**

In addition to tuition, fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $3,400 the first year and $1,500 the second year at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for required textbooks, instrumentation, supplies, uniforms and licensure/certification exam fees.

**DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION**

Candidates for the histotechnology degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Due to the variability of available clinical sites, completion of the required curriculum may be extended beyond the minimum of 22 months. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Histotechnology from the University of Mississippi and are eligible to apply to take the HTL(ASCP) national certification examination to become certified as a histotechnologist. Some states may require licensure in order practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the HTL(ASCP) certification examination. Be advised that a misdemeanor or felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the HTL(ASCP) certification examination or attain state license.

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- HTL 410 Ethics and Professional Issues 1
- MLS 323 Mycology, Parasitology and Virology 3
- MLS 405 Introduction to Molecular Diagnostics 3
- MLS 430 Research Methods 3

Fall
- HTL 420 Histotechniques II 4
- HTL 425 Seminar 1
- HTL 430 Staining Techniques II 3
- MLS 310 Body Fluid Analysis 3
- MLS 417 Principles of Management and Education in CLS 1

Spring
- HTL 435 Histotechnology Capstone 2
- HTL 440 Histotechnology Practicum I 5
- HTL 445 Histotechnology Practicum II 5

Total Required Hours 64

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MS)

Kristi Moore, PhD, RT (R) (CT) ARRT, Radiologic Sciences Department Chair
Asher Street, DHA, RT (R) (MR) ARRT, MRSO, Program Director & Clinical Coordinator

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists are highly skilled radiologic professionals utilizing specialized computer systems, radiofrequencies, and a strong magnetic field to create images of cross sectional anatomy for radiologists’ interpretation. The MRI technologist functions in multiple areas including issues surrounding magnet safety, performing imaging procedures, monitoring patient comfort, ensuring quality assurance, and communicating and consulting with radiologists. The MRI technologist must possess communication skills to interact with compassion to both healthy and critically ill patients.

Magnetic resonance imaging continues to grow as a diagnostic imaging technique, with the use of MRI quadrupling in recent years. The future expectations of the introduction of higher magnetic field strengths into clinical imaging departments, coupled with advanced imaging techniques such as functional MRI (fMRI) and spectroscopy, provide more detailed imaging for radiologists. The integration of MRI with Positron Emission Tomography (PET/MRI) is paving the way for the future in molecular level imaging, advancing disease management and improving care for all patients. Molecular imaging is being hailed as the next great advance in imaging. These developments provide technologists with a variety of skill enrichment opportunities and career advancements for the future.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The magnetic resonance imaging program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), mail@jrcert.org, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL, 60606. JRCERT’s phone number is (312)704-5300.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the Master of Science program in Magnetic Resonance Imaging must:
1. Hold current ARRT (R) registration or be registry-eligible;
2. Have completed a Bachelor of Science degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
3. Have successfully completed (a grade of C or better) two courses of Anatomy and Physiology with lab;
4. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale;
5. Submit official GRE report that includes verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores;
6. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation:
   - One (1) from current or past Radiologic Sciences Program Director
   - One (1) from current Radiologic Sciences Clinical Coordinator, if student, or Supervisor, if employed
   - One (1) from a member of the community;
7. Provide documentation of a minimum of 8 hours of observation in a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Department;
8. Have current CPR certification at the time of registration; and
9. Complete an interview.

*The program strongly recommends that students take a general physics course and additional science course as prerequisite courses.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by April 1. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Registrar’s office after the deadline at 601-984-1080.
DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Students who satisfactorily complete all the requirements will be awarded the Master of Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging from the University of Mississippi and will be eligible to take the examination for certification offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Candidates for certification must have an overall grade point average (GPA) in University of Mississippi Medical Center coursework of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the ARRT certification examinations. Be advised that a misdemeanor or felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the ARRT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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CLINICAL FACILITIES
Clinical educational experiences in magnetic resonance imaging are provided in conjunction with the following health care facilities:
- G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery VA Medical Center – Jackson
- Madison Radiological Group, LLC – Madison
- Mississippi Sports Medicine – Jackson
- Mississippi Baptist Medical Center - Jackson
- St. Dominic Hospital – Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center – (University Hospital and Health System) – Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center – (Jackson Medical Mall) – Jackson

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (BS)
La'Toya Richards-Moore, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM, Department Chair and Program Director
Mohamed Ayman Asfour, MD, Medical Director

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
Medical laboratory science is a dynamic profession that is ever-changing in terms of technology and professional expertise. The medical laboratory scientist is a highly skilled scientist who functions in multiple roles. Some of these roles include performing and evaluating diagnostic laboratory procedures on body fluids, developing new diagnostic procedures, supervising biomedical research projects, providing technical expertise, consulting, managing clinical and research laboratory departments, and analyzing and implementing laboratory information systems. The major areas of interest in laboratory science are hematology, immunohematology (transfusion medicine), clinical microbiology, clinical chemistry, clinical immunology, body fluid analysis and molecular diagnostics.

Career opportunities for the medical laboratory scientist are readily available and include technical and management positions in hospitals and reference laboratories, research in biomedical companies, forensic medicine, public health, sales and marketing, private consulting, health care administration and education.

As one of the fastest growing industries of the 21st century, biotechnology is developing new diagnostic tests for clinical laboratories, research laboratories, forensic laboratories and the pharmaceutical industry. The skills of the molecular scientist are in great demand in the biotechnology industry. Molecular biology has developed more than any other science in the last 10 years.

The certified molecular biologist works in clinical, research, forensic and biotechnology laboratories. There is an exponential growth in opportunities in this field of study.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The medical laboratory science program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 5600 North River Road, Suite 720, Rosemont, IL 60018-5119. NAACLS’s phone number is (773) 714-8880.

TRADITIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
The traditional baccalaureate degree program in medical laboratory science is an entry-level program for students who want to become certified as a medical laboratory scientist or molecular biologist. Upon completion of the two-year program, students receive a bachelor of science and are eligible to apply to take national certification examinations to become certified as a medical laboratory scientist or molecular biologist.
PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the medical laboratory science program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Complete a total of 12 semester hours in required science courses before the application deadline;
3. Have an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale; and
4. Successfully complete (a grade of C or better) the following minimum prerequisite requirements:

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¹Social and Behavioral Sciences include courses such as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology.
²Humanities and Fine Arts include courses such as art history, dance, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion or theatre.
³Biological Sciences include courses such as general biology, cell biology, anatomy and physiology, genetics, embryology and zoology. Science survey courses and science courses designed for non-majors are not acceptable for transfer credit.
⁴Electives should be selected from a broad range of academic courses which may include anatomy and physiology, cell biology, genetics, embryology, calculus, management or computer applications.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by March 1 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES

In addition to tuition, fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $800 per year for textbooks, instrumentation, supplies and uniforms.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION

Candidates for the medical laboratory science degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Due to the variability of available clinical sites, completion of the required curriculum may be extended beyond the minimum of 24 months. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science from the University of Mississippi and are eligible to apply to take national certification examinations to become certified as a medical laboratory scientist or molecular biologist.

PROFESSIONAL COURSE OF STUDY

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### Fall
- MLS 310 Body Fluid Analysis: 3
- MLS 326 Clinical Simulation: 3
- MLS 413 Diagnostic Microbiology: 3
- MLS 416 Research Design and Statistics: 3
- MLS 417 Principles of Management and Education in CLS: 1
- MLS 429 Clinical Correlations: 2

### Spring
- MLS 422 Hematology Practicum: 3
- MLS 423 Clinical Microbiology Practicum: 3
- MLS 424 Clinical Chemistry Practicum: 3
- MLS 425 Immunohematology Practicum: 3

**Total Required Hours:** 64

### PROGRESSION MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (Online)

The progression program is designed to allow a Clinical Laboratory Technician/Medical Laboratory Technician (CLT/MLT) to receive credit for previous professional educational experiences and to earn a baccalaureate degree in medical laboratory science from the University of Mississippi. The program, offered across five semesters, is designed for part-time, non-traditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.

The Medical Laboratory Science Progression Program is currently in a “teach out”. This program will no longer be offered once the currently enrolled students complete their course of study with an estimated graduation date of May 2019.

### EXPENSES

In addition to tuition, general fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $500 per year for textbooks. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

### PROFESSIONAL COURSE OF STUDY

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**Total Required Hours:** 35  
*Upon the successful completion of MLS 445, students will be awarded an additional 29 semester hours of transfer elective credit based on required coursework completed in the associate degree program that enables them to sit for and earn their professional credential.

### CLINICAL FACILITIES

Clinical educational experiences in medical laboratory science are provided in conjunction with the following health care facilities:

- Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto - Southaven
- Biloxi Regional Medical Center – Biloxi
- Central Mississippi Medical Center - Jackson
- Crossgates River Oaks Hospital - Brandon
- Delta Regional Medical Center - Greenville
- Magnolia Regional Health System - Corinth
- River Region Health System - Vicksburg
- Singing River Hospital – Pascagoula
- South Central Regional Medical Center – Laurel
- Southwest Mississippi Medical Center – McComb
- University of Mississippi Medical Center - Grenada
- University of Mississippi Medical Center (University Hospital and Health System) - Jackson
NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY (MS)
Kristi Moore, PhD, RT (R) (CT) ARRT, Radiologic Sciences Department Chair
Sherry J. West, DHA, RT (R) (N) ARRT, CNMT, Program Director and Clinical Coordinator
Anson L. Thaggard, MD, Medical Advisor

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
Nuclear medicine technology is a multidisciplinary paramedical field concerned with the use of radioactive materials for the diagnosis of various pathological disease states and for the treatment of specialized disorders. The nuclear medicine technologist (NMT) is responsible for radiation safety, quality control, preparing and administering radiopharmaceuticals, performing imaging procedures, collecting and preparing biological specimens, performing special laboratory procedures, and preparing data for interpretation by a physician. The ability to produce functional images and quantify physiologic processes at a molecular level distinguishes nuclear medicine technology from other imaging modalities such as radiography, sonography and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Nuclear medicine is one of the fastest growing allied health professions due to the development of new radiopharmaceuticals for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes as well as promising research and development of cancer-detecting agents and imaging technology such as Positron Emission Tomography-Computed Tomography (PET/CT). Career opportunities are exceptional, ranging from positions as staff technologists to supervisory posts. Other positions are available in specialty areas as research technologists, PET/CT technologists and educators.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The nuclear medicine technology program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT), 820 W Danforth Rd., #B1, Edmond, OK 73003. JRCNMT’s phone number is (405) 285-0546.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology program must:
1. Hold current ARRT (R) registration or be registry eligible;
2. Have earned a Bachelor of Science degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
3. Have successfully completed (a grade of C or better) Anatomy & Physiology with Lab (2 courses), General Chemistry with Lab (1 course), and General Physics (1 course) or Radiologic Physics completed within an accredited Radiologic Sciences program;
4. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on 4.00 scale;
5. Submit an official GRE report that includes verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores;
6. Provide three (3) letters of recommendation:
   • One (1) from current or past Radiologic Sciences Program Director
   • One (1) from current Radiologic Sciences Clinical Coordinator, if student, or Supervisor, if employed
   • One (1) from a member of the community;
7. Provide documentation of a minimum of 8 hours of observation in a nuclear medicine department;
8. Hold current CPR certification at the time of registration; and
9. Complete an interview

PROGRAM APPLICATION
All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by April 1 for summer admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Students who satisfactorily complete all the program requirements will be awarded the Master of Science in Nuclear Medicine Technology from the University of Mississippi and will be eligible to take the examinations for certifications offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board (NMTCB). Candidates for certification must have an overall grade point average (GPA) in University of Mississippi Medical Center coursework of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the ARRT and NMTCB certification examinations. Be advised that a misdemeanor or felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the ARRT and NMTCB certification examinations or attain state licensure.

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NMT 660 Nuclear Medicine Seminar 3
NMT 670 NMT Leadership, Education, & Management 2
NMT 690 Nuclear Medicine Research Methods I 2
NMT 699 Nuclear Medicine Research Methods II 3
Total Required Hours 36

Clinical educational experiences in nuclear medicine technology are provided in conjunction with the following health care facilities:

- G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Medical Center - Jackson
- Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy - Jackson
- Central Mississippi Medical Center (Merit Health) - Jackson
- Baptist Medical Center – Jackson
- Jackson Heart Clinic – Jackson
- St. Dominic Hospital - Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center - Jackson

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (MOT)
Christy M. Morgan, PhD, OTR/L, Department Chair and Program Director
Carol Tubbs, MA, OTR/L, Associate Department Chair

The UMMC Department of Occupational Therapy is completing a teach-out plan for the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program. Admission into the MOT program has been discontinued and replaced with a doctoral level degree admission process. Students interested in a degree in Occupational Therapy should review the information included in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program section of this bulletin. Please visit the School of Health Related Professions website for additional OTD admission and curriculum information.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
The occupational therapist is a health care professional that provides intervention to individuals across the life span whose lives have been impacted by physical, psychological or developmental problems. The therapist designs activities for these individuals to maximize occupational performance in work, self-care, leisure and other daily occupations. The therapist must have the ability to effectively interact with other people and enjoy creative problem-solving. Employment opportunities are found in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient facilities, mental health programs, private practice, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, industry and school settings.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The master of occupational therapy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE may be contacted by phone at (301) 652-2682 (AOTA).

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, fees, and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend up to $3,500 per year for necessary books, supplies and uniforms. Students are also required to complete two 12-week full-time clinical rotations which are typically not within commuting distance from the Jackson area, and at least one of these placements will be out of Mississippi. Therefore, students should be prepared to provide for their own transportation, living and other incidental expenses during these clinical affiliation experiences.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Candidates for the occupational therapy degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum, encompassing 36 continuous months (3 years) of study, with an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Completion of the Master of Occupational Therapy program in its entirety is required for eligibility for the national certification examination. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination. Be advised that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure. Note: Due to variability of available clinical sites, completion of the required curriculum may be extended beyond the minimum of 36 months. All OT students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 24 months following completion of didactic course work.

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*The Master of Occupational Therapy degree requires the completion of a sequenced curriculum that is progressive in nature. All required courses for each semester are prerequisites for required courses in subsequent semesters.

**A minimum of one fieldwork placement will be scheduled out-of-state. All OT students must complete Level II Fieldwork within 24 months following completion of didactic course work. Due to variability of available clinical sites, completion of the required curriculum, specifically the clinical portion, may be extended beyond the minimum of 36 months.
DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OTD)
Christy M. Morgan, PhD, OTR/L, Department Chair and Program Director

ABOUT THE PROFESSION
The occupational therapist is a health care professional that provides education and intervention to individuals across the life span. Occupational therapy services are provided to individuals whose lives have been impacted by physical, cognitive, psychological or developmental problems or others who can also benefit from health promotion services. The therapist designs activities for individuals or groups to maximize occupational performance in self-care, work, leisure and other daily occupations. The therapist must have leadership capabilities, be able to effectively interact with other people and enjoy creative problem-solving. Employment opportunities are found in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient facilities, mental health programs, private practice, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, industry, school systems, and many other community-based settings.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The entry-level occupational therapy doctoral degree program has applied for accreditation and has been granted Candidacy Status by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is www.acoteonline.org. As a transitioning program (i.e., MOT to OTD), the program must have a preaccreditation review, complete an on-site evaluation, and be granted Accreditation Status before its graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission into the OTD program is competitive and selective due to a limited class size. Preference is given to Mississippi residents; out-of-state applicants will be considered only if there are positions available after all qualified Mississippi applicants are accepted. The program does not accept outside course work; work experience or experiential learning in place of any OTD curriculum course. The program does not offer advanced placement or admission based on ability to benefit. In addition to the general admission requirements for the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission into the occupational therapy doctoral program must also meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or submission of a plan of study which outlines completion of a baccalaureate degree prior to summer enrollment. There is not a required major for the baccalaureate degree;
2. Earn a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale;
3. Provide evidence of 24 hours of observation under an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant in at least three occupational therapy clinical departments or practices within the two calendar years preceding the application deadline;
4. Submit an official GRE report that includes verbal, quantitative and analytical writing scores;
5. Complete all prerequisite courses with the following stipulations. By the application deadline, at least four (4) of the seven (7) prerequisite courses must be complete; completion of all seven (7) courses by the deadline is preferred. Students must achieve a grade of “C” or better on each prerequisite course with a minimum prerequisite average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
6. Upon request, complete an interview with representatives from the Occupational Therapy Admissions Committee.

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\(^2\)One course of pure human anatomy with lab AND one course of pure physiology with lab is equivalent to two combined anatomy and physiology with lab courses.

\(^*\)Courses beyond the required prerequisites (above) which may be helpful to the student in the OTD program include: medical terminology; advanced science courses; psychology courses and/or research courses.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
All application documents (including completed observation forms) and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by January 15 for summer admission. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the application submission well before the deadline date whenever possible. Beyond the program specific application requirements, the general application information for the School of Health Related Professions may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the Bulletin.

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, fees, and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend $3,500 to $4,500 per year for necessary books, supplies and uniforms. Students are also required to complete two 12-week full-time clinical rotations and a 16 week specialty internship which are typically not within commuting distance from the Jackson area. At least one and potentially more of these placements may be out of Mississippi. Therefore, students should be prepared to provide for their own transportation, living and other incidental expenses during these clinical affiliation experiences.
DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
Candidates for the doctor of occupational therapy degree must have successfully completed the prescribed curriculum, encompassing 36 continuous months (3 years) of study, with an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Once the program is accredited, graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). All states require licensure in order to practice, and state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT certification examination. Be advised that a misdemeanor or felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

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*The OTD degree requires the completion of a sequenced curriculum that is progressive in nature (i.e., required courses for each semester are prerequisites for required courses in subsequent semesters). Candidates for the OTD degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum encompassing 36 continuous months (3 years) of study, with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better on a 4.0 scale on all work at UMMC.

**Due to the variability of available clinical sites, completion of the clinical portion may be extended beyond the minimum of 36 months; however, students must complete Level II fieldwork and the specialty internship within 24 months following completion of the didactic portion of the program. A minimum of one fieldwork placement will be scheduled out-of-state. The specialty internship may be in or out of state.

** PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT)**

Lisa Barnes, PT, DPT, PhD, Department Chair and Program Director

**ABOUT THE PROFESSION**

The physical therapist is a health professional that examines, designs, implements and modifies therapeutic interventions for persons of all age groups in order to enhance or maintain endurance, muscle strength and mobility, and treat pain, movement dysfunction or disability due to disease, injury, loss of a body part or birth defect. The therapist helps the individual prevent injury and overcome movement dysfunction through the use of exercise, education, assistive devices and physical procedures. Additionally, the therapist considers psychological, sociological and economic factors in interactions with clients, patients and community groups, assesses living environments and recommends adaptations to eliminate architectural barriers.

As the need for qualified professional physical therapists exists wherever health care services are required, employment opportunities include hospitals, private practices, rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, industry, research centers, nursing homes, community centers, wellness centers, clinics and school settings. The physical therapy profession offers opportunities for advancement in the areas of education, clinical specialization, management, consultation and research. Practice settings, employment arrangements, occupational responsibilities and career opportunities depend upon the interests and skills of each practitioner.

**ACREDITATION STATUS**

The physical therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1488; (703) 706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org.

**PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program must:

1. Provide evidence of observation in a minimum of two physical therapy clinical departments or practices for total of 40 hours. Additional hours and sites are considered beneficial to enhance the applicant’s knowledge of the professions. A maximum of 20 hours may be used from any one site. Hours earned through employment will not be accepted and no more than 20 hours total can be applied to the observation requirement from hours earned during internship experiences. All observation hours must be completed in the current year of application and documentation forms must be received by the application deadline;

2. Have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;

3. Have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale;

4. Have a minimum required course grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale;

5. Submit an official GRE report that includes verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores;

6. Submit a resume that includes (1) career objective; (2) educational history; (3) work history; (4) community service activities; and (5) honors and activities;

7. Submit an essay specific to the topic provided by the DPT admissions committee

8. Be proficient in the use of computers for word processing, spreadsheet, library database searching and be able to perform Internet searches;

9. Successfully complete (a grade of “C” or better) the prerequisite courses as follows. At least five (5) of the eight (8) prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the fall semester in which the application is submitted.

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Total Prerequisites 28-32

*Science survey courses designed for non-science majors are not acceptable for a required course. Combined anatomy and physiology courses will be accepted as a pre-requisite only if: the course is taken at a 4-year institution, offered in the biology department and has a biology prefix, and is accepted as credit for biology majors. For students entering in May 2020, combined anatomy and physiology courses will no longer be accepted to meet prerequisite requirements. Normally required science courses must have been taken in the last 10 years. All physical or biological sciences listed at a particular college or university do not necessarily satisfy the prerequisite requirements; please consult with the physical therapy pre-academic advisor for clarification.

1Must be taken at a senior college.
2Must be 300 or 400 level undergraduate courses and taken at a senior college. Associated labs, whether incorporated or offered separately, must also be completed. Graduate level courses will not be used to meet prerequisite requirements.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by November 1 for summer admission, while final fall transcripts must be received by Friday, January 18, 2019. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions.

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, fees, health insurance and professional insurance, students should be prepared to spend $3,000 to $4,000 per year for necessary books, supplies and uniforms. Students are required to spend part of the second fall semester, 8 weeks of the third summer semester and all of the spring semester of the third year in full-time clinical education experiences in Mississippi or other states. Although some clinical institutions may offer a small stipend or room and board, students should be prepared to provide their own transportation, living and other incidental expenses during these clinical education experiences. One long-term clinical education assignment will be at an out-of-state facility and a second assignment will be at an in-state facility outside the Jackson metro area. Students may be required to buy laptop computers and/or wireless handheld personal data assistance devices that will be compatible with the campus computer network.

DEGREE AND LICENSURE
Candidates for the physical therapy degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all course requirements, the student will be awarded the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Mississippi. Due to the variability of available clinical sites, completion of the required curriculum may be extended beyond the minimum of 36 months. Students are recommended by the faculty for graduation. The graduate will be eligible to take the national physical therapy licensure examination.

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**RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES (BS)**

Kristi Moore, PhD, RT (R) (CT), ARRT, Department Chair and Program Director  
Seena Shazowee Edgerton, DHA, RT (R) (M), ARRT, Clinical Coordinator

**ABOUT THE PROFESSION**

The field of radiologic sciences is a dynamic profession that is ever-changing in terms of technology and professional expertise. Radiology is one of the fastest growing, most exciting and increasingly important fields in medicine today. Radiologic sciences is a specialized field in which professional radiologic technologists perform medical imaging procedures for the purpose of diagnosing disease and injury. The radiologic technologist is responsible for performing a variety of challenging and interesting examinations on a diverse patient population. Those procedures include conventional radiography, fluoroscopy and surgical studies. Although many graduates seek employment as diagnostic radiographers, some choose to specialize in advanced imaging modalities, such as magnetic resonance imaging, computed tomography, sonography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, mammography, vascular imaging and quality management. As an integral part of the health care team, radiologic technologists endeavor to provide outstanding patient care while limiting radiation exposure to patients, themselves and others.

A career as a radiologic technologist offers a promising future, job stability and competitive salaries with other health professionals who have similar educational backgrounds. Excellent career opportunities exist in hospitals, diagnostic imaging centers and private physician’s offices. The Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences provides graduates opportunities for career advancement in areas such as administration, medical sales, education, quality management and public health facilities. As technology advances and the population ages, the demand for radiologic procedures has increased, thus creating a demand for new professionals in the field.

**ACCREDITATION STATUS**

The radiologic sciences program is accredited by the [Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)](mailto:mail@jrcert.org), 20 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60606-2901. JRCERT’s phone number is (312) 704-5300.

**TRADITIONAL RADILOGIC SCIENCES**

The traditional baccalaureate degree program in radiologic sciences is an entry-level program for students who want to become a registered radiologic technologist. Upon completion of the program, consisting of 22 continuous months, students receive a bachelor of science degree and are prepared to apply for and are eligible to take the examination for certification as a registered radiologic technologist.
PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the radiologic sciences program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on 4.00 scale;
3. Complete an interview with the Radiologic Sciences Admissions Committee;
4. Submit ACT scores;
5. Hold current CPR certification at the time of registration;
6. Successfully complete a background check at the time of registration; and
7. Successfully complete (a grade of “C” or better) the following minimum prerequisite number of required courses:

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²Humanities and Fine Arts include courses such as art history, dance, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion or theatre.
³Natural Sciences include courses such as astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics or physical science.
⁴The Radiologic Sciences Admissions Committee highly recommends general chemistry with lab and general physics as electives. Additional recommended electives are medical terminology, natural sciences (biology, microbiology), advanced mathematics and advanced computer sciences.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
All application documents and the application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by February 15 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, fees, health insurance and professional association dues, students should be prepared to spend $3,600 the first year and $1,650 the second year at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for necessary books, uniforms and instruments.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION
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SENIOR YEAR

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RAD 400 Legal and Ethical Issues in Imaging Sciences 3
RAD 451 Management Issues in Diagnostic Health Care 3
RAD 454 Clinical Practicum III 3
RAD 472 Seminar I 1

Fall
RAD 406 Radiographic Procedures III 3
RAD 412 Advanced Medical Imaging Science 2
RAD 420 Image Evaluation and Critique 2
RAD 430 Pharmacology and Drug Administration 2
RAD 460 Clinical Practicum IV 3

Spring
RAD 424 Principles of Computed Tomography 2
RAD 436 Radiographic Pathology 3
RAD 440 Advanced Clinical Management 2
RAD 448 Radiographic Procedures IV 2
RAD 466 Clinical Practicum V 3
RAD 475 Seminar II 1

Total Required Hours 64

CLINICAL FACILITIES
Clinical educational experiences in radiologic sciences are provided in conjunction with the following health care facilities:

- Baptist Medical Center Yazoo - Yazoo City
- G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery VA Medical Center - Jackson
- Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital - Hazlehurst
- Madison Radiological Group LLC - Madison
- Medical Associates of Vicksburg - Vicksburg
- Merit Health Rankin - Brandon
- Merit Health River Region - Vicksburg
- Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center - Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center (Jackson Medical Mall) - Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center (Lakeland Family Medicine Center) - Jackson
- University of Mississippi Medical Center (University Hospital and Health System) - Jackson
- University Physicians Grants Ferry Clinic – Flowood

ADVANCED STANDING RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES (Online)
The advanced standing baccalaureate degree program in radiologic sciences is intended to enhance the quality and education of registered radiologic technologists. It enables practicing registered radiologic technologists to update their education background, enhance their didactic skills, improve their clinical decision-making skills, and receive the Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences. The program, offered across five semesters, is designed for part-time, non-traditional students. Online course work is the method of content delivery.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements of the School of Health Related Professions, candidates seeking admission to the advanced standing radiologic sciences program must:

1. Submit a copy of current ARRT (R) credential or be registry eligible;
2. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit (exclusive of physical education, military science, dogmatic religion, and vocational courses) from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale; and
4. Successfully complete (a grade of “C” or better) the following minimum prerequisite number of required courses below:

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Anatomy and Physiology with lab  
Natural Sciences\(^1\)  
Electives\(^4\)  
**Total Prerequisites**

\(^1\)Social and Behavioral Sciences include courses such as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology.  
\(^2\)Humanities and Fine Arts include courses such as art history, dance, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion or theatre.  
\(^3\)Natural Sciences include courses such as astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics or physical science.  
\(^4\)The Radiologic Sciences Admissions Committee highly recommends general chemistry with lab and general physics as electives. Additional recommended electives are medical terminology, natural sciences (biology, microbiology), advanced mathematics and advanced computer sciences.

**PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All application documents and application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by July 1 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section of the School of Health Related Professions. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

**EXPENSES**

In addition to tuition, general fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $500 per year for textbooks. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state’s other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

**PROFESSIONAL COURSE OF STUDY**

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\*Upon the successful completion of RAD 484, students will be awarded an additional 30 semester hours of transfer elective credit based on required course work completed in the previous program that enables them to sit for and earn their professional credential.

**COURSES OF INSTRUCTION**

**DHA 700. Leadership Strategies in Health Entities.** An exploration of leadership strategies that generate value, competitive advantage, and growth in health entities. Students will be exposed to core concepts, analytical techniques, and frameworks. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 706. Foundations of Health Policy.** An examination of health policy and economic issues as they relate to the healthcare delivery system. The complex arrangements and interactions among governmental, private not-for-profit, and for-profit systems are explored within a context including economic, legal, socio-political, and public policy perspectives. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 712. Strategic Change Management.** A disquisition of the strategic change management process in the delivery of healthcare. Within the context of healthcare mission, planning, resource allocation, program implementation, and program evaluation are examined. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 718. Current Trends in Accreditation & License.** An inquiry into the foundations, requirements, and trends in various accrediting and licensing entities within healthcare. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 724. HealthCare Law, Regulations & Ethics.** An exploration of the legal and ethical issues and dilemmas in the delivery of healthcare. The principles and practical application of laws and regulations affecting operational decisions of healthcare providers, health plans and third party payers along with the social, moral, and ethical issues encountered in the balance of patient interests, needs, and rights. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 730. Org Behavior for Health Professions.** An examination of organizational theory as applied in the delivery of healthcare. Areas studied include psychological and cultural processes affecting recruitment and selection, factors influencing training and development, the scientific method as applied to healthcare organizations, theories and practices influencing employee performance, effective management theory and practice, engaging and involving employees in organizational processes, and employee well-being. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 736. Health Economics.** A disquisition of economic theory, trends, market issues, and applications as related to healthcare delivery. The application of economic analytical techniques to healthcare markets, quality improvement, and patient safety will be explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**DHA 748. Communications in Health Organizations.** An exploration of concepts and issues related to communication among internal entities and with external entities in the delivery of healthcare. Interprofessional collaborative practice, interprofessional education, knowledge management, negotiation, mediation, and public relations will be studied. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
DHA 754. Fundamentals of Applied Research. An inquiry into the principles and techniques for designing and implementing research studies in the health care environment. Critical assessment of literature, analysis and interpretation of results, and application to management decisions will be studied. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 756. Quality Processes in Health Organization. A review of methods to improve healthcare systems and healthcare delivery. Students will learn to focus on identifying opportunities to improve process, developing methods to identify factors that impact process, and using data to determine appropriate actions. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 760. Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability. An examination of financial management and operations theory as related to healthcare delivery. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 764. Health Systems. A discussion of the evolution, structure, and current issues in the health systems. Students will be exposed to provider, supplier, and payer aspects of health systems as well as to healthcare disparity within the United States but especially within Mississippi. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 767. Current Topics in Health Administration. An exploration of the rapidly changing health care landscape. Students will examine executive-level managers’ use of innovative and strategic practices to capitalize on trends and optimize potential opportunities in today’s health care market. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 770. Epidemiology. An exploration of epidemiological principles and tools of investigation as applied to managerial decision-making in healthcare delivery. Students will examine health behaviors and lifestyles that impact demand on healthcare delivery systems, require integration of health services, necessitate preventive programs, and affect continuity of care. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 776. Applied Research Techniques. A continuation of DHA 754, Fundamentals of Applied Research. Students will apply qualitative research methods to community health problems and critique research in terms of design, technique, analysis, and interpretation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DHA 791. Doctoral Project Proposal. In consultation with the department chair and advisory committees, students will write and successfully defend a doctoral research project proposal in which they describe the problem and question(s) to be answered, the introduction, the literature review, and the investigation portions of the project. Online, Internet, or Web-based Dissertation (9 credit hours)

DHA 798. Doctoral Project. In consultation with the department chair and the advisory committees, research, findings, implementations and conclusions of the doctoral research project will be defended and recorded. Online, Internet, or Web-based Dissertation (3 - 9 credit hours)

HI 301. Health Information Mgmt Across Health Ca. Health information systems in various healthcare settings including record content, access and retention, accreditation and licensure, electronic health records, and comparative reimbursement systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

HI 302. Medical Language & Pathophysiology. A study of current clinical concepts with emphasis on medical language, disease etiologies and evidence based treatments. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 303. Legal Foundations in HIIM. A study of health information laws, regulations, and standards; professional ethical issues; legal health records in an electronic environment; and e-discovery guidelines. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 309. Topics in Health Informatics & Infor Mgt. Overview of health informatics and methods of applying information technology to health information management functions including collection, storage, management, analysis, and reporting of healthcare data and information; the impact of selected national health information initiatives on health information systems including initiatives related to the classification of healthcare data. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 312. Data Analytics & Visualization. The application of analytical tools to compile, analyze and visualize healthcare data. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 313. Healthcare Database Design & Admin. Utilize technology for data collection, storage, analysis, and reporting of information by applying knowledge of database architecture and design to meet organizational needs. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 327. Coding & Classification Systems for Proc. Classifying procedures; case-mix classifications; relationship between various classifications and provider reimbursement mechanisms. Prerequisite HI 318; Pre or Corequisite HI 319 Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

HI 330. Special Topics. Elective. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of program director Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

HI 335. Coding & Classification Systems. Classifying diagnoses and procedures; case mix classifications; and provider reimbursement mechanisms for inpatients and outpatients. Prerequisite HI 302. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

HI 336. Research Design & Healthcare Statistics. The application of research methods including healthcare statistics to explore health information practices. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 340. Health Info Privacy, Security, Goverance. Advanced application of legal concepts regarding managing access and disclosure of personal health information, ensuring privacy and security of protected health information, and enterprise-wide information management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 341. Healthcare Standards, Terms & Data Sets. An examination of standardized clinical terminologies, healthcare information standards, data sets required for state and federal reporting, and standards needed to attain interoperability. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 342. Seminar I. Self guided study to review content of junior courses taken and prepare for the RHIA exam. Students take mock RHIA exam quizzes to assess readiness for the registry exam. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 345. Electronic Health Records & Informatics. Applied principles of health informatics, including electronic health record technologies and infrastructure, human factors and ergonomics, health information exchange to support population health, e-health and consumer informatics. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
HI 417. Research in Healthcare Settings. Students apply research methods to explore health information practices in various health care settings. Course includes relevant projects and professional presentations by the students. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

HI 418. Management of Health Information Systems. Apply general principles of management in the administration of health information services; interpret concepts of change management theories, techniques and leadership. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

HI 420. Biostatistics & Analytical Tools. Analyze statistical data to visualize trends to demonstrate quality, safety, and effectiveness while facilitating healthcare decision making. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 421. Health Care Compliance and Document Impr. Determine processes for compliance with current laws and standards related to health information initiatives and revenue cycle, including verification of health record documentation in supporting patient care and the claims process. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

HI 422. Management of Health Information Systems. Best practices in planning, organizing, staffing and directing health information services, including human resource management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 423. Health Care Compliance & Documentation I. Effective strategies for managing compliance with accreditation, legal, and regulatory standards, including HIPAA privacy and security, reimbursement processes, and documentation improvement. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 425. Healthcare Systems Design and Analysis. A study of computerized health information systems with emphasis on systems design and analysis and systems integration. Prerequisite: HI 311 Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

HI 424. Revenue Cycle and Reimbursement Mgmt. Clinical data and reimbursement management; compliance strategies and reporting; charge description master management; case-mix management; audit processes for compliance and reimbursement; payment systems (such as prospective payment systems, APCs, RBRVS, RUGs, MSDRGs, etc.); revenue cycle management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 426. Affiliation. This supervised professional practice experience requires the student to spend 160 clock hours practicing health information administration in an affiliated healthcare organization (or one that supports or regulates healthcare organizations or healthcare professionals). Projects completed will relate to didactic courses taken previously or concurrently. Course also includes professional presentations from the students. Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

HI 427. Seminar. A study of methods of identifying and arriving at satisfactory solutions to problems that may be encountered in health information management. Comprehensive examination. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 428. Qual Mgmt & Perf Improvement Strategies. Management of the quality assessment and performance improvement function, including benchmarking, statistical quality control and risk management; utilization and resource management; disease management process (such as case management, critical paths); outcomes measurement (such as patient, customer satisfaction, disease specific); benchmarking techniques; patient and organization safety initiatives. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 429. Adv Privacy, Security, & Legal Issues. Management of systems to ensure privacy, confidentiality, security of health information; health information laws, regulations, and standards; elements of compliance programs; professional ethical issues; legal Health Record in an electronic environment; e-discovery guidelines. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 430. Special Topics. Treatment of specific subjects not dealt with fully in other courses. This elective course may be repeated for credit. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

HI 431. Healthcare Systems Design & Project Mgmt. Utilize project management tools to plan, design, implement and evaluate health information systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

HI 432. Capstone Experience. Applied health information principles through completion of a formal capstone project in a health care setting. Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

HI 442. Seminar II. Self guided study to review content of senior courses taken. Students take a mock RHIA exam to assess readiness for the registry exam, and then sit for the RHIA exam administered by AHIMA. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

HI 451. Directed Study. Projects related to advanced health informatics and information management topics to demonstrate management and leadership skills. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 485. Health Info Admin Professional Practicum. Project-based practice of health information administration in affiliated healthcare organizations that support or regulate healthcare organizations or healthcare professionals. Projects completed will relate to didactic courses taken previously or concurrently. Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

HI 600. Health Information Management. Health information systems in various settings including record content, record retention requirements, accreditation and licensure, filing and numbering systems, vital statistics, electronic health records, documentation requirements, quality assessment, and reimbursement methodologies. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 601. Medical Concepts. A study of current clinical concepts in diseases and their treatments with emphasis on medical language, specified diseases and their causes, lesions, manifestations, and treatments. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 602. Health Care Delivery and Policy. A survey of the modern health care system, covering health information technology, financing health care, population health and policies that serve as the foundation of the US health care system. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 606. Mgmt of Health Info Services & Systems. Development of managerial and leadership skills for managing health information services through group interaction, projects, and reading; principles and policies of human resource management including interviewing, evaluating, and compensating with emphasis on healthcare settings. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 607. Management and Leadership in Health Info. Management and leadership strategies with emphasis on health informatics issues. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 608. Data Arch, Analytics, & Visualization. Overview of data sciences focusing on architecture, analytics, visualization, mining, big data and warehousing. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
HI 610. Privacy, Sec, & Legl aspects of Hlth Info. Principles of law and their application in the healthcare field, the health record as a legal document, release of information, confidential communications, consents, authorizations, and risk management. HIPAA and HITECH requirements for privacy and security. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 611. Research Design and Statistics in Health. Health informatics research design and statistics. Special focus on critical review and techniques of applied research. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 613. Health Care Performance Improvement Stra. Principles of performance improvement applied to healthcare organizations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 614. Privacy and Security for Health Informat. Assessment of security vulnerabilities and threats, exploration of technical applications and software tools used for securing health information systems. Addresses compliance with legal and regulatory guidelines. HIPAA and HITECH requirements for privacy and security. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 615. Healthcare Reimbursement & Financial Man. A study of the relationship between health information management and healthcare reimbursement. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 617. Epidemiology & Public Health Informatic. An overview of the principles, methods, and issues in epidemiology and public health informatics. Course topics include disease determinants in human populations; public health infrastructure, surveillance and reporting; evidence-based community health assessment; outbreak prediction and prevention; and technological advancements within the field. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 619. Health Information and Computer Science. Principles of computer science theory and networking, including programming languages, system integration tools, electronic data exchange, technical security applications, system testing, and IT system documentation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 621. Clinical Classifications Systems I. An introduction to classification systems including impact of ICD-10-CM/PCS on MS-DRGs and APR DRGs; case mix classifications and classifying diagnosis. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 622. Clinical Classifications Systems II. Classifying procedures based on ICD-10-PCS and impact of procedures on DRG assignment; building on HI 621 with adding diagnoses to complete the classification. Prerequisite: HI 621. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 623. Clinical Classifications Systems III. Classifying outpatient services. Review of APCs and building on HI 621 with adding diagnoses to complete the classification. Prerequisites: HI 621 and HI 622. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 625. Clinical Document Improvement Strategies. An analysis of clinical documentation impact on compliance, quality, and reimbursement. Prerequisites: HI 621, HI 622 and HI 623. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

HI 630. Health Information Systems. An examination of health informatics topics including the electronic health record, clinical information systems, healthcare policy analysis and development, technology and data standards, health information exchange, and consumer health informatics. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 631. Health Informatics. An exploration of the health informatics domain including emergence of the discipline, health information systems research, clinical data standards theory and development, medical decision-making principles, biomedical simulations, artificial intelligence applications, and principles for knowledge management system design. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 632. Databases and Knowledge Management. A study of advanced use of healthcare data and knowledge management that addresses database methods in healthcare, data administration, data architecture, data modeling, data dictionary development, advanced data search and access techniques (data mining), advanced information/data analysis, and presentation techniques. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 634. Dev. of Electronic Health Info Systems. A study of technology applications used in healthcare, including electronic health records, that emphasizes project management, user interface design, system selection, and security management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 638. Clinical Vocabularies and Class Systems. An examination of standardized clinical terminology, medical vocabulary standards, data mapping, and natural language processing including the classifications used for statistical reporting as well as terminologies required for interoperability standards. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HI 683. Special Topics Prof Practice Mgmt Exp. In this elective supervised professional practice experience, students will spend 40 clock hours per credit hour practicing health informatics or information administration in affiliated healthcare organization(s) or organizations that support or regulate healthcare organizations or healthcare professionals. A minimum of 5 additional clock hours per credit hour will be spent preparing project reports and presenting findings to faculty and/or fellow students. Projects completed will relate to areas of special interest to the student. Course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of program director Online, Internet, or Web-based Practicum/Internship (1 - 6 credit hours)

HI 684. Management Capstone. An applied practice-based problem solving experience that draws on health information management and informatics principles. Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

HI 690. Special Topics. Elective covering selected issues, problems, research techniques, materials, and policies. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of program director Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

HI 698. Capstone in Health Informatics. Project-based practice requiring active participation in developing informatics-based applications. Each student will develop a specific set of goals, to be approved by the student’s advisor and practicum supervisor. A final report and/or presentation will be required. Online, Internet, or Web-based Practicum/Internship (1 - 3 credit hours)

HI 699. Capstone: Health Informatics & Info Mgmt. A study of methods of identifying and researching problems in health informatics and information management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 303. Writing for Healthcare Professionals. A structured, writing intensive course designed to prepare healthcare professionals to write analytical papers. The writing process, writing style, organization, and clarity of communication are major emphasis in this course. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
HS 305. Cultural Competency in Healthcare. This course is designed to increase awareness of the need to provide healthcare to patients with diverse values, beliefs, and behaviors. Emphasis will be placed on tailoring healthcare delivery to meet patients’ social, cultural, and linguistic needs. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 308. Foundations of Disease and Health. The interface of health and basic disease processes. Topics include the definition, symptoms, etiology, treatment, and prognosis of each disease process. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 310. Principles of Management in Healthcare. Management and leadership theories, functions, and skills required for success in the healthcare organization, with an emphasis on supervisory management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 311. Introduction to Research. An introductory study of research design with an emphasis on the analysis, synthesis, and application of evidence-based information in the healthcare delivery system. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 313. Health Education in Healthcare Systems. An introduction to health education programs for the healthcare professional working in healthcare facilities and systems. Includes development and delivery of programs and current problems in continuing professional health education. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 319. Interdisciplinary Health Studies. An introductory study of the intersecting concepts, skills, facets, tenets, and trends of the modern healthcare delivery industry. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 320. The Role of Quality Improvement in Health. This course examines the organization and operations of hospitals. The respective roles of hospital staff will be discussed. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 326. Human Resources in Healthcare. Principles and policies of personnel administration including interviewing, evaluating, and compensating with emphasis on healthcare settings. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 330. Introduction to Statistics. An introductory course in statistical decision-making methods including sampling, measures of central tendency, frequency distributions, probability, probability distributions, sampling methods, hypothesis testing, statistical inference, correlations, regression, and analysis of variance. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 401. Introduction to Global Health. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of principles and theoretical perspectives of health education in global settings. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 408. Organizational Behavior in Healthcare. An overview of the nature of employee behavior and the function of management in the healthcare organizational setting. Human behavior will be examined at individual, group, and organizational levels, including strategies to increase productivity. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 409. Intro to Policy, Advocacy & Ethics. An introduction to the study of interrelationships between political issues, sociological issues, ethical issues, public policy information, and legal implications in the healthcare delivery system. This course covers the basic forms for advocacy, public policy, messaging, base building, and effective communication. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 418. Community Health. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of principles and theoretical perspectives of community health and underserved populations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 420. Leadership Development. An introduction to the theory and practice of leadership. Students will explore how leadership theory can inform and direct the way leadership is practiced in the healthcare environment. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 423. Health Promotion. An in-depth review of interventions, programs, and strategies for promoting the prevention of common disease influenced by cultural, social, economic, and educational factors. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 425. Health Behavior. An examination of attitudes and beliefs of personal wellness and healthy living designed to improve health behavior. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 427. Finance and Reimbursement in Healthcare. Introduction to healthcare budgeting and finance, including legislation, federal programs, managed care, and subscription programs. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 430. Strategic Decision Making in Healthcare. The application of applied statistics and data analysis for strategic decision making in healthcare organizations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 454. Health Promotion and Implementation. A capstone course in which students develop, implement and evaluate a health promotion project utilizing the theoretical concepts, knowledge, and skills gained from previous courses taken in the BSHS program. Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission of the program director are required. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 490. Special Topics. Interprofessional elective. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of program director. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 5 credit hours)

HS 601. Strategic Management in Healthcare. A study of strategic management of healthcare organizations, including the formulation of long term strategic directions, the planning of objective and supporting strategies, and the control of strategic implementation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 602. Legal/Ethical Concepts in Healthcare. An examination of the legal, ethical and social issues that arise in the management of health services organizations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 604. Organizational Behavior. An exploration of organizational structure and processes including interpersonal relations and team development with a particular focus on healthcare environments. Additionally, this course will provide the healthcare manager with a framework for decision making, an understanding of work teams and employee motivation, perspectives for handling of conflict, tools for assessing work design, and an evolution of an organizational behavior framework. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 612. Data Analysis and Outcomes Assessment. A study of basic applied statistical methods used in the summarization of management and health data for decision making, especially as they relate to the interpretation of data. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 616. Healthcare Administration. A practical and quantitative approach to operation and management of healthcare delivery systems including administration, financial systems, staffing, departmental functions, and performance evaluation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 630. Health Policy and Society. An examination of theory and methods of health policy analysis in the public, nonprofit, and private health sectors. Emphasis is placed on the role of analysis during various phases of the public policy formulation and implementation cycle. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
HS 650. Resource Management. An examination of the functions of administrators in healthcare and academic environments in relation to personnel, finance, resource allocation and strategic planning. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 651. Quality & Risk Management in Healthcare. An examination of healthcare quality improvement and risk management in the U.S. including the methods that are utilized to achieve improvements in the healthcare setting. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 652. Program Development and Implementation. An exploration of program planning and development that includes market conditions, needs assessment, planning, implementation, allocation of resources and evaluation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 653. Research for Health Professionals. A study of research design and methods with a focus on critically evaluating published research. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 654. Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Finan. A study of current issues in health economics including problems and options in the financing of healthcare, physician and hospital services, mental health, long term care, and healthcare reimbursement. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HS 690. Special Topics. Selected issues, problems, research techniques, materials, and policies. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of program director. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

HS 699. Integrated Healthcare Leadership. A capstone course in which students utilize the knowledge, skills and insight gained from previous courses taken in the MHS program and from their individual life experiences to develop, implement, and evaluate a project designed to improve some facet of healthcare delivery or program administration. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

HTL 300. Introduction to Histology. An introductory course designed to familiarize the student with the study of basic histology. The course will focus on the care and use of a microscope and basic tissue identification. Structure and identification of tissue systems and organs is emphasized at the cellular level. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

HTL 305. Basic Clinical Biochemistry. An introduction to the fundamental aspects of biochemistry with an emphasis on the relationship between structure and function of the major classes of macromolecules in living systems. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

HTL 310. Medical Terminology. The study of basic medical terminology as it applies to the structure, function, and diseases of the human body. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

HTL 320. Histotechniques I. A systematic lecture and laboratory study of the theory and practical applications of tissue fixation, processing, embedding, sectioning, microtomy, and routine staining. Students will learn the basic principles, components, and use of instruments in the histology laboratory. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

HTL 330. Staining Techniques I. The theoretical and practical aspects of routine and special stains. Quality control of routine and special stains is also covered. Staining techniques for identifying nuclear and cytoplasmic structures, carbohydrates, and amyloid will be presented. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

HTL 350. Research Design and Statistics. A study of basic topics of research design and statistics. Special focus on critical review and techniques of applied research. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

HTL 410. Ethics and Professional Issues. A review of legal and ethical concepts affecting healthcare professionals. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

HTL 420. Histotechniques II. A lecture and laboratory focusing on the theory and practical applications of routine and advanced techniques in histology such as: immunohistochemistry, enzyme histochemistry, microwave technology, in situ hybridization and electron microscopy. Prerequisite: HTL 320. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

HTL 425. Seminar. This course provides an overview of various topics in Histotechnology. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

HTL 430. Staining Techniques II. A continuation of routine and special stains with an emphasis on connective, muscle, and nerve tissues. Pigments, minerals, and cytoplasmic granules will be differentiated and identified. Prerequisite: HTL 330. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

HTL 435. Histotechnology Capstone. This course provides a review of histology theory and practice through the use of assessment modules focusing on: fixation, processing, embedding, staining, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, in situ hybridization, electron microscopy, lab operations, gross dissection and description, cytology, and lab safety. Prerequisite: HTL 420. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

HTL 440. Histotechnology Practicum I. Supervised rotations through clinical sites, to include histopathology, autopsy pathology, immunohistochemistry, and electron microscopy. Prerequisite: HTL 420. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

HTL 445. Histotechnology Practicum II. Supervised rotations through clinical sites, to include advanced techniques and special stains and procedures in histopathology, autopsy pathology, immunohistochemistry, and electron microscopy. Prerequisite: HTL 420. Traditional Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

MLS 310. Body Fluid Analysis. A study of the qualitative and quantitative changes in the renal system based on anatomical and physiological alteration. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

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MLS 311. Basic and Clinical Immunology. A study of the principles of in vivo and in vitro immunological responses and immunologic testing, theory, and practice in relation to disease in man. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

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MLS 312. Essentials of Hematology. A study of blood and blood forming organs and basic diagnostic procedures. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 313. Clinical Bacteriology. A study of pathological bacteria with an emphasis on techniques of isolation and identification. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 314. Essentials of Clinical Chemistry. A study of biological compounds and elements found in body fluids. Emphasis is placed on methods of determination and clinical interpretation relating to pathological states in man. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)
MLS 315. Phlebotomy. A study of theory, practical application, technical performance, and evaluation of procedures used in collecting, handling, and processing blood specimens. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

MLS 322. Clinical Hematology. A study of blood cells and their abnormalities with emphasis on disease processes. Prerequisite: MLS 312 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 323. Mycology, Parasitology, and Virology. A study of pathological microorganisms with an emphasis on techniques of isolation and identification of fungi and viruses, medically significant protozoan and helminth parasites and their vectors, and various culturing techniques. Prerequisite: MLS 313 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 324. Clinical Chemistry. A study of biological compounds and elements found in body fluids. Emphasis is placed on methods of determination and clinical interpretation relating to pathological states in man. Prerequisite: MLS 314 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 325. Immunohematology. A study of principles, techniques, and applications of blood transfusion practices. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 326. Clinical Simulation. A capstone course of medical laboratory science focusing on clinical diagnosis. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 327. Laboratory Operations. A study of laboratory math, basic statistics, and quality assurance programs in the clinical laboratory. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

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MLS 332. Diagnostic Hemostasis. A study of the blood clotting system in normal and pathological states. Emphasis is placed on the correlation of test results with disease and therapies. Traditional Laboratory (1 credit hours)

MLS 340. General Pathology. A study of the etiology and symptomatology of the general pathological conditions affecting the body. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

MLS 405. Introduction to Molecular Diagnostics. An introductory course in molecular terminology, the basic anatomy of a gene, the components of DNA and RNA, and the role of DNA and RNA in a cell. Principles of basic molecular techniques used in research and clinical laboratories will be introduced. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 405. Introduction to Molecular Diagnostics. An introductory course in molecular terminology, the basic anatomy of a gene, the components of DNA and RNA, and the role of DNA and RNA in a cell. Principles of basic molecular techniques used in research and clinical laboratories will be introduced. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 413. Diagnostic Microbiology. A study of clinical specimens with regard to pathogenic organisms and diagnosis in organ systems. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MLS 416. Research Design and Statistics. A study of basic topics of research design and statistics. Special focus on critical review and techniques of applied research. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 417. Principles of Mgmt & Education in CLS. An introduction to the principles of management and education as applied to the profession of medical laboratory science. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)

MLS 417. Principles of Mgmt & Education in CLS. An introduction to the principles of management and education as applied to the profession of medical laboratory science. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

MLS 422. Hematology Practicum. Clinical education practicum in affiliated laboratories. Prerequisite: MLS 322 Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MLS 423. Clinical Microbiology Practicum. Clinical education practicum in affiliated laboratories. Prerequisite MLS 323 Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MLS 424. Clinical Chemistry Practicum. Clinical education practicum in affiliated laboratories. Prerequisite MLS 324 Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MLS 425. Immunohematology Practicum. Clinical education practicum in affiliated laboratories. Prerequisite MLS 325 Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MLS 429. Clinical Correlations. Student presentations of case studies and new laboratory techniques to aid in clinical diagnosis. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

MLS 429. Clinical Correlations. Student presentations of case studies and new laboratory techniques to aid in clinical diagnosis. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

MLS 430. Research Methods. An in-depth study in analyzing and evaluating the applications involved in research issues through literature reviews culminating in writing a research report. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 430. Research Methods. An in-depth study in analyzing and evaluating the applications involved in research issues through literature reviews culminating in writing a research report. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 432. Advanced Hematology. A study of the basic diagnostic procedures related to blood and blood forming organs combined with the study of blood cell abnormalities and disease processes. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 433. Advanced Clinical Microbiology. A study of proper techniques for isolation and identification of pathological bacteria combined with fungal, viral, protozoan, and parasite identification. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 434. Advanced Clinical Chemistry. A study of biological compounds and elements located in body fluids with an emphasis on isolation and identification techniques. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 435. Advanced Immunohematology. A study of proper techniques, principles, and applications for blood transfusion practices. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

MLS 436. Advanced Clinical Seminar. A cumulative review of the major MLS subject areas: Chemistry, Urinalysis, Microbiology, Immunohematology, Hematology, Coagulation, Virology, Mycology, Parasitology, and Laboratory Operations, with an emphasis on certification preparation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)
MLS 445. Clinical Rotation. MLS progression clinical education practicum in affiliated laboratories Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

MRI 601. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Foundations. An introduction to practice management and clinical practices in the MRI environment, including aspects of patient care, procedural performance and competency. Basic applications of computers and digital imaging in the field of radiology are examined. A foundation of ethical and legal issues in the radiologic sciences is presented. An overview of imaging sciences in healthcare, including regulation and professional standards. Introduction to venipuncture in a laboratory setting. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

MRI 605. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Principles. An introduction to physical principles of MRI instrumentation, image formation and basic imaging parameters. The course will include an overview of the history of MRI. Fundamental principles covered include magnetism, signal production, contrast characteristics, imaging planes and image formation. Instrumentation information details operation and use of equipment, radiofrequency systems and gradient systems. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MRI 610. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Physics. In depth information regarding pulse sequences, image formation, and contrast. Emphasis is placed on details of MR parameters, pulse sequences, methods of data acquisition, imaging options, image artifacts, and quality assurance to enable the student to maximize MR quality by understanding the fundamentals of MR imaging. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MRI 612. Applied Magnetic Resonance Imaging I. Details the knowledge base necessary to perform standard magnetic resonance imaging procedures. Content includes MRI imaging procedures and sectional anatomy and physiology relating to the central nervous system and the musculoskeletal system. The study of normal anatomy and pathologic conditions aid the student in recognizing the need for imaging changes based on these conditions. Topics include clinical considerations regarding contrast administration and safety, magnetic field safety, and procedural considerations for optimal scanning techniques. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MRI 624. Applied Magnetic Resonance Imaging II. A continuation of MRI 612. Details the knowledge base necessary to perform standard magnetic resonance imaging procedures. Content includes MRI imaging procedures and sectional anatomy and physiology relating to the cardiovascular system, thorax, abdomen, pelvis and special imaging procedures. The study of normal anatomy and pathologic conditions aid the student in recognizing the need for imaging changes based on these conditions. Topics covered include clinical considerations regarding contrast administration and safety, magnetic field safety and procedural considerations for optimal scanning techniques. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MRI 650. Clinical Practicum I. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of magnetic resonance imaging procedures. Content includes experience in MR scanning techniques, safety procedures, image evaluation, image post processing, patient care, and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MRI 651. Clinical Practicum II. A continuation of MRI 650. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of magnetic resonance imaging procedures. Content includes experience in MR scanning techniques, safety procedures, image valuation, image post processing, patient care, and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

MRI 652. Clinical Practicum III. A continuation of MRI 651. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of magnetic resonance imaging procedures. Content includes experience in MR scanning techniques, safety procedures, image evaluation, image post processing, patient care, and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

MRI 660. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Seminar. Prepares the student for the ARRT MRI certification exam. Content will integrate the clinical skills and classroom theories in a comprehensive review to include the specifications of the content categories: patient care, imaging procedures, data acquisition and processing, and physical principles of image formation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

MRI 670. MRI Leadership, Education, & Management. Explores current professional issues in magnetic resonance imaging and health care delivery. Students will explore, analyze, and evaluate health care reform, professional practice issues, educational standards, and organizational behavior in the context of the daily professional practice of radiology administrators, managers, and educators. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary theories of leadership and current factors affecting health policy and healthcare administration. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

MRI 690. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Research I. Reinforces the conceptual basis for the interpretation and critical analysis of professional literature and the research process. Emphasis is on the evaluation of magnetic resonance imaging topics and effective communication of research via written and oral presentations. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

MRI 699. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Research II. A continuation of the research process introduced in MRI 690. The didactic emphasis is on development of research methodology and the compilation and dissemination of a final research project. Student groups complete the details unique to their research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

NMT 601. Nuclear Medicine Foundations. An introduction to nuclear medicine technology emphasizing patient care; principles of nuclear radiation and safety; instrumentation and quality control; and medical law and ethics specific to NMT. Nuclear medicine mathematic applications for radionuclide activity, volume, concentration, decay and unit conversion formulas are introduced. Techniques and procedures for proper venipuncture in nuclear medicine procedures are presented in the laboratory setting. Medical terminology is presented and includes a study of word origins, structures, abbreviations and symbols. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

NMT 606. Nuclear Physics & Radiobiology. Presents qualitative and quantitative concepts of radiation physics and radiobiology pertaining to medical applications in nuclear medicine; atomic and nuclear structure, radioactive decay, properties of radiation; and photon interactions in matter. Additionally, the course examines physical, chemical and biological mechanisms involved in radiation to living cells and their components. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

NMT 610. Nuclear Medicine Technology Principles. A study of the fundamental concepts of radiopharmaceutical production and mechanisms of localization; theoretical and practical concepts of nuclear instrumentation and statistics; principles of in vivo and in vitro
counting and imaging, and Gamma/SPECT/PET technology and image management and reconstruction techniques. Medical terminology of nuclear concepts and procedures is presented, including definitions, spelling and pronunciation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**NMT 612. Applied Nuclear Medicine Imaging I.** A study of anatomy, physiology, terminology and pathology related to diagnostic nuclear medicine for the skeletal, gastrointestinal, respiratory, urinary and endocrine systems. The course presents current uses of radiopharmaceuticals for organ visualization, function and radiotherapy. Principles for determining diagnostic value of imaging results are presented in the clinical laboratory setting. Cross-sectional anatomy is included. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

**NMT 624. Applied Nuclear Medicine Imaging II.** A study of anatomy, physiology, terminology and pathology related to diagnostic and therapeutic nuclear medicine for the central nervous system and nuclear oncology. The course provides comprehensive studies of immunology, nuclear cardiology and related PET/CT. Principles for determining diagnostic value of imaging results are presented in the laboratory setting. Related cross-sectional anatomy is included. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

**NMT 650. Clinical Practicum I.** A supervised introduction to the clinical environment providing experience with in vivo and in vitro procedures; instrumentation quality control; radiopharmacy; applied radiation safety procedures; and clinical imaging. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

**NMT 651. Clinical Practicum II.** A continuation of NMT 650. Directed intermediate-level clinical practice providing practical clinical experience with in vivo and in vitro procedures; instrumentation quality control; radiopharmacy; applied radiation safety procedures; and clinical imaging. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

**NMT 652. Clinical Practicum III.** A continuation of NMT 651. Directed advanced-level clinical practice providing clinical experience with in vivo and in vitro procedures and therapies; PET/CT imaging and image evaluation; instrumentation quality control; radiopharmacy; applied radiation safety procedures; and department management. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

**NMT 660. Nuclear Medicine Seminar.** A review of current literature and research applied to nuclear medicine case studies, along with review of didactic and clinical NMT providing an overview of topics relating to professional certification. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**NMT 670. NMT Leadership, Education, & Management.** Explores current professional issues in nuclear medicine and health care delivery. Students explore, analyze, and evaluate health care reform, professional practice issues, educational standards, and organizational behavior in the context of the daily professional practice of radiology administrators, managers, and educators. Emphasis is placed on contemporary theories of leadership and current factors affecting health policy and healthcare administration. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

**NMT 690. Nuclear Medicine Research Methods I.** Reinforces the conceptual basis for interpreting professional literature and making evidence-based practice decisions. Both qualitative and quantitative research designs are explored in-depth, and students are instructed in the research process with emphasis on the literature review. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

**NMT 699. Nuclear Medicine Research Methods II.** A continuation of the research process introduced in NMT 690. Didactic emphasis is on methodology, statistical analyses, and the compilation and dissemination of a final research project. Student groups complete the details unique to their research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

**OT 308. Structural Analysis of Human Motion.** In-depth knowledge of the gross anatomical structure and functions of the human body. Emphasis is placed on the study of the musculoskeletal system and muscle innervations with particular attention to the specific muscle functions and consequences of their loss related to occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**OT 309. Structural Analysis of Human Motion Lab.** This is the dissection laboratory to complement OT 308 Structural Analysis of Human Motion. Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)

**OT 310. Intro to OT in Health Care Delivery.** Basic tenets of occupational therapy are introduced. Topics include history and philosophy of the profession, theories/frames of reference, and professional behavior, terminology, and documents. The role of the occupational therapist in the context of various service delivery systems will be explored, with emphasis on the U.S. healthcare system. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**OT 311. Group Process.** The content includes analysis of individual and group interaction, communication processes, group dynamics, and opportunities for leadership skill development. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

**OT 312. Concept Fwkrk Therapeutic Occupation I.** Provides the student with knowledge of the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process. The application of the framework is emphasized through analysis and adaptation of activities to enhance occupational performance across the life span. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

**OT 313. Kinesiology.** Integrates principles of biomechanics and knowledge of anatomy as it applies to human movement and the impact of impairment on occupational performance. Content also includes an introduction to procedures for evaluation of muscular and articular structures and other application labs. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

**OT 315. Medical Conditions I.** Introduction of conditions commonly seen in pediatric and adolescent occupational therapy. Emphasis is placed on etiology, symptoms, medical intervention, and direct implications for occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

**OT 316. Medical Conditions II.** Introduces medical conditions commonly seen in adult occupational therapy. Emphasis placed on etiology, symptoms, medical intervention, and implication for occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

**OT 317. Medical Conditions III.** A continuation of OT 316. It introduces additional medical conditions commonly seen in adult occupational therapy. Emphasis is placed on etiology, symptoms, medical intervention and implication for occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

**OT 318. Introduction to Research.** Introduces concepts essential for evidenced-based practice in occupational therapy. The process of locating, reviewing, and critiquing biomedical research will be examined. Principles related to research design and statistical methods will be introduced. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

**OT 323. OT:Pediatrics/Early Childhood.** Identifies the physical, psychological, social, and cultural forces which affect children’s occupations within the environment from birth through early childhood. Occupational therapy theories/frames of reference and service delivery for this age group are examined. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)
OT 324. Psychiatric Medical Conditions. Introduces diagnostic categories of mental disorders as well as the medical, psychological, and sociological factors that influence mental health. Emphasis is placed on etiology, symptoms, prognosis and general intervention. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 326. OT: Middle Child/Adolescent. Identifies the physical, psychological, social, and cultural forces which affect children's occupations within the environment from middle childhood through adolescence. Occupational therapy theories/frames of reference and service delivery for this age group are examined. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

OT 328. Neuroscience for Occupational Therapy. An in-depth study of the structure and function of the central nervous system. Motor and sensory dysfunctions are related to localized disruptions of nervous system activities. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

OT 332. Concept Frwk Therapeutic Occupation II. A continuation of OT312. The application of the Occupational Therapy Framework is emphasized through advanced analysis and adaptation of activities to enhance occupational performance across the life span. Focus is on critical thinking skills related to clinical assessment, therapeutic use of alternative modalities, and integration of professional behaviors. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 333. OT: Adult/Older Adult. Identifies the physical, psychological, social, and cultural forces which affect occupations within the environment throughout adulthood. The normal aging process, occupational therapy theories/frames of reference, and service delivery for this age group are examined. Clinical reasoning in assessment and treatment for adults is introduced. Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

OT 337. Pediatric Fieldwork I. Students apply didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy in the pediatric population. The emphasis is on clinical problem-solving in assessment, treatment, outcomes, and written documentation. Combination lecture and clinical course. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

OT 422. Orthopedic Principles in OT. Students are instructed in occupational therapy theories/frames of reference, evaluation, treatment techniques, and discharge planning for persons with orthopedic and other physical dysfunction conditions. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 426. Neurological Principles in OT. The student is instructed in occupational therapy theories/frames of reference, evaluation, and treatment techniques, and discharge planning for persons with neurological conditions/disorders. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 427. Physical Dysfunction Fieldwork I. Students apply didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy in physical dysfunction. The emphasis is on clinical problem-solving in assessment, treatment, outcomes and written documentation. Combination lecture and clinical course. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 430. Splint, Ortho., & Phys. Agent Modalities. Instruction in fabrication and application of splinting techniques and orthotics in occupational therapy practice. Basic principles and application of physical agent modalities are included. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 431. Asst. Tech & Environmental Adaptations. In-depth study of assistive technology as it impacts participation in occupations. Laboratory experiences focus on critical thinking skills related to environmental adaptation and the use of assistive technology to enhance occupational performance across all contexts. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 434. Psychosocial Dysfunction. Concentrates on the entry level OT skills required for mental health intervention across practice settings. The student is instructed in theories/frames of reference, evaluation, and treatment techniques, and discharge planning for individuals with psychosocial problems. Combination lecture and clinical course. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 435. Psychosocial Fieldwork I. Students apply didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy in psychosocial dysfunction. The emphasis is on clinical problem-solving in assessment, treatment, outcomes and written documentation. Combination lecture and clinical course. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

OT 441. Analysis of Legal & Ethical Issues in OT. Knowledge and application of law and ethics related to occupational therapy practice. Strategies for analyzing and resolving professional dilemmas in service delivery are introduced and applied. In addition, legal topics including liability issues, malpractice, and business and education law are presented. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 460. Research Methods I. Reinforces the conceptual basis for interpreting professional literature and making evidence-based practice decisions. Both qualitative and quantitative research designs are explored in depth, and students are instructed in the research process with emphasis on the literature review. Student groups complete a literature review on a relevant topic under the direction of a faculty advisor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 490. Special Topics. With the consent of the department chair, a student may elect to take this course on a subject of interest in special areas of occupational therapy. The student must have the support of a faculty advisor for course administration. Credits will be assigned according to the scope of the subject and/or project completed. Traditional Independent Study (1 - 4 credit hours)

OT 500. Research Methods II. A continuation of the research process introduced in OT460. The didactic emphasis is on development of a research methodology and statistical analyses. Students groups complete the remainder of the research proposal under the direction of a faculty advisor. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 501. Research Methods III. A continuation course of OT500. Didactic emphasis is on the compilation and dissemination of a final research report. Student groups complete the details unique to their research project under the direction of a faculty advisor. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 510. Adv Therapeutic Modalities & Apps. Instruction and application opportunities for treatment approaches inclusive of all populations across the lifespan and diagnostic categories. Topics include specialized treatment techniques and in-depth presentation of techniques introduced in earlier courses. Students examine and present a treatment topic and complete a longitudinal, case-based treatment plan. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 515. Fieldwork II A. Full-time, 12-week clinical experience in which students are responsible for providing services to clients/patients under the supervision of a qualified occupational therapy practitioner. The focus is on development of the skills necessary for entry level occupational therapy practice. Placements are selected to ensure exposure to a variety of settings and clients. Online, Internet, or Web-based Clinical Rotation (9 credit hours)
OT 516. Management Practices & Prof Leadership. This course exposes students to the day-to-day functions of an occupational therapist in administrative, managerial and leadership roles. Issues and resources related to professional development throughout the career are emphasized. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 530. Advanced Clinical Reasoning. Students apply different types of clinical reasoning to the occupational therapy process through lecture and case analysis. Professional development is also emphasized. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 537. Fieldwork II B. Full-time, 12-week clinical experience in which students are responsible for providing services to clients/patients under the supervision of a qualified occupational therapy practitioner. The focus is on development of the skills necessary for entry level occupational therapy practice. Placements are selected to ensure exposure to a variety of settings and clients. Traditional Clinical Rotation (9 credit hours)

OT 541. Comprehensive Capstone. A comprehensive review of the curriculum in preparation for the national board examination. Includes information on the process for national certification and state licensure for the occupational therapist. Public dissemination of findings from OT 501 research projects will be required. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 542. Community Practice. Students will gain an understanding and appreciation of the role of occupational therapy in home and community settings as well as evidence based practice, policy issues, and trends in models of service delivery. Topics include traditional and emerging practice in the realms of health promotion, prevention, evaluation, and intervention. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 601. Functional Human Anatomy. In-depth knowledge of the gross anatomical structures and functions of the human body. Emphasis is placed on the study of the musculoskeletal system with particular attention to the specific muscle functions and consequences of their loss related to occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (5 credit hours)

OT 602. Functional Human Anatomy Laboratory. Dissection laboratory to complement OT 601 Functional Human Anatomy. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

OT 605. Intro to Occupational Therapy Practice. Basic tenets of occupational therapy are introduced. Topics include history and philosophy of the profession, frames of reference, ethics and professionalism, professional terminology and selected official documents of the profession. The role of the occupational therapist in the context of various service delivery systems will be explored, with emphasis on the U.S. health care system. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 608. Group Process and Leadership. Includes an analysis of individual and group interactions, communication processes, group dynamics and opportunities for leadership skill development. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 610. Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy. Integrates principles of biomechanics and knowledge of anatomy as it applies to human movement and the impact of impairment on occupational performance. Content also includes an introduction to procedures for evaluation of muscular and articular structures and other application labs. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 612. Neuroscience for Occupational Therapy. In-depth examination of the structure and function of the nervous system. Localized disruptions of nervous system activities are linked to motor and sensory dysfunctions. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

OT 614. Occupation-Based Practice I. Examines occupational therapy models, theories and frames of reference as well as the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process. The application of the framework is emphasized through analysis and adaptation of activities to enhance occupational performance for individuals and populations across the life span. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 616. Occupational Therapy: Pediatrics I. Explores conditions commonly seen in pediatric occupational therapy practice from birth to middle childhood. Etiology, symptoms, medical intervention and implications for occupational performance are examined. Identifies the physical, psychological, social and cultural forces which affect children’s occupations within the environment. Emphasis is placed on occupational therapy theories/frames of reference, evaluation/intervention and additional aspects of service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination and transition processes). Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

OT 617. Principles of Patient Care. Introduces concepts and skills related to basic patient care including topics such as infection control, vital signs, body mechanics, positioning, transfers, wheelchairs, and specialized techniques/equipment. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 618. Research and Evidence-Based Practice I. Introduces concepts essential for evidence-based practice in occupational therapy. Evidence is located and reviewed. Principles related to research design, statistical methods, and critical appraisal will be examined. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 620. Occupation-Based Practice II. A continuation of OT614 which advances the understanding and application of models/theories and the Occupational Therapy Practice Framework: Domain and Process through advanced analysis, adaptation and implementation of activities, and maximization of resources. Focus is on evidence-based reasoning for enhancing occupational performance of individuals and populations across the life span. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

OT 622. Medical Conditions: Physical Dysfunction. Introduces medical conditions commonly seen in adult occupational therapy practice. Emphasis is placed on etiology, symptoms, medical intervention and implications for occupational performance. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

OT 624. Occupational Therapy: Pediatrics II. Explores conditions commonly seen in middle childhood through adolescence. Identifies the physical, psychological, social and cultural forces which affect children’s occupations within the environment. Emphasis is placed on occupational therapy theories/frames of reference, evaluation/intervention and additional aspects of service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination and transition processes). Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 625. Pediatric Fieldwork I. Application of didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy in the pediatric population. The emphasis is on models of practice, frames of reference, clinical problem-solving and use of evidence in evaluation, intervention, outcomes and written documentation. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

OT 626. Occupational Therapy: Adult/Older Adult. Analyzes the physical, psychological, social and cultural forces which affect occupations in adulthood as impacted by the normal aging process. Individual and population service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination, transition processes and resource utilization) is examined. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 628. Research and Evidence-Based Practice II. Expands upon the conceptual basis established in OT618 for critically appraising professional literature and making evidence-based practice decisions. Both qualitative and quantitative research designs are explored in depth, and students are instructed in the research process with emphasis on the literature review. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)
OT 629. Research Proposal I. Through small collaborative research teams, students will demonstrate the ability to critically synthesize existing literature on a topic relevant to current clinical practice, service delivery, and/or a professional issue related to occupational therapy. Completion of the review occurs under the direction of a faculty advisor. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

OT 630. Management I: Legal & Ethical Principles. Investigates and applies legal and ethical principles related to occupational therapy practice and administration. Strategies for analyzing and resolving professional dilemmas in service delivery and supervision are introduced and applied. In addition, legal topics including reimbursement, liability issues, malpractice, and business and education law are presented. Professional development planning is introduced. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 632. Assist Tech & Environmental Adaptation. In-depth study of assistive technology as it impacts participation in occupations. Critical thinking skills are applied to environmental adaptation and the use of assistive technology to enhance occupational performance across all contexts. Advocacy, integration of resources, and consultation are examined as occupational therapy strategies for meeting societal and community needs. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 634. Community Health and Wellness. Topics include traditional and emerging practice in the realms of health promotion, prevention, evaluation and intervention in community-based settings. Examines and incorporates new service provision models into programming opportunities which address community needs. Emphasizes the impact of occupational therapy through advocacy, integration of resources, and consultation. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 638. Research & Evidence-Based Practice III. Advances skills from OT628 which are necessary for effective evidence-based practice in occupational therapy. Students are also instructed in the research process with an emphasis on methodological approaches and statistical analysis. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

OT 639. Research Proposal II. Continuation course for OT629. Students demonstrate the ability to synthesize previously reviewed literature to establish a sound methodology for the evaluation of current clinical practice, service delivery, and/or a professional issue related to occupational therapy. Requires the completion of a research proposal that can be submitted to the University's Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval and future implementation. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

OT 640. OT: Psychiatric/Psychosocial. Introduces mental disorders as well as the medical, psychological and sociological factors that influence general health. Examines psychiatric and psychosocial principles within occupational therapy practice, including relevant theories/frames of reference and evaluation/intervention methods. Individual and population service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination, transition processes and resource utilization) is emphasized. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

OT 642. Neurological Principles in OT. Examines neurological conditions and disorders within occupational therapy practice. Theories/frames of reference, evaluation and intervention techniques, and discharge planning are emphasized. Additional aspects of service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination, transition processes, and resource utilization) are explored. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 644. Orthopedic Principles in OT. Examines orthopedic and other physical dysfunction conditions within occupational therapy practice. Theories/frames of reference, evaluation, intervention techniques and discharge planning are emphasized. Additional aspects of service delivery (e.g., consultation, care coordination, transition processes, and resource utilization) are explored. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 645. Physical Dysfunction Fieldwork I. Application of didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy in physical dysfunction settings. The emphasis is on models of practice, frames of reference, clinical problem-solving and use of evidence in evaluation, intervention, outcomes and written documentation. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

OT 646. Case-Based Clinical Reasoning. Application of advanced clinical reasoning within the occupational therapy process; a case analysis approach incorporating evidence and theories/frames of reference is used. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 649. Research Project I. Implementation of an approved research proposal/protocol under the direction of a faculty advisor. Final approval(s) of the research proposal by the faculty advisor and IRB are obtained prior to implementation. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

OT 650. Orthoses & Physical Agent Modalities. Application of the principles and evidence related to the fabrication of orthoses and the use of physical agent modalities. Emphasis is on hands-on experience and gaining entry level skills in these adjunctive approaches to occupational-based practice. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 652. Specialty Interventions in OT. Analysis and synthesis of specialized interventions along with the advanced exploration of techniques introduced in earlier courses Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

OT 654. Mgmt II: Prof Leadership and Admin. Exploration of health systems management, leadership, and professional development. Emphasis is placed on regulatory compliance, reimbursement, and policy development. Examines supervision and staff development with an emphasis on the occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant roles. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 655. Psychiatric/Psychosocial Fieldwork I. Application of psychiatric and psychosocial didactic learning to the practice of occupational therapy within traditional, non-traditional and emerging service provision models. The emphasis is on models of practice, frames of reference, clinical problem-solving and use of evidence in evaluation, intervention, outcomes and written documentation. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

OT 656. Fieldwork II Seminar. Preparation to transition from the classroom to the level II fieldwork setting. Students will gain background needed to complete appropriate fieldwork site requests, to understand the supervisory process for level II fieldwork, recognize professional expectations for level II fieldwork, and establish an individualized plan for successful fieldwork II performance Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

OT 658. Research and Evidence-Based Practice IV. Concludes the series of lecture-based research courses. Emphasis in this course is placed on data analysis, synthesis of new evidence and dissemination skills (e.g., presentation and publication). Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

OT 659. Research Project II. Completion of the research project which includes data analysis, synthesis and dissemination with the support of faculty advisor(s). A scholarly report meeting the publication requirements for a peer reviewed manuscript as well as public presentation(s) are required in this course. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)
OT 660. Fieldwork II A. Full-time 12-week clinical experience in which students are responsible for providing services to clients under the supervision of a qualified occupational therapy practitioner. The focus is on development of the skills necessary for entry level occupational therapy practice. Placements are selected to ensure exposure to a variety of settings and clients. Traditional Clinical Rotation (9 credit hours)

OT 670. Fieldwork II B. Full-time 12-week clinical experience in which students are responsible for providing services to clients under the supervision of a qualified occupational therapy practitioner. The focus is on development of the skills necessary for entry level occupational therapy practice. Placements are selected to ensure exposure to a variety of settings and clients. Traditional Clinical Rotation (9 credit hours)

OT 671. Specialty Internship Seminar. An individualized specialty internship plan is collaboratively designed between students, faculty advisors, and expert mentor(s) to include individualized learning objectives and the initial conception of a culminating capstone project. The culminating capstone project must relate theory to practice, demonstrate a synthesis of advanced knowledge in occupational therapy, and be meaningful to the internship setting. Additionally, a comprehensive curriculum review for the national board exam and the processes for national certification and state licensure are included. Each student must pass a comprehensive competency examination prior to the commencement of the specialty internship. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

OT 680. Specialty Internship. Full-time 16-week specialty internship in which students will achieve specialized skills in one or more of the following areas: advanced clinical practice skills, research skills, administration, leadership, program and/or policy development, advocacy, education, theory development or other innovative practice. Under the supervision of an expert mentor, students will execute their specialty internship plan established in OT671 by meeting the individualized objectives and completing a relevant culminating project. Traditional Practicum/Internship (12 credit hours)

OT 685. Specialty Internship Capstone. Development and presentation of a capstone portfolio that includes a comprehensive culminating project in consultation with a faculty advisor. The capstone portfolio will display advanced knowledge in occupational therapy through the integration of curriculum content and specialized knowledge gained during the specialty internship. Faculty and peer evaluation will be included. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 credit hour)

OT 690. Special Topics. With the consent of the department chair, a student may elect to take a course on a subject of interest in special areas of occupational therapy. The student must have the support of a faculty advisor for course administration. Credits will be assigned according to the scope of the subject and/or project completed. Traditional Independent Study (1 - 4 credit hours)

PT 600. Anatomical Basis of Human Movement-PT Pract. An integrated approach to regional study of the gross anatomical structure and functions of the human body with emphasis on the study of the musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular, and pulmonary systems. Traditional Lecture (5 credit hours)

PT 601. Physiologic Basis of Physical Therapy I. The study of human physiology with special emphasis on cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal, nervous, endocrine, and reproductive systems as well as acid base balance. Prerequisite: PT 600 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 602. Human Kinesiology and Biomechanics I. A study of normal and abnormal human movement with consideration of static and dynamic structural relationships. Emphasis is on the clinical application of kinesiologic principles and relationships. Prerequisite: PT 600 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 603. Physiologic Basis of Physical Therapy II. Examination of the client’s response to physical therapy intervention in health and disease. Emphasis is on the physiologic responses and adaptations of the cardiopulmonary and musculoskeletal systems and the energy systems utilized during activity. Prerequisite: PT 601 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 604. Human Kinesiology and Biomechanics II. A study of human structure and movement in the areas of gait and posture. Both normal and abnormal gait and posture will be addressed in lecture and laboratory settings. Basic introductions and principles in the areas of motor learning and motor control will be presented. Prerequisite: PT 602 and PT 621 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 605. Pharmacology in Physical Therapy. General concepts of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics. Includes a survey of the classes of pharmacological agents used in the treatment of diseases and disorders of the cardiovascular, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, integumentary, and neuromuscular systems. Examination of clinical responses to drug interactions and side effects in the physical therapy patient population and presentation of medical diagnostic measures used to assess diseases and disorders of these systems. Prerequisite: PT 601 Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 606. Neurosciences in Physical Therapy. Neurological basis of central nervous system function with emphasis on motor performance. Includes applications for cranial nerve, reflex, and sensory testing. Prerequisite: PT 611 Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

PT 607. Anatomical Basis of Human Movement Lab. Dissection laboratory for the study of gross anatomical structure and functions of the human body with emphasis on the musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular, and pulmonary systems. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

PT 610. Introduction to Physical Therapy Practice. Principles and conceptual bases of communication, education, cultural diversity, documentation in the healthcare record, psychosocial aspects of care and disability, and introduction to ethical practice in a variety of healthcare settings. Prerequisite: Admission Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 611. Systems Review and Clinical Dysfunction. Principles and practices related to the systems review process of physical therapy examination. Clinical pathology of body systems, with emphasis on the influence of these pathologies on the role and practice of physical therapists. Prerequisite: PT 600 Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

PT 612. Develop Basis- Functional Movment: Lifespan. Study of the sequential changes of human development, maturation, and aging from conception to death with emphasis on neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems. Prerequisite: PT 604 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 613. Applied Clinical Decision Making. A synthesis of concepts learned during the preceding clinical experience, utilizing case study presentations, sharing of clinical in - services, and professional socialization. Requisite: Concurrent enrollment in PT 651; Prerequisites: PT 605 and PT 650 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 616. Comprehensive Capstone. A review and synthesis of the patient client management model with a focus on specific clinical disorders with an emphasis on clinical decision making based on clinical experiences. A secondary emphasis is on preparation for the National Physical Therapy Examination. Prerequisites: PT 613 and PT 651 Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
PT 617. Issues in Comm Health & Prev & Wellness. A synopsis of issues in community health, including epidemiological concepts and community education processes. The role of physical therapists in prevention and promotion of health is examined in relation to principles and practice across culturally diverse client populations. Prerequisites: PT603, PT 610, PT 611, PT 640, PT 660. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 620. Acute Care in Physical Therapy I. Practice related to the role of the physical therapist in the acute care setting, including introduction to radiology, lab values, pulmonary function testing, cardiac monitoring, and equipment utilized for patients in this setting. Prerequisite: PT 600 Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

PT 621. Clinical Tests & Measures in PT Practice. Theory and application of patient examination skills including muscle performance testing, goniometry, sensory testing, functional assessment, functional capacity examination, assessment of home and work environments, and application of ergonomic principles. Incorporates documentation of patient examination and evaluation in the medical record. Prerequisites: PT 601, PT 602, PT 610, PT 611 Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

PT 625. PT Practice Across Client Populations. Exploration of areas of specialty practice within physical therapy to include comprehensive management of the intergenerational system, the geriatric population, women’s health issues, and management of amputation. Prerequisites: PT 600, PT 605, PT 611, and PT 632. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 630. Principles of Physical Therapy Pract I. Basic principles and procedures involved in transfers, bed mobility, patient positioning, draping, body mechanics, passive range of motion, vital signs assessment and gait training with assistive devices. Prerequisites: PT 600 and PT 610 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 631. Assessment & Mgt-Musculoskeletal Prob I. Specific assessment skills related to appendicular musculoskeletal problems. Presentation of various management techniques, such as exercise, flexibility, and mobilization, which are used in the management of these problems. Prerequisites: PT 602 and PT 611 Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

PT 632. Principles of Phys Ther Practice II. Physical, electrical, and mechanical modalities used in physical therapy treatment. Prerequisites: PT 602, PT 611, PT 630 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 633. Acute Care in Physical Therapy II. Assessment and treatment of patients in the acute care setting with a variety of medical conditions. Emphasis on the equipment utilized as well as assessment parameters as related to the management of patients in acute care settings. Prerequisites: PT 603, PT 620, PT 621 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 634. Assessment & Mgt-Musculoskeletal Prob II. Specific assessment skills related to axial and pelvic musculoskeletal problems. Presentation of various management techniques, such as exercise, flexibility, and mobilization, which are used in the management of these problems. Prerequisites: PT 604 and PT 631. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 636. Neurological Aspects Phys Ther Pract I. Basic principles of rehabilitation for the physically disabled individual. Emphasis is placed on comprehensive management of neuromuscular related conditions with focus on achieving individual functional potential through therapeutic intervention, equipment and orthotic evaluation, and patient education. Prerequisites: PT 604, PT 605, PT 606, and PT 621 Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

PT 637. Neurological Aspects Phys Ther Pract II. Introduction to current theories, clinical examination, evaluation, and management of neurological conditions with emphasis on the adult population. Includes principles of rehabilitation and neurological disease processes. Prerequisites: PT 604, PT 605, PT 606, PT 621 Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

PT 638. Neurological Aspects Phys Ther Pract III. Assessment and treatment of neurological and musculoskeletal dysfunctions presenting in the 0 to 21 years of age population in a variety of community and healthcare settings. Emphasis is placed on comprehensive management of neuromuscular conditions and includes overview of congenital or acquired orthopedic conditions affecting the pediatric population. Prerequisites: PT 605, PT 606, PT 612, and PT 621 Traditional Lecture/Lab (4 credit hours)

PT 640. Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare. An overview of the legal structure of the healthcare system, including public and private law affecting healthcare. Concurrent ethical issues are explored, with a focus on ethical principles and decision making. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 641. Organizational Syst in Hlthcare Delivery. An overview of the structure of healthcare delivery. Emphasizes patient settings, reimbursement mechanisms, accreditation, risk management, consultation, advocacy, and quality assessment and improvement. Prerequisite: PT 640 Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 642. Resource Management in Physical Therapy. Explores the business management of the physical therapy practice. Includes management theory, strategic and operational planning, risk management and quality assurance, business law, human resource management, budgeting, marketing, leadership and communication. Prerequisites: PT 640 and PT 641. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 650. Clinical Experience I. An eight week full time clinical education experience. Emphasis based on basic evaluation and treatment techniques of musculoskeletal conditions of the upper and lower extremities and medical conditions. Prerequisite: Enrolled in regular track and in good academic standing. Traditional Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

PT 651. Clinical Experience II. An eight week full time clinical education experience. The student is assigned to one of a variety of practice settings. Emphasis is on comprehensive evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment planning for a variety of patient care problems. Prerequisites: PT 650, enrolled in regular track, and in good academic standing Traditional Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

PT 652. Clinical Experience III. The final clinical education course consisting of full time long term experiences in a variety of settings. This course is the culmination of the students’ previous didactic and clinical experiences and is designed to assist the student in achieving clinical competence as an entry level physical therapist. Emphasis is on professional behaviors as well as comprehensive patient management. Prerequisites: PT 651, enrolled in regular track, and in good academic standing. Traditional Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

PT 653. Clinical Experience IV. The final clinical education course consisting of full time long term experiences in a variety of settings. This course is the culmination of the students’ previous didactic and clinical experiences and is designed to assist the student in achieving clinical competence as an entry level physical therapist. Emphasis is on professional behaviors as well as comprehensive patient management. Prerequisites: PT 652, enrolled in regular track, and in good academic standing. Traditional Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)
PT 660. Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Pract I. Introduce medical research, including study designs, and methods that are used to support evidence based practice. Familiarize students with the interpretation of descriptive and inferential statistics. Teach legal and ethical aspects of human research and the oversight needed to conduct clinical research projects. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PT 661. Evidence-Based Physical Therapy Pract II. Enable the application of results from medical research to clinical decision making and advance appreciation of evidence based practice. Critical appraisal and evaluation of various types of evidence to identify the overall quality, potential sources of bias, and how these biases can influence the results. Development of the ability to discern the applicability of research findings to specific patient populations and physical therapist practice. Prerequisite: PT660 Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 664. Research Methodology I. Engages students in the research process by completing a systematic review of research findings from primary sources. At the completion of this course, students will have partially completed the methodology required for their systematic review project. Prerequisite: PT660. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

PT 665. Research Methodology II. Further engagement in the research process and completion of the systematic review project. The course will discuss written, verbal, and demonstrative methods of disseminating research deliverables within professional venues. The groups' research projects will be completed and presented at the School of Health Related Professions Research Day. Prerequisites: PT660 and PT664. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

PT 670. Specialty Practice in Physical Therapy. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-01. Advanced Ortho and Sports PT. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-02. Neurologic Physical Therapy. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-03. Pediatric Physical Therapy. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-04. Advanced Manual Therapy. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-05. Applied Integumentary Concepts in PT. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-10. Alternative PT Management. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-11. Intro to Aquatic Rehab. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-12. PT and Progressive Neurologic Disorders. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-14. Applied Concepts in Assistive Technology. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-15. Survey of PT Practice in Oncology. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-16. Issues in Women's Health. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-17. Research. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women's health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest.
Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 670-18. Human Anatomy. Students may take an elective course in a specialty practice area of interest. These can include areas such as sports physical therapy, aquatics, advanced manual therapy skills, women’s health, pediatrics, neurological therapy skills, or other areas of interest. Requisite: Good academic standing and permission of the instructor. Elective does not count for credit toward the DPT degree. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

PT 671. Independent Study in Physical Ther Pract. An independent study course designed to enhance the knowledge base in administrative, education, or clinical issues. Permission of the instructor and department chair is required. Credit hours assigned according to the scope of the project. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

PT 672. Special Topics in Physical Therapy Pract. A student may take this course on a subject of interest or a clinical practice area of physical therapy with permission of the course faculty and department chair. Credit hours assigned according to the scope of the project. Traditional Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

RAD 300. Concepts of Radiologic Sciences. An overview of the foundations in radiography involving the practitioner’s role in the healthcare delivery system. An introduction to general anatomy and body systems, mobile radiography, trauma radiography, and surgical radiography are explored. Principles, practices, and policies of the healthcare organization(s), medical language, professional communication, and professional responsibilities of the radiographer will be examined and discussed. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 306. Radiographic Procedures I. Provides a knowledge base necessary to perform standard radiographic procedures of the thoracic viscera, abdomen, upper and lower extremities, and bony thorax. Content includes the radiographic anatomy and positioning of these body structures. Laboratory experience will be used to complement the didactic portion. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

RAD 312. Radiation Protection. Basic theories and principles related to the safe utilization of diagnostic radiographic equipment in a clinical setting. The student applies the theories and principles of safe radiation exposure. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 318. Principles of Image Formation. Factors that govern and influence the production and recording of radiologic images. Content includes the importance of minimum imaging standards, discussion of a problem-solving technique for image evaluation, factors affecting image quality, imaging accessories, and technique charts. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 314. Age Specific Patient Care. Patient care theory and techniques for a diverse patient population. Content includes age appropriate interpersonal communication, human diversity, patient transfer and immobilization techniques, vital sign monitoring, sterile and aseptic technique, infection control, and medical emergencies. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 330. Radiologic Physics. Qualitative and quantitative concepts of radiation physics pertaining to medical applications in radiology; atomic and nuclear structure; properties of radiation; x-ray production; artificial production; photon interactions in matter; and attenuation processes. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 336. Radiobiology. Qualitative and quantitative concepts of radiobiology pertaining to genetic and somatic effects of ionizing radiation and the mechanisms of interaction from subcellular level to organism. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 342. Research Methods. Provides an overview of research design methodology in radiologic sciences. Emphasis is on data collection, analysis, interpretation, and effective communication of research via written and oral presentations. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 348. Radiographic Procedures II. A continuation of RAD 306. Content includes the radiographic anatomy and positioning of the shoulder and pelvic girdles, as well as the vertebral column. Laboratory experience will be used to complement the didactic portion. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

RAD 350. Clinical Practicum I. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of radiologic procedures. Content includes patient assessment; radiographic examinations of extremities (upper and lower), chest, bony thorax, and abdomen; radiologic imaging critique; concepts of team practice and patient-centered clinical practice; total quality management; and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

RAD 354. Clinical Practicum II. A continuation of RAD 354. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of radiologic procedures. Content includes patient assessment; radiographic examinations of extremities (upper and lower) and girdles, chest, bony thorax, abdomen, and vertebral column; radiologic imaging critique; concepts of team practice and patient-centered clinical practice; total quality management; and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

RAD 400. Legal and Ethical Issues in Imaging Sci. A study of legal and ethical issues in imaging sciences. Topics include ethical theories, end of life care, living wills, confidentiality, risk management and quality review, HIPAA, and implementation of the electronic health record. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 406. Radiographic Procedures III. A continuation of RAD 348. Content includes the radiographic anatomy and positioning of the digestive system, biliary system, and cranium. Laboratory experience will be used to complement the didactic portion. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

RAD 412. Advanced Medical Imaging Science. A study of the advanced physical principles of diagnostic radiology. Topics include image intensification, specialized radiographic units, and quality control of radiographic equipment and accessories. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 414. Advanced Clinical Practice Skills. Focuses on the current healthcare delivery environment including patient assessment, monitoring, infection control, and management. It includes working with multicultural patients, managing problem patients, and patient education. Additional topics include an overview of considerations when working in an increasingly digital imaging environment. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

RAD 418. Digital Image Acquisition and Display. Explores the components, principles, and operations of digital imaging systems. Factors that impact image acquisition, display, archiving and retrieval are discussed. Principles of digital imaging quality assurance and maintenance are presented. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
RAD 418. Digital Image Acquisition and Display. Explores the components, principles, and operations of digital imaging systems. Factors that impact image acquisition, display, archiving and retrieval are discussed. Principles of digital imaging quality assurance and maintenance are presented. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 420. Image Evaluation and Critique. Content provides a basis for analyzing radiographic images. Included are the importance of optimal imaging standards, discussion of a problem-solving technique for image evaluation, and the factors that can affect image quality. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 424. Principles of Computed Tomography. Explores the basic physical and technical principles of computed tomography (CT) imaging. Content includes computed tomography generations, components, operations, and imaging processes with an emphasis on sectional anatomy as seen in computed tomography. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 430. Pharmacology and Drug Administration. An overview of pharmacologic principles and practices in patient care with emphasis on imaging procedures. Topics include biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, drug classifications, radiopharmaceuticals, venipuncture, routes of drug administration, emergency medications, and cardiac monitoring. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 430. Pharmacology and Drug Administration. An overview of pharmacologic principles and practices in patient care with emphasis on imaging procedures. Topics include biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, drug classifications, radiopharmaceuticals, venipuncture, routes of drug administration, emergency medications, and cardiac monitoring. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 436. Radiographic Pathology. Introduces theories of disease causation and the pathophysiologic disorders that compromise healthy systems. Content includes etiology, pathophysiologic responses, clinical manifestations, radiographic appearance, and management of alterations in body systems. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

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RAD 438. Radiographic Image Analysis. A study of specific factors of the radiographic process that affect image quality, with an emphasis on refinement of image analysis and problem-solving skills. Image analysis of the appendicular skeleton, axial skeleton, chest, abdomen, and digestive system will be explored. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

RAD 440. Advanced Clinical Management. A study of the delivery of patient-centered care while exploring the business management of the imaging profession. Includes advanced clinical practice skills, image analysis, radiology coding, and imaging informatics. Additional topics include an overview of considerations when working in an increasingly digital imaging environment. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 442. Clinical Research Methods. A study of research design methodology in radiologic sciences. Topics include terminology of research, qualitative and quantitative methods, statistics, basic research designs, and data analysis techniques. Emphasis is placed on critical review of radiologic sciences research studies and their application to clinical practice. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

RAD 445. Concepts of Magnetic Resonance Imaging. A study of the basic physical principles of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Content includes fundamentals of magnetic resonance imaging, equipment and instrumentation, radiofrequency and gradients, image production parameters, contrast media, pulse sequences, safety essentials, image quality, and procedure protocols of common magnetic resonance imaging examinations. Provides an overview of human anatomy, viewed in body sections, as it relates to the imaging professional. Pathologic diseases and conditions commonly imaged utilizing MRI will also be studied. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 448. Radiographic Procedures IV. A continuation of RAD 406. Content includes the radiographic anatomy and positioning of the urinary system, reproductive system, central nervous system, as well as the use of advanced radiographic procedures. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

RAD 451. Mgmt Issues in Diagnostic Health Care. A study of managerial roles and functions in healthcare organizations with emphasis in diagnostic imaging. Content includes connective processes, planning, organizing, staffing, influencing, controlling, and labor relations. Provides a foundation of managerial thoughts and processes which lead to organizational success and maximum productivity. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 454. Clinical Practicum III. A continuation of RAD 360. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of radiologic procedures. Content includes patient assessment; radiographic examinations of extremities (upper and lower) and girdles, chest, bony thorax, abdomen, and vertebral column; radiologic imaging critique; concepts of team practice and patient-centered clinical practice; total quality management; and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

RAD 457. Breast Imaging Principles. A study of the basic physical principles of breast imaging (mammography). Content includes fundamentals of breast imaging, equipment and instrumentation, image production parameters, quality control and regulations, patient care in breast imaging, breast ultrasound, digital mammography, and procedure protocols and techniques specific to breast imaging examinations. Provides an overview of breast anatomy and pathology. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

RAD 460. Clinical Practicum IV. A continuation of RAD 454. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of radiologic procedures. Content includes patient assessment; radiographic examinations of extremities (upper and lower) and girdles, chest, bony thorax, abdomen, vertebral column, and gastrointestinal system; radiologic imaging critique; concepts of team practice and patient-centered clinical practice; total quality management; and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

RAD 463. Patient Safety in Radiologic Sciences. A study of the essentials of patient safety in the healthcare environment, with emphasis on safety within the imaging profession. Content includes an introduction to healthcare safety, workplace safety, risk management, patient transfer and transport, patient falls prevention protocols, infection control practices, medication safety, sentinel event policies and prevention, and radiation protection. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)
RAD 466. Clinical Practicum V. A continuation of RAD 460. Supervised clinical practice experience designed for sequential development, application, critical analysis, integration, synthesis, and evaluation of concepts and theories in the performance of radiologic procedures. Content includes patient assessment; radiographic examinations of extremities (upper and lower) and girdles, chest, bony thorax, abdomen, vertebral column, urinary system, gastrointestinal system, reproductive system, and central nervous system; radiologic imaging critique; concepts of team practice and patient-centered clinical practice; total quality management; and professional development. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

RAD 472. Seminar I. An overview of various topics in radiologic sciences. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)

RAD 475. Seminar II. A continuation of RAD 472 and provides an overview of various topics in radiologic sciences. Traditional Lecture/Lab (1 credit hour)

RAD 478. CT Applications and Sectional Imaging. A study of the basic physical principles of computed tomography (CT) imaging. Content includes fundamentals of computerized tomography, equipment and instrumentation, data acquisition, image processing and reconstruction, patient safety, image quality, and procedure protocols of common computed tomography examinations. Provides an overview of human anatomy, viewed in body sections, as it relates to the imaging professional. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

RAD 484. Radiologic Sciences Directed Study. Involves a directed study designed to provide registered radiologic technologists the opportunity to demonstrate their expanded capabilities resulting from previous didactic and clinical experience gained in radiologic sciences. Requires the student to utilize the knowledge, skills, and insights gained from previous courses taken in the Advanced Standing Radiologic Sciences Track and requires the student to develop a comprehensive ePortfolio of material that includes, but is not limited to, directed reading essays, testing assignments, CITI Basic Course assignments, an MSDH Healthcare Law presentation, and a Curriculum Vitae. The student will work with a supervising faculty member and a mentor/preceptor. Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission of the program director are required. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

RAD 490. Special Topics. Interdisciplinary elective. Content varies. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 - 4 credit hours)

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## 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

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HISTORY
The long-range plan for the development of the Medical Center included the creation of a dental school in the 1971-1979 period. In the regular session of 1973, the Mississippi Legislature authorized the Board of Trustees to establish a School of Dentistry at the Medical Center for the “encouragement of the study of dentistry toward the doctor of dental medicine degree (DMD) as well as the continued education of the state’s dental health professionals, and the encouragement of dental research and the improvement of dental health.”

The School of Dentistry enrolled its first students in 1975, and the first class was graduated in May, 1979. The dental education building, which adjoins the main Medical Center complex by an enclosed walkway, was completed in 1977. The contemporary, five-story structure was dedicated in public and scientific ceremonies in March 1978.

PROGRAMS
The School of Dentistry offers a course of instruction leading to the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD). The curriculum extends over four calendar years and is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the American Dental Association Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-2719 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Biomedical Materials Science are offered by the School of Graduate Studies in Health Sciences. These graduate programs are open to dentists, engineers and other scientists and medical professionals. They focus on the fundamental principles of materials science and the unique requirements associated with the use of materials in a living system, including the oral environment.

The School of Dentistry offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene. This degree program, previously a part of the School of Health Related Professions, educates dental professionals who provide preventive services and promote the overall health and well-being of the oral environment. An advanced standing Baccalaureate degree program enables practicing licensed dental hygienists to update their educational background, enhance their didactic skills, improve their clinical decision-making skills and receive the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. The program, offered across five semesters, is designed for, but not limited to, part-time, nontraditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.

VISION
The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry will be a nationally recognized center of excellence in dental education, patient care, research, and services in order to improve health outcomes and eliminate dental healthcare disparities for the citizens of Mississippi.

MISSION
The mission of the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry is to foster an environment of lifelong learning, collaborative teaching, service, and research through partnerships within the Medical Center, and with community organizations and dental health practitioners throughout the State of Mississippi. The School of Dentistry is committed to acquiring and retaining a diverse community of students, residents, fellows, faculty and staff, which exemplifies qualities of leadership and dedication in preparing competent, ethical dental health professionals for the state of Mississippi and who work to improve health outcomes and eliminate health disparities.

CORE VALUES
Integrity
- Honesty and fairness in our actions
- Building trust within our relationships
- Courage to do “what is right”

Excellence
- Realize and commit to our full potential
- Achievement and performance set to the highest standards
- Collaborative teaching within the Medical Center

Leadership
- Willingness to take responsibility
- Creating a vision, setting goals to make a difference

Research
- Promotion of innovative research by faculty and students

Professionalism
- Ethical conduct, character and spirit for the advancement of our professions
GIVING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

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DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE

ADMISSION TO THE DENTAL CURRICULUM

The authority to select applicants for admission to the Dental program is vested in the Dental School Admissions Committee (DSAC) and the Dean of the School of Dentistry. DSAC is appointed by the Dean of the School of Dentistry and includes clinical and basic science faculty of the School of Dentistry and the School of Medicine, representatives of the dental private practice, UMMC School of Dentistry students and other administrative personnel in the various departments at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. All correspondence and records regarding the admissions process are filed in the Office of Student Records and Registrar, become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and cannot be returned or forwarded to the applicant or another school. Applicants and Admission Committee members are required to sign a confidentiality agreement which grants the committee members authority to review all applicant information when making decisions on selection of candidates. All applicant information reviewed shall be confidential.

Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status. Decision and consideration are given to both cognitive and noncognitive components. Cognitive components include overall GPA, overall science GPA, overall DAT (academic average), overall science DAT and masters GPA, if applicable. Noncognitive components include honesty/integrity, ethics/values, respect for others, critical thinking, communication skills, altruism, motivation for dentistry, accountability, support system, maturity, excellence, vision of practice, participation in Health Careers programs, leadership, self-appraisal and research. Recommendations from college science faculty, dentists that have been shadowed and community service directors are also considered. Multiple mini-interviews with members of the Admissions Committee are required.

For admission purposes, the School of Dentistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center gives preference to residents of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and IHL Policy 610. As such, the School of Dentistry currently accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. The School of Dentistry may choose to not accept applications from students who cannot demonstrate residency as defined by Miss. Code § 37-103-7 and 37-103-13. In recent years, nonresidents have not been considered for admission to the DMD program in the School of Dentistry.

Applicants must complete all required course work at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university. Full-time members of the U.S. military must obtain orders to be based in Mississippi prior to starting first-year classes. All questions pertaining to resident status should be addressed to the Office of Student Records and Registrar, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216-4505.

INTERVIEWS – Applicant files are reviewed by the School of Dentistry Admissions screeners. Applicants whose credentials indicate potential for success in the UMMC dental school program are invited for an interview session which includes multiple mini-interviews with members of the DSAC. Applicants must not present themselves for interviews until requested to do so by the Admissions Committee. Pre-screening factors include, but are not limited to, metrics (grades and DAT scores), shadowing experiences (minimum of 100 hours of shadowing is required with at least four different dentists), research experience, commitment to community service (volunteer work with at least four different organizations is recommended) as well as professionalism, leadership, and other non-cognitive attributes. Interviews are scheduled during specific periods, and applicants are notified in advance of such periods.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE – The UMMC School of Dentistry is now a participant of the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service, AADSAS. Applicants can apply online. Contact information for ADEA AADSAS:
- Phone: (617) 612-2045 (Applicant inquiries only)
- E-mail: mailto:aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org
- Website: http://portal.aadsasweb.org/

It is not necessary that an applicant complete the entire application at once. The applicant may save the application and work on it over a period of time. Once it is submitted, however, only minor changes can be made online. Check with AADSAS to determine what information can be edited after submission of the application.

Upon verification of an applicant’s primary application, the applicant will be provided with a link to complete the UMMC School of Dentistry’s supplemental application. The supplemental application fee is $50.
### Application Timetable: There are no exceptions to the below listed deadlines.

- **Earliest date of application:** JUNE 1, 2018
- **Application deadline:**
  - AADSAS deadline: **SEPTEMBER 23, 2018** (Application, all documentation and fees required by AADSAS must be received by AADSAS.)
  - UMMC School of Dentistry deadline: **OCTOBER 21, 2018** (All application materials, including secondary application, fees, official transcripts and letters of recommendation, must be received.)
- **Earliest date of acceptance notification:** **DECEMBER 1, 2018**

### DENTAL ADMISSION TEST (DAT) – Applicants for admission to the UMMC School of Dentistry must take the American Dental Association Dental Admission Test (DAT). The test **must** be scheduled to be taken by computer at Prometric Testing Centers. Information regarding the American Dental Association Dental Admission Test may be obtained from the pre-dental advisor in most colleges or from the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. By following a well-planned schedule, the pre-dental student should be ready to take the test at the end of the second full year of college work; the DAT is generally taken by March of the third year of college work. DAT scores more than 3 years old are not accepted. Candidates seeking to retake the DAT must wait 90 days before a re-test is allowed.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS – The applicant must show credit for at least three years of college work, totaling not fewer than 90 successful semester hours (grade of “C” or better), completed in a regionally accredited United States or Canadian college or university.

In addition, all applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

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**PLEASE NOTE:** While not required, these courses are **highly recommended:**

- foreign language, sociology, psychology, speech, humanities, philosophy, embryology, histology, immunology, cell biology, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology, gross anatomy, neuroanatomy.

There is no time limit on the validity of a baccalaureate degree; however, the Admissions Committee has concerns when prerequisite courses have been taken ten (10) or more years ago. If a science course is being used for any course requirement (for any method) and was taken ten (10) or more years ago, it must be repeated.

### Unacceptable Courses – None of the minimum 90 acceptable semester hours of collegiate course work listed or described or recommended above may be met by the following: correspondence courses; courses in physical training, military science, or dogmatic religion; courses in mathematics or science designed for non-science majors; or course credit granted without college-level testing and grade. A limited number of distance learning credits may be accepted for liberal arts electives; however, none will be accepted for required science and math courses. Courses taken outside science and math departments (course numbers other than BIOL, CHEM, PHYS or MATH) are not acceptable as required courses.

### Approved Elective Courses – It is recommended that the student develop proficiency in a specific area while in undergraduate school and acquire a background in the humanities and social sciences, consulting with a pre-dental/pre-health profession advisor concerning specific courses.

### CREDIT TRANSFERRED FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE – A maximum of 65 semester hours of credit from a junior college may be applied toward admission. However, it is strongly recommended that as many required science courses as possible be completed at a senior college or university to improve chances for admission.

### TRANSFER STUDENTS ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING – The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry does not accept transfer students from other dental schools except under exceptional circumstances. The School of Dentistry’s Executive Committee reserves the right to determine those exceptional circumstances and the criteria and procedures related to a transfer student’s admission. Graduates of foreign dental schools are not eligible for advanced standing consideration.

### COMPLETION OF DEGREES – An applicant enrolled in a degree-granting program at any college or university is expected to complete the requirements for and earn that degree before enrollment in dental school. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Admissions Committee, this applies to both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

### CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE – Acceptance to the dental school is conditional; the Admissions Committee may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, patterns of unprofessional behavior and incidents discovered in a criminal background check.
SPECIAL STUDENT
No student may enroll for courses in the School of Dentistry as a special part-time student without being admitted by the Admissions Committee and receiving approval from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to attend class(es).

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION
The Dean and faculty’s recommendation that a student be granted the DMD degree by the University of Mississippi Medical Center signifies that the recipient of that degree possesses the knowledge, skills and attitudes to provide care across a wide spectrum of dental health needs and to function effectively in varied clinical settings. The dental practitioner must exhibit a unique combination of scientific and health care knowledge, technical abilities, communication and interpersonal skills as well as professional attitudes and behaviors in order to deliver the dental health care that is required and expected of today’s dental professional.

The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry has a responsibility for the welfare of patients treated at the school and a responsibility to graduate the best possible practitioners. Therefore, the School of Dentistry maintains certain minimum technical standards for admission to the school. Applicants must possess a basic core of skills and abilities that will allow them to successfully complete the dental curriculum and benefit fully from their professional education. As an integral part of their education, students are required to provide treatment for patients who seek care at the School of Dentistry. The school has the responsibility of ensuring the safety of those patients. This includes the completion of treatment safely and within an acceptable amount of time.

It is the responsibility of the candidate for admission to review the technical standards for admissions. To receive academic accommodations at UMMC, all students must contact the Office of Academic Support and complete the appropriate process. http://www.umc.edu/academic_support

Motor Skills: All applicants must be able to meet the following technical standards: Candidates must have sufficient motor function to conduct various diagnostic and treatment procedures; to manipulate dental instruments and handpieces. These behaviors require both gross and fine muscular movements and coordination, as well as sight, touch and manual dexterity and fully functioning wrists, hands, fingers and arms. Candidates must be able to ensure that basic life support emergency procedures, including CPR, can be performed on all patients; transfer and position disabled patients personally or with assistance from auxiliary personnel; position themselves in an appropriate sitting or standing position so as to render dental care; position dental equipment including carts, stools and dental chair; operate hand or foot controls utilizing fine movements; operate high and low speed dental handpieces during dental treatment requiring controlled movements of less than one millimeter; utilize hand instrumentation including surgical instruments for dental procedures on hard and soft tissues; perform all necessary procedures in required educational exercises including activities in the preclinical laboratories; execute motor movements necessary to arrive at a diagnosis and treatment plan, and provide patient care including emergency treatment; perform motor functions to elicit information from patients or from simulations through palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic procedures utilizing instrument manipulation.

Sensory Skills: Candidates must have functional use of the senses of vision, hearing, touch and smell in order to observe and learn effectively in the classroom, laboratory and clinical settings and, ultimately, to provide oral health care in a practice setting. These sensory skills must be sufficient to allow the student to acquire information through physical, laboratory and clinical means; to visualize intraoral and extraoral structures; to observe a patient accurately both close at hand and at a distance; and to obtain information from written documents, films, slides and video. Candidates must be able to perform educational exercises, dental examinations, and treatment utilizing functions of vision (acuity, accommodation and adequate color differentiation), touch (tactile sense using direct and indirect palpation), hearing (distinguishing sounds of auscultation and percussion, and discerning audible signs of distress from a patient) and smell (enabling observation and discernment of normal and abnormal odoriferous conditions related to either the patient or environment) in order to correctly discriminate between normal and abnormal tissues or conditions during examination, diagnostic and treatment procedures; read charts, records, small print and handwritten notations; and interpret radiographs and other graphic images with and without assistive devices.

Communication Skills: Candidates must have sufficient fluency in the English language to be able to speak, understand, read and write so as to obtain information from texts and lectures; communicate concepts; perceive and describe patient behaviors and emotional states; communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and all members of the health care team both orally and in writing. Candidates must be able to discuss, explain and exchange information with the patient at a level necessary to develop a health history to address health problems, to arrive at diagnoses and treatment plans and to give direction before, during and after treatment; to retrieve information from texts and lectures; to communicate concepts on written and oral examinations and to other health care workers/providers; and to communicate effectively in spoken and written English in classroom, laboratory and clinical settings.

Cognitive Skills: Candidates must possess those cognitive skills necessary to problem solve in all educational and clinical settings, to accumulate, comprehend and apply information as part of learning and in the establishment of a diagnosis and treatment plan, and to provide oral health care. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to acquire, analyze, synthesize, integrate, measure, calculate and manage data and background knowledge in developing understanding and concepts, and to do so in educational and clinical settings; to perform these cognitive skills in a critical and logical problem solving format and to do so within a specific time limited framework; to comprehend three-dimensional and spatial relationships of structures; to make rational decisions regarding patient care; and to provide treatment within an acceptable time frame so as to ensure safety of the patient.

Behavioral Skills: Candidates must demonstrate sufficient behavioral and social skills, professionalism and emotional health to successfully accomplish the responsibilities related to care of the dental patient and to perform to the fulfillment of the full range of academic and clinical duties of a student. Candidates must be able to manage patients with a wide variety of moods and do so in a tactful, congenial and compassionate manner so as to avoid alienation and antagonism; possess sufficient physical ability to meet the demands of ongoing, concurrent classroom, laboratory and clinical educational exercises; adapt to a changing environment, display flexibility and function appropriately in the face of those uncertainties inherent in dental education; possess emotional health sufficient to carry out tasks, have good judgment and behave in a professional, reliable, mature and responsible manner; exhibit appropriate motivation and a genuine
interest in caring for others; exercise good judgment in prompt completion of responsibilities attendant to the educational process and to the diagnosis, treatment planning and care of patients; possess interpersonal skills and attributes of integrity, empathy, stability and punctuality to be able to function effectively as part of the dental health care team.

ACCEPTED APPLICANT INFORMATION

TEXTBOOKS, LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND CLINIC COATS – Students must purchase dental articulator, dentoform, laboratory coats and clinic coats and other required equipment and supplies as specified throughout the course of study. These items are required purchases through the Medical Center Bookstore. A list of required textbooks will be provided to students prior to their first semester. Various options for purchasing print and/or electronic texts will be provided. Those who have not purchased the school’s required supplies and instruments for any semester will not be permitted to begin classes for that semester.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Curriculum – The dental school administration reserves the right to make changes in curricula and regulations and required equipment and supplies when those changes are determined to be in the best interest of the students and the school.

Examinations – Examinations may be written, oral, practical, simulations, standardized patients or other means or combinations. The student may be excluded from an examination for failure to pay tuition or fees. Make-up examinations for failure of a course must have permission of the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (SEPC).

Grades –

1. The School of Dentistry employs a numerical grading system based on zero to 100. Some courses are graded as Pass/Fail.
2. A student must achieve a grade of 70 or more in each course and a grade of Pass in each Pass/Fail graded course. Students must satisfactorily complete all requirements stated for each course in the syllabus and all Clinical Practice guidelines in each Clinical Practice syllabus in order to become eligible for promotion.
3. If work is incomplete for reasons beyond a student’s control, a temporary grade of “Incomplete” is reported when grades are due. The “I” must be replaced with a final grade prior to the termination of the following semester.
4. If a course extends beyond the end of a semester, the SEPC and the relevant course director will notify students of unsatisfactory progress.
5. Transfer of acceptable course credit attained in programs other than as a student at the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry will be recorded as a “Transfer” grade on the official transcript.
6. All students will be allowed to view their final grades on the SAP – Student Connections portal. Students may challenge grades within 30 days of issuance of final grades; otherwise, grades will stand as recorded.
7. The determination of class rank is made by using the grade point average, which is derived by:
   a. multiplying the grade in a course by the clock hours of that course; and
   b. dividing these totals (grades x clock hours-of all courses) by total number of clock hours (of all courses, except remedial or repeat courses).
8. The determination of letter grade published grade point average is derived by:
   a. multiplying the numerical grade in the course by the semester hours of that course; and
   b. dividing the totals in “a” by the total number of semester hours.

In order to be eligible for the Dean’s Honor List, a student must have attained: 1) an average of 85 or higher for the academic year; 2) must be in the top 20% of the class; 3) must have completed stated guidelines for the academic year; and 4) must have received all passing grades for the academic year.

Withdrawal – Students who are unable to return to school at the beginning of any semester or who must discontinue their work during the year for legitimate reasons ordinarily will be permitted to withdraw in good or satisfactory standing with approval of the Dean. Students who withdraw must complete School of Dentistry check out procedures as per the SOD Business Office. Approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawals authorized after this date will be recorded as a “W” if student performance is satisfactory and as an “F” if the student performance is unsatisfactory at the time of withdrawal.

Students who have withdrawn in good standing must receive approval for readmission from the SEPC on the basis of their status at the time of withdrawal. Students who have been absent for more than one academic year, must apply to the Admissions Committee for readmission. This readmission application must be made before November 1 of the year prior to enrollment.

Leave of Absence – Leaves of absence are granted at the discretion of the Dean and will be for a period of up to one year.

Scholarship, Promotion, and Graduation – Student promotion depends on the satisfactory completion of each year’s work and overall satisfactory performance. Promotions within the School of Dentistry are considered on the basis of recommendations by individual instructors, on departmental evaluations and the student’s total record.

Students in the School of Dentistry should be aware of the information in the course syllabi which details practices, procedures and provisions of the school pertaining to academic and clinical performance and related matters.
Listed below are the minimum acceptable standards of scholastic performance, promotion and graduation:

1. Scholastic performance and promotions, first, second, and third years:
   a. achieve a grade of 70 or more in each numerically graded course, a grade of Pass in each Pass/Fail graded course, and satisfactorily complete all requirements stated for each course in the syllabus and all Clinical Practice guidelines in each Clinical Practice syllabus and
   b. for the class of 2021, achieve an overall score of PASS on the National Board Dental Examination, Part I to be eligible for the continuation in the third year.

2. Fourth-year eligibility requirements for the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree:
   a. achieve a grade of 70 or more in each course and satisfactorily complete all requirements stated for each course in the syllabus, including all Clinical Practice 675 guidelines in each Clinical Practice 675 syllabus
   b. for the classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021, register and take the National Board Dental Examination Part II during the academic graduating year.
   c. for the class of 2022 and later, students must register for and take the Integrated National Board Dental Examination during the academic graduating year.
   d. discharge all financial obligations to this school; and
   e. merit a recommendation from the SEPC to the Dean for eligibility to receive the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. The School and University make no actual or implied guarantee that any student completing most or all of the required work will be granted a dental degree. Factors other than academic achievement are and may be used to determine the eligibility for a student to be granted a dental degree.

Due Process – Due process for students is defined in the procedures identified in the Student Handbook

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

The tuition rates for the 2017-2018 academic year are $29,523 for Mississippi residents, which includes laboratory and library usage. This amount is divided into either two or three semester charges, depending on the individual course calendars for each year of dental school. Note: All amounts are subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL). Please contact the Department of Student Accounting at (601) 984-1060 for more information.

Computers – Entering dental students are required to have a computer that meets certain specifications outlined by the School of Dentistry. Without this laptop, students will not be eligible to begin classes. Students entering dental school are expected to possess basic computer competencies. These include, but are not limited to, use of a computer, use of e-mail, use of Internet browsers and use of software for word processing and data backup. Each student will be provided an institutional e-mail account and will be responsible for frequently checking this account and responding to e-mail sent to that address. Please consult the Accepted Applicants information posted on the Student Affairs website for more information.

Privacy Screens - The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires the University of Mississippi Medical Center to appropriately safeguard protected health information (PHI). The School of Dentistry, in a reasonable and effective initiative to better protect PHI, requires privacy screens to be installed on computer monitors or other electronic device viewing screens in any public environment in which protected health information is being viewed. In addition, all computer monitors and other electronic device viewing screens should be positioned so that the monitor/viewing screen is facing away from patients or others in the area.

Failure to conform to this policy will result in penalties including loss of clinical access/privileges and up to dismissal.

Materials/Supplies – Dental students are provided numerous types of dental materials/supplies during their dental education and some items are included as part of their tuition and fees. However, additional educational supplies above the normal threshold may be purchased on an individual basis from the preclinical storeroom. Students will be charged for any supplies that exceed the normal allowance. Students are required to purchase dental articulator, dentoform, laboratory coats and clinic coats as well as other instruments and supplies as specified throughout the course of study. These items are required purchases through the Medical Center bookstore. Required textbooks may be obtained in various electronic or printed versions.

Those who have not purchased the school’s required supplies and instruments for any semester will not be permitted to begin classes for that semester.

Note: Requirements for computers, materials, and supplies are subject to change, and any changes will be communicated to students prior to their taking effect.

LOANS

Dental Alumni Student Emergency Loan Fund provides small, low-interest loans to students repayable in 90 days.

Dental Memorial Loan Fund is made possible by various memorial funds contributed to the School of Dentistry. It is awarded to a Mississippi resident based on academic performance and potential.

George C. and Laura B. McKinstry Scholarship/Loan Fund was established in 1973 by Dr. McKinstry in memory of his father and mother to provide low-interest loans to needy students in the School of Dentistry.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ottilie Schillig Memorial Scholarship was established in 1984 through a gift to the Medical Center from the Schillig Trust. Miss Schillig, a native of Port Gibson, was a noted concert singer. At least one scholarship is available each year to the School of Dentistry. All recipients must be in good academic standing and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

Sumner Foundation Scholarship Fund was established in 1977 by Mrs. E.H. Sumners of Eupora, MS, to provide scholarship assistance for students from Webster, Montgomery, Attala, Carroll and Choctaw counties who are enrolled at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.
Dean’s African-American Scholarship was established in 2001. Selection will be made by the School of Dentistry Scholarship Committee, and prospective recipients must have a GPA of at least 3.0. Preference will be given to Mississippi residents. If the recipient remains in good academic standing, the scholarship will be renewed for each year the recipient is in dental school. The committee will recommend candidates, with the final selection made by the Dean.

Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Minority Scholarships, established by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, are awarded to first-year African-American dental students who are Mississippi residents. Recipients are selected by the School of Dentistry Scholarship Committee. Selection is based on prior academic achievement, the student’s potential for success in dentistry, and accepted institutional financial aid guidelines. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as the recipient remains in good academic standing. Recipients must commit to reside and practice dentistry in Mississippi for a period of five years.

Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Best and Brightest Scholarships, established by the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation, are awarded to two first year students. Recipients are selected by the School of Dentistry Scholarship Committee. Selection is based on academic metrics. The scholarship is renewable each year as long as funds are available and the student maintains a set academic average with no ethical violations. Recipients must commit to practice dentistry in Mississippi for a period of five years.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Student Scholarship Award is awarded to a D3 student. This individual has demonstrated the greatest potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the dental profession. The student need not have the highest grades nor be the most technically proficient, but one who has leadership qualities in the university, dental school, community or other worthy activity. The qualities of integrity, imagination, initiative and communicative skills enter into the selection process as well as the recipient’s need for financial aid.

Dr. James W. Rice and Grace Vaughan Rice Scholarship in Dentistry is established as an academic scholarship under accepted guidelines of the Department of Financial Aid at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The recipient should be a senior student with the highest cumulative academic average over the first three years of dental school from among those students otherwise eligible for the award. The recipient should have financial need as determined by the School of Dentistry in consultation with the Office of Financial Aid. The recipient must have demonstrated the ability to relate to patients, staff and faculty in a positive, constructive manner. The recipient must be of good moral character and exhibit the highest ethical and professional standards.

James T. Baird Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 through a gift to the Medical Center. This is a one-time scholarship given to a first-year dental student provided that funds are available. All recipients must be in good academic standing, and preference is given to those students who intend to practice in smaller Mississippi towns and communities.

L.W. Brock Scholarship fund is funded by an endowment. Five percent (5%) of the earnings will be used to fund scholarships. A recipient must be in the top 1/3 of the class and demonstrate financial need. A recipient will receive no less than $500. This is not a renewable scholarship, as annual earnings cannot be predicted.

Pearl & Otis Walters Scholarship Fund is funded by endowment earnings. The recipient is chosen by the School of Dentistry Scholarship Committee and the selection is based on academic ability, perceived service and contribution to the profession in the state, character and intention to practice in a smaller community. These funds continue as long as the student remains in satisfactory academic standing.

Danny Niolet Scholarship was established in 2013 by the Danny Niolet family and is designated for a first-year dental student who is entering dental school as a second career with special consideration given to students from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This scholarship fund will be funded by endowment earnings.

Helen Reeves Turner, MD, PhD, Scholarship was established in 2013 and is awarded each year to a deserving student from one of the Medical Center Schools. The recipient of this award, selected by the dean or his designee, exemplifies Dr. Turner’s outstanding attributes of leadership, education and service.

Dr. James C. Luper Scholarship was established in 2016. This scholarship is available to students completing their D2 and D3 years. Students must be in good academic standing with no ethical violations, must be in the top 50% of their class, must be eligible for promotion to the next class and have plans to practice general dentistry in the state of Mississippi. Students must have passed all courses with no remediation. This scholarship cannot be combined with the Robert M. Hearin Support Foundation Scholarship, the Robert M. Hearin Foundation Best and Brightest Scholarship, or the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship. Recipients must practice general dentistry in Mississippi for one year for each year the scholarship is received.

Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program - In 2013, the Mississippi Legislature authorized the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program, creating a unique longitudinal program that identifies rural college students who aspire to return to their roots to practice general dentistry. Academic enrichment, faculty and dentist mentoring plus solid dental school financial support through the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program will enable capable young Mississippian's to provide adequate dental care in rural areas of Mississippi. Additional information is available at the link below or by contacting Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program, University of Mississippi School of Medicine, 2500 North State Street Jackson, MS 39216-4505, 601. 815.9022. [https://www.umc.edu/Education/Academic_Affairs/Outreach_Programs/Rural_Dentists_Scholarship_Program/Rural_Dentists_Scholarship_Program_Home.aspx](https://www.umc.edu/Education/Academic_Affairs/Outreach_Programs/Rural_Dentists_Scholarship_Program/Rural_Dentists_Scholarship_Program_Home.aspx)

**AWARDS and HONORS**

**Academy of Dental Materials** – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated excellence in the field of dental materials science.

**Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities (Special Care Dentistry Award)** – This award is presented to the student or students whose projects, achievements and attitudes have demonstrated a sincere interest and concern for the dental needs of persons with disabilities and special patients while an undergraduate dental student.

**Academy of Dentistry International** – This award is presented to a 4th year dental student who has demonstrated outstanding compassion for serving patients through patient care and patient education. This student has made missions trips internationally and has volunteered in numerous charity/free clinics. This student has exhibited leadership characteristics and has been active in community service throughout their dental school training.
Academy of General Dentistry Award – This award, sponsored by the Mississippi Academy of General Dentistry, is presented to the senior who exhibits the greatest potential for becoming an outstanding general practitioner.

Academy of Operative Dentistry – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in operative dentistry.

Academy of Osseointegration – This award is presented to the senior who is recognized as an outstanding dental student in implant dentistry.

ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Research Program Award – This award is presented to recognize a deserving student for outstanding accomplishment and achievement in the field of research.

Jeffrey Alexander Award for Academic Achievement in Pre-Clinical Sciences – This award is presented to a first-year student who has demonstrated academic achievement in the pre-clinical sciences.

Alliance of the Mississippi Dental Association Award – This award is presented to a third-year dental student who has demonstrated initiative toward community dental health.

American Academy of Implant Dentistry – This award is presented to the student who demonstrates the most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – This award is presented to the senior dental student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology – This award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated special interest and accomplishment in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

American Academy of Oral Medicine – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated proficiency in the clinical management of medically complex patients, the diagnosis and non-surgical management of medically-related conditions of the oral and maxillofacial regions, and promise, academic achievement and interest in the discipline of oral medicine.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry – This award is presented to the senior who has been judged by the faculty to be the most outstanding in the field of dentistry for children.

American Academy of Periodontology – This award is presented to the senior who has shown the highest level of academic and clinical achievement related to periodontics.

American Association for Dental Research Student Research Day Award – This award recognizes the best presentation at the School of Dentistry annual Research Day.

American Association of Endodontists – This award is presented to the senior who has shown outstanding interest and achievement in endodontics.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dental Student Award – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in the area of oral and maxillofacial surgery and anesthesiology.

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dental Implant Student Award – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding performance in undergraduate study and clinical training in the area of dental implant placement.

American Association of Oral Biologists – This award is presented to the senior dental student who has made significant contributions to the advancement of oral biology and has demonstrated the potential for further achievement in this field.

American Association of Orthodontists – This award is presented to the senior dental student who has demonstrated exceptional interest in the development of the oro-facial complex.

American Association of Public Health Dentistry – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated special interest and achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

American College of Dentists, Mississippi Section, Student Award – This award is presented to the dental student showing outstanding performance and professionalism while in dental school. The recipient of this award is selected by the UMMC American College of Dentists faculty.

American College of Prosthodontists Achievement Award – This award is presented to a graduating dental student who has excelled in the area of prosthodontics.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology/Horace Wells Award: This award is presented to the senior dental student who has demonstrated proficiency in the field of dental anesthesia.

ASDA Award of Excellence – This award honors the spirit of volunteerism and recognizes student participation or leadership in service to their school and local community.

Brian D. Stone Memorial Award: This award, sponsored by Dental Lifeline Network and established by Drs. Joy and Justin Stone, is presented to a senior dental student who demonstrated a commitment to help people with special needs or as a community volunteer and has excelled in special needs patient care.

Eleanor Bushee American Association of Women Dentists Award – This award is presented to a member of the American Association of Women Dentists and who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and academic excellence.

Care Planning and Restorative Sciences Prosthodontics Achievement Award - This award is presented to the senior dental student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics.

Dr. C Wayne Caswell Pankey Philosophy Award - This award is presented by the family and friends of Dr. C. Wayne Caswell to a student who demonstrates outstanding skills in the area of occlusion and approaches life with a positive mental attitude.

Class Marshal for Commencement – The selection as class marshal for commencement is based on commitment and service to the senior class, school and university.

Clinical Achievement in Oral Surgery: This award is presented by the Department of Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery and Pathology to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding skills and interest in oral surgery.
Community Preventive Dentistry Award – This award is presented by the Department of Periodontics and Preventive Sciences to the senior who has shown outstanding achievement and potential in preventive dentistry.

Dean’s Scholastic Achievement Award – This award is presented by the Dental Alumni Chapter of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association to the student in the senior class who has the highest cumulative academic average for the first three years of dental school.

Delta Dental Student Leadership Award – This award is presented to a senior who has demonstrated a desire to serve the community and will be a strong leader in dentistry and in their community.

Dental Physiology Award – This award is presented to the dental student who has the highest grade point average in the dental physiology course.

Dentsply Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated exceptional ability in the field of removable prosthodontics.

Robert R. Finch Oral Pathology Award – This award, initiated by the family of the late Robert R. Finch, DDS, professor of oral pathology and first assistant dean for educational programs, is presented to the senior who has shown outstanding interest, accomplishment and promise in the field of oral pathology.

Hiram A. Gatewood Sr. Memorial Award – This award is given to a third-year dental student who possesses the academic, clinical, leadership, and moral qualities necessary in the practice of general dentistry. Preference will be given to the student who is from or who plans to practice in a small-town setting.

Bradford A. Gordon Memorial Award – This award established by the Class of 1988 and sponsored by the Dental Alumni Chapter of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, honors the late Brad A. Gordon, DMD, a 1985 graduate of the School of Dentistry. The award is presented to the student who, as judged by the senior class, typifies the traits most associated with Dr. Gordon: determination, perseverance and an overwhelming will to succeed even in the face of adversity. The name of the recipient will be engraved on a plaque which hangs in the School of Dentistry.

HANAU Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award – This award is presented to the graduating senior who has excelled in the study and clinical application of prosthodontics.

Hinman Student Research Award – This award is presented to recognize a deserving student for outstanding accomplishment and achievement in the field of research.

Hinman Society Award: This award is sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society and is presented to third year dental students who are student members of the American Dental Association and in the top 10% of their class. The recipient receives a monetary scholarship and a trip to the Hinman Dental Meeting.

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award: This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated significant leadership and exemplary character traits when participating in humanitarian service or projects, exhibits an altruistic attitude to assist the underserved or less fortunate and has demonstrated the potential to continue leadership roles after graduation.

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated leadership in dental schools student government, excellence in academics and has demonstrated the potential to continue leadership roles after graduation.

International College of Oral Implantologists – This award is presented to the senior dental student who displays the greatest interest and commitment to implantology/implant dentistry.

Jackson Free Clinic Student Service Award: This award is presented to a fourth year dental student who has donated both time and resources to ensure the success of the Jackson Free Clinic. Through the Jackson Free Clinic, this student is committed to serving a population that is often overlooked, while instilling the virtues of altruism as an important aspect as a future healthcare professional.

Jackson Free Clinic Student Service Award: This award is presented to a first, second, or third year dental student who has donated both time and resources to ensure the success of the Jackson Free Clinic. Through the Jackson Free Clinic, this student is committed to serving a population that is often overlooked, while instilling the virtues of altruism as an important aspect as a future healthcare professional.

Lynn Frances Johnston Memorial Award – This award, established by the class of 1983, honors the late Lynn Frances Johnston, D.M.D., a 1983 graduate of the UMMC School of Dentistry. The award is presented to a first-year dental student based on academic achievement, ethical standards and professional behavior.

Dr. Zandra Dorr Klein Memorial Award – This award was established in 2003 by the family and friends of Dr. Zandra Dorr Klein. The award goes to a deserving female third-year student who has shown outstanding academic accomplishment and has performed at a high level in clinical periodontics.

June A. Larsen Memorial Award in Clinical Oral Radiology – This award was initiated by the Employee of the Quarter Committee and is supported by the family of the late June A. Larsen, chief oral radiographic technician and first employee of the quarter at the UMMC School of Dentistry. The award is presented to a third-year dental student who has demonstrated outstanding compassion and technical skills in clinical oral radiology.

Mississippi Dental Association Award – This award is presented to the senior who demonstrates strong commitment to the goals of dentistry, leads in the area of volunteering for dental related activities, and demonstrates strong personal goals to help further the goals of the dental profession in Mississippi while attending the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

Mississippi Dental Society Award: (Award of Excellence) - This award is presented to a 4th year dental student who has excelled both academically and clinically and who has demonstrated leadership in the area of community service and dental public health.

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award – This award is presented to a deserving senior who has exhibited leadership and through accomplishments, has demonstrated dedication to the advancement of dental literature, and has excelled academically and clinically in dental school.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics – This award is presented to a senior dental student to recognize outstanding achievement in dental studies in the area of periodontics.

Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry – This award is presented to the senior to recognize outstanding clinical achievement in restorative care.
Quintessence Publishing Co. Award for Research Achievement – This award is presented to a senior dental student for outstanding achievement in research.

J. Julius Ratliff Award of the MS Association of Orthodontists – This award, sponsored by the MS Association of Orthodontists, is presented to the senior with the highest academic average who has been accepted into an advanced education program in orthodontics.

Regions Bank Award – This award is presented to a Mississippi resident based on academic excellence and overall performance.

Restorative Dentistry Award – This award is presented to a fourth-year dental student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in providing comprehensive restorative care.

Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Award – This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the area of prosthodontics.

Dr. Chris Spraberry Award for Pre-Clinical Excellence: This award is presented to a third-year student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and excellence in pre-clinical sciences leading to the practice of general dentistry.

Trailblazer Award - This award is presented to recognize and celebrate a student whose accomplishments and commitment have made a profound difference in or impacted positively, the lives of others, at UMMC.

Trustmark Bank Award – This award is presented to the senior dental student demonstrating great interest and outstanding performance in preventive and health maintenance management.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society – Seniors are selected for this national dental honor society on the basis of high scholastic achievement, exemplary traits of character and qualities for professional growth and achievement.

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society – Members of this national scholastic honor society are selected on the basis of academic achievement.

William S. Kramer Award of Excellence – This award is presented by the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society in honor of William S. Kramer, DDS, former president and secretary-treasurer of the Supreme Chapter of OKU. The award recognizes a junior student who has demonstrated scholarship, character and the potential promise for advancement of dentistry and service to humanity.

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE DEGREE

The degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine is conferred upon candidates of good moral character who have properly fulfilled all academic requirements of the School of Dentistry’s curriculum; and who have discharged all financial obligations to this school.

The diploma is awarded summa cum laude, Wallace V. Mann Jr. Award, to the graduate who ranks first in the class in academic achievement; magna cum laude to the second ranking graduate; and cum laude to the graduates who rank third and fourth.

THE CURRICULUM IN DENTISTRY

The curriculum consists of four academic years. Each year contains two semesters (fall and spring) of approximately 18 weeks each; additionally, the second, third, and fourth years have summer programs of approximately ten weeks. Because of an ongoing evaluation by the Curriculum Committee, clock hours and placement of courses may be different from that listed in the following distribution of instruction by clock hours.

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This is a six-year combined OMS residency/MD degree program designed to fulfill the educational requirements of the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the American Medical Association. The successful candidate is awarded the MD degree after completion of the third and fourth years of medical school, certificate of one-year General Surgery internship after completion of PGY 2, and a certificate of OMS residency at completion of PGY 4.

Candidates are graduates of accredited U.S. dental schools who have met certain requirements set forth by the UMMC OMS residency and Medical School Admissions committee.

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For a more detailed description of the OMS AEP program, refer to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Handbook, which can be found on the UMMC OMS webpage.

### DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM

**History of the Dental Hygiene Program**

The first dental hygiene class graduated from the School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) in 1972. At that time the program was one of two certificate programs offered in SHRP. Beginning with the Class of 1987, graduates were awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. In 2011, the program added an advanced standing online program to allow licensed dental hygienists with a certificate or associate’s degree the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. The program moved to the School of Dentistry in 2017 and offers two programs of study: (1) The entry-level, traditional baccalaureate program is a dental hygiene program for students who want to earn a dental hygiene license; (2) The dental hygiene advanced standing online program (DHAS program) is designed to allow a licensed dental hygienist to receive credit for previous professional educational experiences and to earn a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Both programs are offered across five semesters.
GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, and equal educational opportunity is offered to all students who meet the entrance requirements without regard to race, creed, sex, color, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability or veteran status.

For admission purposes, the School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center gives preference to residents of Mississippi, as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7, 37-103-13 and IHL Policy 610.

Out-of-state applicants will be considered only if there are positions available after all qualified Mississippi applicants are accepted. The number of students admitted to the Dental Hygiene program is dependent upon the educational resources available to support the program.

The School of Dentistry currently accepts admission applications only from individuals who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents. The School of Dentistry may choose to not accept applications from students who cannot demonstrate residency as defined by Miss. Code §§ 37-103-7 and 37-103-13.

Meeting qualifications does not ensure admission as selection of applicants is on a competitive basis. No applicant is accepted until the admissions process is complete, which may include an interview by members of the appropriate departmental admissions committee. Applicants should not present themselves for interviews until requested as interviews are scheduled as required. Those applicants whom the appropriate departmental admissions committee deems it advisable to interview are notified well in advance.

Transfer of Credits - All prerequisite courses may be taken at either the University of Mississippi, Oxford campus, or any other regionally accredited institution of higher education. (If transferring from a Mississippi community college, please see the Articulation Agreement between the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for program-specific transfer. Depending upon the undergraduate program, up to 60 semester hours of academic credit is the maximum which may be applied toward admission to departments where a degree is granted by the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Technical Standards – The program admissions committees of the School of Dentistry, in accordance with Section 504 of the 1973 Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (PL101-336), have established technical standards for the essential functions of students in the school’s educational programs. A copy of these technical standards can be found on each department’s web page; click on the Admissions link to see the link for the department’s Technical Standards.

Verbal and written communication skills are vital to success in the academic programs in the School of Dentistry; therefore, applicants whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and demonstrate competence in written and spoken English. Information on the TOEFL examination may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center recommends all applicants, regardless of financial need, complete the FAFSA. Applicants who need financial aid assistance should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at the University of Mississippi Medical Center at (601) 984-1117 or by e-mail.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS
E.H. Sumners Foundation Scholarships were established in 1977 by Mrs. E.H. Sumners of Eupora, MS, to provide scholarship assistance for students from Webster, Montgomery, Attala, Carroll and Choctaw counties who are enrolled at the Medical Center.

Federal-State Loan Programs, in which the Medical Center participates, are administered through the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Feild Co-operative Association, Inc. Loan program offers low-interest, long-term loans to residents of Mississippi who have completed a minimum of two years of college work. Students may borrow up to $1,000 per nine-month academic year.

Linda Barkett, DMD Scholarship Endowment is awarded to a senior dental hygiene student in good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and who has demonstrated outstanding clinical skills, patient care and community service.

Russ-Russell Memorial Loan Fund was established by colleagues in memory of Dr. C.R. Russ and Dr. J.V. Russell. This fund provides low-interest loans to qualified dental hygiene students who demonstrate financial need.

William D. Mobley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1976 by Forrest C. Mobley, a 1930 graduate of the university, in memory of his father. This fund provides scholarships for University of Mississippi Medical Center students pursuing a dental hygiene education.

AWARDS AND HONORS
Alliance of the Mississippi Dental Association Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student Award is presented to the student in the dental hygiene department who is judged by the faculty to be the outstanding student as demonstrated by academic performance, departmental and school activities, professional service and community involvement.

Central Mississippi Dental Hygienists’ Association Award, sponsored by the Central Mississippi Dental Hygienists’ Association, is presented to a graduating dental hygiene student who exhibits outstanding knowledge in the preventive aspects of dental disease and for contributions toward the preventive oral health of patients.

Colgate STAR Award, sponsored by Colgate, is presented to a senior dental hygiene student who best exhibits the interest, understanding and leadership expected in the area of community oral health.

Dean’s Award is presented to graduating students in any discipline, whose activities in the areas of academics, scholarship, school, community or professional service are exemplary and bring honor to the school. The award is presented at the discretion of the dean.

Dean’s List recognizes undergraduate students for superior academic achievement. Eligibility is based upon at least 12 semester hours in the preceding semester on the Medical Center campus with a semester average of 3.50 or above.

Latin Honors are awarded to undergraduate students who have been continuously enrolled as full time students and have achieved a cumulative GPA average 3.50 or higher during the duration of the entire undergraduate career. Latin Honors awarded include Cum Laude (3.50-3.74 GPA), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89 GPA), or Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.0 GPA).

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Mississippi Dental Hygienists’ Association Clinical Achievement Award is presented by the Mississippi Dental Hygienists’ Association to the senior dental hygiene student who demonstrates outstanding confidence, competence and interpersonal skills in clinical performance.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others. Initiates are selected on the basis of academic achievement.

Sigma Phi Alpha Dental Hygiene National Honor Society honors seniors who rank the highest in scholarship, service and leadership. This student must also exhibit potential qualities for future growth and attainment.

Trustmark National Bank Dental Hygiene Scholastic Award is presented to the graduating dental hygiene student who is graduating with the highest academic average. A minimum 3.50 grade point average is required for this award.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS
The regulations published in the Bulletin are a digest of the rules of the University and School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program. Changes may be made in the regulations at any time to promote the best interests of the university and its students. Students are responsible for knowing the published regulations, policies and standards of the University and the School.

Registration – In order for the student to receive credit for any course, the student must be registered for that course in the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

Attendance – Enrollment in the School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program obligates students to attend all class meetings and complete all assigned course work. No right or privilege exists which permits a student to be absent from any given number of class meetings or to collaborate on any assigned course work or exams unless given permission from the course instructor.

No Show Policy – A “no show student” is defined as an individual registered for a course who fails to begin attendance or actively participate. Any student receiving financial aid reported as a “no show” by the course instructor will have their financial aid adjusted to reflect actual enrolled hours.

Classroom Behavior – Students are expected to behave respectfully toward class instructors, guest lecturers and fellow students. Cell phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode. Food and drink are only permitted in designated areas. Disruptive behavior in an academic situation or purposely harming academic facilities also is grounds for academic discipline.

Standards of Honesty – The School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program is conducted on a basis of common honesty. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the School are regarded as particularly serious offenses and may result in disciplinary action.
Grading – In determining the final grade to be assigned to each student at the end of a course, all important attributes of each student’s performance in the course are given consideration. This includes cognitive, psychomotor and other attributes such as deportment, interpersonal relationships, attitudes toward course work and other factors which in the opinion of the faculty are important to the student’s future role as a health care professional.

Undergraduate programs:
Final grades will be expressed using this letter system: “A” - Excellent, 90-100; “B” - Good, 80-89; “C” - Average, 75-79; “D” - Below average, 70-74; “F” - Failure, below 70. The quality point value of each letter grade is A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1; and F-0.

Grade Challenge – The responsibility for evaluating student work and assigning grades lies with the instructor of a course. However, a student may challenge a grade in order to initiate a review process for the student to better understand the reason(s) why the grade was assigned, the instructor to be made aware of and correct possible errors, and academic administrators to review the basis on which a grade has been awarded and, to correct, when appropriate, grades assigned by arbitrary or capricious action or other reasons not related to academic performance.

In all cases of a disputed grade, the student has the burden of proof that the assigned grade was not appropriate. It is for this reason that students should first speak with the instructor. If satisfaction is not found after speaking with the instructor, the student should speak with the program director who will advise the student to submit a written petition to include a copy of the syllabus and any assignment/grading rubrics along with copies of any tests, quizzes, assignments or other written work completed for which the student is challenging the grade.

If the student is still not satisfied, the department chair and/or dean’s office will review the action of the program director and/or department chair to see if the grade being challenged was appropriately assessed. If, in the opinion of the program director, department chair and/or the dean’s office, deficiencies in instruction are so grave as to warrant such a change, the proper remedy will usually involve alternative assignments or examinations to allow the student the opportunity to demonstrate the appropriate level of competency in that area in order to earn a different grade than the grade originally assigned. The decision of the dean’s office is final.

Grade Forgiveness – Grade forgiveness is separated into two categories:
1. Admission Forgiveness (i.e., prerequisite GPA calculations); and
2. Progression Forgiveness (i.e., repeated SOD dental hygiene curriculum coursework).

The Dental Hygiene Program allows for admission forgiveness but not progression forgiveness.

Repeat Courses – A repeated course is defined as the opportunity for a student to repeat a single course within a program without readmission or reclassification. However, due to the complexity of the curriculum, the school allows for, but does not mandate, repeat courses within the program. Repeat courses require approval of the program chair and academic dean. The following guidelines are followed for repeat courses:
1. A student must obtain written approval from the department chair and academic dean to repeat a course.
2. When a student is approved to repeat a course, both grades are counted in GPA calculations.
3. A student must have a grade of “F” to be eligible to repeat the course.

Course Withdrawal – Registration for a course makes the student responsible for attending that class until the course is completed or until, with the permission of the dean or designee, the student withdraws from the course. Official withdrawal is facilitated by the dean or designee submitting official notice of withdrawal to the Offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Aid and Student Accounting.
An approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawals authorized after the last day specified in the academic calendar will be recorded as a “W.” Withdrawals authorized after the three quarters point of the semester, specified in the academic calendar, will be recorded as an “F” if failing a course at the time of withdrawal. Failure to officially withdraw will result in the recording of a failing grade in the course in which the student is registered.

Academic Progress – It is the student’s responsibility to ascertain his or her academic progress and seek assistance from the course instructor if the student finds himself or herself performing inadequately.

The program faculty reserves the right to recommend promotion, probation, reclassification, or dismissal of any student. The school reserves the privilege of promoting only those students who, in the judgment of the program faculty, satisfy requirements of scholarship and personal suitability for the profession.

Promotion – Promotion is contingent upon successful academic performance, including demonstration of professional attributes. Recommendations for promotion and graduation are made by program faculty to the dean.

Probation
Upon the recommendation of undergraduate program faculty, a student may be placed on probation when either the student’s semester or overall cumulative grade point average falls below 2.00 or the student has failed to meet professional expectations.

Dismissal
Upon recommendation of undergraduate program faculty, a student may not be permitted to continue enrollment when:
1. The student has received a grade of “F”;
2. The student’s overall cumulative grade point average is less than 2.00 on all course work completed at the University of Mississippi Medical Center;
3. The student’s grade point average is less than 2.00 in each of two consecutive grading periods;
4. The student has failed to meet professional expectations; or
5. The student incurs an unexplained or unexcused absence from all classes and school and departmental activities for a period of two continuous weeks.
Appeal of Dismissal – The appeal procedure is designed to provide the student with a clearly defined avenue for appealing his or her dismissal if he or she believes the dismissal was an arbitrary or capricious action or for other reasons not related to academic performance. The appeal procedure is as follows:

1. The student must submit a written request for an appeal to the dean within five (5) calendar days from the time that the notice of dismissal is sent by e-mail. Failure to make a written appeal within the five calendar day time period shall constitute a waiver of the appeal right and shall result in the sanction becoming final as recommended. The written request for an appeal must set forth the substantive basis for the appeal and be documented in an official letter to the dean. The official letter of appeal can be sent as an email attachment, by regular mail, or hand delivered to the dean.

2. The dean may uphold or deny the appeal or appoint a committee to hear the appeal and forward its written recommendation to the dean. If the dean appoints a committee to hear the appeal, the student will be informed of the time and place of the appeal hearing. The student must appear in person at the hearing to present the appeal to the appeals committee.

3. During an appeal hearing the student shall be permitted, at his or her expense, to have an advisor at the hearing and through all other stages of the disciplinary process. The role of the advisor/legal counsel shall be limited to an advisory capacity only. He/she will not be permitted to make opening or closing statements, question witnesses, or make oral argument. The student is entitled to present witnesses or other evidence, and make opening and concluding statements on his or her own behalf. If the student elects to bring legal counsel to the hearing, he/she must give prior notice to the dean.

4. The decision of the dean will be made in writing and will be sent by e-mail to the student. The dean's decision shall be final.

Leave of Absence – On the recommendation of a department chair and the approval of the dean, a student in good academic standing may be granted a leave of absence for approved medical, personal, or military reasons. The request for leave of absence must be appropriately documented, and in the case of medical leave, reviewed by the director of the Student-Employee Health Services. Leave may not exceed one (1) calendar year. Because of the intensity of the curricula, phasing of the courses, and rapid changes in allied health education, a student may be required to restart courses from the beginning upon returning from leave. Students who fail to return to the academic program within the specified time will be automatically withdrawn from the program. If the student has courses in progress at the time leave of absence is granted, a letter grade of F may be assigned to these courses. A student on leave of absence will not be assigned any academic or clinical responsibilities. Upon return from leave of absence, the student will re-enroll and pay all tuition and fees appropriate for the period of re-enrollment. No leave of absence will be granted without appropriate prior approvals.

Program Withdrawal – Registration in an academic program makes the student responsible for completion of the course of study or until, with the permission of the dean or designee, the student withdraws from the curriculum. Official withdrawal is facilitated by the dean or designee submitting official notice of withdrawal to the Offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Aid and Student Accounting. An approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student's record. Withdrawals authorized after this date will be recorded as a “W” unless the student has completed the course, in which case the final grade in the course will be recorded. Withdrawals authorized after the three quarters point of the semester, specified in the academic calendar, will be recorded as an “F” if failing a course at the time of withdrawal. Failure to officially withdraw will result in the recording of a failing grade in the course(s) in which the student is registered.

COUNSELING
UMMC contracts with Humana Behavioral Health (formerly known as LifeSynch), which is our Student Assistance Program. Services are provided for all students and household members. Services are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week at NO COST to you. If you choose to call, you will talk with a trained professional who will ask you about your situation and connect you with experts who can help. When appropriate, you will be referred to a local professional for up to three face-to-face sessions at no cost to you. Your personal information will be kept confidential. Student Assistance Program confidentiality complies with state and federal requirements. For more information: call 866-219-1232 or visit the website: https://humana.eapwl.com/login?returnUrl=/ To log in to the website – please use UMMC as the username and UMMC as the password.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
The students in the School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program participate in all campus-wide student activities and have representatives on the University of Mississippi Medical Center Associated Student Body and the School of Dentistry Student Government Council. The council provides the administration and faculty with student opinion on matters affecting student welfare.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION OF DENTAL HYGIENE
Registered dental hygienists are licensed oral health care professionals. Dental hygienists provide preventive services that limit the extent of cavities and periodontal disease as well as promote the overall health and well-being of the oral environment and head and neck region. Dental hygienists assess general and oral health by using a variety of diagnostic aids (comprehensive health histories, head, neck and oral examinations, radiographs and indices). Using the information obtained from the assessment process, the hygienist develops a care plan in conjunction with the patient’s goals and needs, provides oral health education and performs preventive (fluorides, sealants) and therapeutic services (non-surgical periodontal therapy). Baccalaureate graduates are employed as clinical practitioners, educators, researchers, administrators, managers, preventive program developers and consultants. Registered (licensed) dental hygienists practice according to the requirements of individual state dental practice acts.

ACCREDITATION STATUS
The dental hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. CODA’s phone number is (800) 621-8099.
TRADITIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE

The traditional baccalaureate degree program in dental hygiene is an entry-level program for students who want to obtain a dental hygiene license. Upon completion of the two-year program, students receive a bachelor of science degree and are prepared to apply for and obtain their initial dental hygiene licensure.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements above, candidates seeking admission to the Dental Hygiene Program must:

1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;
2. Have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on 4.00 scale;
3. Complete 8 hours observation of a licensed or registered dental hygienist in two separate clinical environments;
4. Complete an interview and hands-on test;
5. Submit ACT scores;
6. Complete 12 hours of the science and 24 hours of the non-science prerequisite courses prior to the February 15 application deadline to the program; and
7. Successfully complete (a grade of C or better) the following minimum prerequisite number of required courses below:

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¹One course in anatomy plus one course in physiology or anatomy and physiology combined for two courses.

PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE

All application documents and application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by February 15 for the next academic year’s fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section above.

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

Tuition for the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, is $318.50 per semester hour, up to a maximum charge per semester of $3,822 for Mississippi residents. An additional $594.50 per semester hour, up to a maximum of $7,134 per semester, is charged to non-residents. Students enrolled in online programs will be charged a $150.00 distance learning fee each semester. Non-resident tuition will not be charged for students in online programs.

EXPENSES

In addition to tuition, fees, health insurance and professional association dues, students should be prepared to spend $3,357 the first year and $1100 the second year at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for necessary books, uniforms and instruments. Additionally, students should be prepared to spend approximately $1,900 for licensure testing fees during the senior year. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester.

DEGREE AND LICENSURE

Candidates for the dental hygiene degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from the University of Mississippi and are eligible to apply to sit for national and state or regional board clinical examinations for licensure as a registered dental hygienist. A degree cannot be granted unless the student has spent the equivalent of at least one full academic year in residency; earned a minimum of 30 semester hours of residence credits; and completed the required course of study in the School of Dentistry with the appropriate overall cumulative grade point average on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

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DH 312 Primary Preventive Dentistry  
DH 316 Pathophysiology  
DH 328 Radiology II  
DH 331 Periodontics I  
DH 326 Principles & Practice II  

**SENIOR YEAR - SUMMER**  
DH 327 Patient Care I  
DH 406 Dental Public Health I  
DH 407 Pharmacology I  
DH 420 Pain & Anxiety Management  

**SENIOR YEAR - FALL**  
DH 405 Patient Care II  
DH 409 Dental Public Health II  
DH 408 Pharmacology II  
DH 416 Oral Pathology  
DH 417 Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene I  
DH 423 Biomaterials in Dentistry  
DH 431 Periodontics II  

**SENIOR YEAR - SPRING**  
DH 413 Public Health Dentistry III  
DH 418 Principles & Practice III  
DH 433 Patient Care III  
DH 444 Practice Management & Specialties  
DH 445 Evidence-Based DH II  
DH 446 Case Studies  

Total Required Hours  
63

**ADVANCED STANDING DENTAL HYGIENE (Online)**  
The Advanced Standing Baccalaureate Degree program in dental hygiene is intended to enhance the quality and education of dental hygienists. It enables practicing licensed dental hygienists to update their educational background, enhance their didactic skills, improve their clinical decision-making skills and receive the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. The program, offered across five semesters, is designed for, but not limited to, part-time, nontraditional students. Online coursework is the method of content delivery.

**PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**  
In addition to the admission standards of the institution and the general admission requirements outlined above, candidates seeking admission to the advanced standing dental hygiene program must:  
1. Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of academic credit from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;  
2. Have completed a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;  
3. Submit a copy of a dental hygiene license;  
4. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale; and  
5. Successfully complete (a grade of C or better) the following minimum prerequisite requirements:

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¹Social and Behavioral Sciences include courses such as anthropology, economics, political science, psychology or sociology.  
²Humanities and Fine Arts include courses such as art history, dance, history, modern languages, music, philosophy, religion or theatre.  
³Natural Sciences include courses such as astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics or physical science.
PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE
All application documents and application fees must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by June 15 for fall admission. General application information may be found in the General Application Procedures section above. The School reserves the right to consider and accept applications after the established deadline if places are available. To determine if a deadline has been extended, call the Office of Student Records and Registrar after the deadline at (601) 984-1080.

EXPENSES
In addition to tuition, general fees and health insurance, students should be prepared to spend approximately $600 per year for textbooks. Online students should be prepared to pay a distance education fee of $150 each semester. While no fee exists for proctored testing at UMMC, students may be asked to pay a fee if using a site at one of the state's other proctoring centers. Proctoring fees can range from $20 to $50 per exam at off campus sites.

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DEGREE
Candidates for the dental hygiene degree must have completed the prescribed curriculum with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better on a 4.00 scale on all work at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Following satisfactory completion of all requirements, students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from the University of Mississippi.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

DENT 600A. Human Gross Anatomy Lecture. Explanation of hard-to-understand topics with clinical correlations to show the value of anatomy to clinical medicine. Students are provided with PowerPoint slides in advance to preview the regions that to be studied on that day. Pre-lab discussions are also presented to facilitate the dissection. Traditional Lecture (5 credit hours)

DENT 600B. Human Gross Anatomy Lab. A hands-on exploratory discovery course based on a complete dissection of the human body. Human cadaver, skeletal, and cross-sectional anatomical materials are provided for dissection and study. The students will be responsible for the complete dissection of specific regions. Traditional Laboratory (7 credit hours)

DENT 601A. Human Micro Anatomy Lecture. A didactic component consisting of (1) an in-depth structural, functional and developmental survey of cells, tissues and organs; and (2) an analysis of the basic concepts of developmental anatomy of oral and facial structures. Clinical correlations are included where appropriate. Furthermore, this course provides a basis for understanding other subject areas, including head and neck portion of Dental Gross Anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical dental sciences. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 601B. Human Micro Anatomy Lab. A hands-on microscopic course consisting of (1) an in-depth light and electron microscopic study of cells, tissues and organs; and (2) an intensive modular directed study of the microscopic composition and development of oral and facial structures. Clinical correlations are included where appropriate. Furthermore, this course provides a basis for understanding other subject areas, including head and neck portion of Dental Gross Anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical dental sciences. Traditional Laboratory (4 credit hours)

DENT 604. Biochemistry. Fundamental course in biochemistry including chemistry of amino acids and proteins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids, enzymology, metabolism and metabolic regulation, membrane structure and function, oxidative phosphorylation, hormonal control mechanisms, molecular biology and protein synthesis. This course also includes a number of lectures on oral biology and dental biochemistry including blood clotting, dental caries, connective tissue, and calcium and phosphorous metabolism. Traditional Lecture (7 credit hours)

DENT 606-1. Oral Lesions I. An introduction for dental students to Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, the study of disease processes that affect oral and paraoral structures. The relationship between embryologic development of the head and neck and developmental disorders, reactive responses to physical and chemical injury and sequelae of immunologic and infectious diseases are featured, as well as oral cancer and oral manifestations of systemic disorders. Clinical, radiographic and histopathologic characteristics of disease will be presented in a discussion format to help the student build a foundation for future clinical practice. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 606-2. Oral Lesions II. Clinical pathological conferences in which various disease processes involving both the soft and hard tissues of the oral and paraoral environs are discussed. Emphasis is placed on students’ ability to describe the lesion(s) presented, the accepted treatment modality, and to arrive at a reasonable differential diagnosis. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 607-1. Basic Life Support I. In-depth knowledge of basic life support including recognition of signs and symptoms of cardiopulmonary emergencies and principles and techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Instruction includes lectures, slide and film presentations, and demonstration-practice on resuscitation training manikins. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)
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DENT 610-1. Perio Diseases-Introduction & Concepts. Introduction to the periodontal curriculum. It is designed to help students gain an understanding of periodontal health and health maintenance as well as the underlying disease processes that occur if health deteriorates. Key concepts of prevention, examination and diagnosis will be covered. Additionally experimental learning will be incorporated where the students will have simulated learning on a dentoform wna then take those skills and treat actual patients as part of a rotation into the periodontics clinic. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 610-2. Perio Diseases-Non Surgical Therapies. Periodontal decision-making and non-surgical therapies. Students are given preparatory information for the clinic and for management of mild to moderate cases of periodontal diseases. Preventive and health-directing approaches will be emphasized. Students will also be introduced to critical analysis of important journal articles. Case presentations will predominate the educational offerings. The course format will encompass lecture, workshops and small group discussions. Active participation in the Periodontics clinic, when assigned on Tuesday morning, will provide an essential learning component of the course whereby students gain first-hand experiences in patient examination, diagnosis, planning and patient care that supplement didactic teachings. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 610-3. Perio Diseases-Adv & Surgical Therapies. A study of evidence-based decision making and contemporary management of advanced periodontal diseases. They will also be introduced to critical analysis of periodontal journal articles via seminar format. A variety of surgical principles and techniques will be address in lectures and in the simulation laboratory. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 611-1. Service Learning I. This course is a full week of service learning for all four dental classes. It consists of providing free dental services to patients from the state's free dental clinics and shelters that provide for homeless men, women, and children. Immediate treatment will be given to the patients' chief complaints in an effort to relieve any pain. Adults will receive free preventive dental treatment, amalgam restorations, extractions, anterior endodontics, and complete dentures. Dental as well as hygiene students will be directly involved with providing dental preventive and restorative services commensurate with their level of education. The week concludes with Give Kids a Smile day where children from three public schools in the area are given free examinations, cleanings, sealants, and referrals if necessary. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 611-2. Service Learning II. This course is a full week of service learning for all four dental classes. It consists of providing free dental services to patients from the state's free dental clinics and shelters that provide for homeless men, women, and children. Immediate treatment will be given to the patients' chief complaints in an effort to relieve any pain. Adults will receive free preventive dental treatment, amalgam restorations, extractions, anterior endodontics, and complete dentures. Dental as well as hygiene students will be directly involved with providing dental preventive and restorative services commensurate with their level of education. The week concludes with Give Kids a Smile day where children from three public schools in the area are given free examinations, cleanings, sealants, and referrals if necessary. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 611-3. Service Learning III. This course is a full week of service learning for all four dental classes. It consists of providing free dental services to patients from the state's free dental clinics and shelters that provide for homeless men, women, and children. Immediate treatment will be given to the patients' chief complaints in an effort to relieve any pain. Adults will receive free preventive dental treatment, amalgam restorations, extractions, anterior endodontics, and complete dentures. Dental as well as hygiene students will be directly involved with providing dental preventive and restorative services commensurate with their level of education. The week concludes with Give Kids a Smile day where children from three public schools in the area are given free examinations, cleanings, sealants, and referrals if necessary. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 611-4. Service Learning IV. This course is a full week of service learning for all four dental classes. It consists of providing free dental services to patients from the state's free dental clinics and shelters that provide for homeless men, women, and children. Immediate treatment will be given to the patients' chief complaints in an effort to relieve any pain. Adults will receive free preventive dental treatment, amalgam restorations, extractions, anterior endodontics, and complete dentures. Dental as well as hygiene students will be directly involved with providing dental preventive and restorative services commensurate with their level of education. The week concludes with Give Kids a Smile day where children from three public schools in the area are given free examinations, cleanings, sealants, and referrals if necessary. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DENT 612. Neuroanatomy. A study of both the gross external and internal structural entities that comprise the human nervous system with an emphasis on relevance to dental practice. Through a combination of didactic, small group active learning sessions, and self-guided lab modules, the student gains an appreciation for normal nervous system anatomy. Structure correlations that yoke internal nervous system structures with sensory and motor systems are presented. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the relationship of cranial nerve composition and distribution that register sensations arising from the face and oral cavity, including dental structures, as well as central connections of the cranial nerves encountered in the dental practice. Clinical correlations are included where appropriate. This course provides a basis for understanding other subject areas, including head and neck portion of Dental Gross Anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical dental sciences. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 614-1. Pain, Fear and Anxiety Control I. The perception of pain, the psychology of fear and anxiety and their impact on dentistry are presented. Alleviation and control of pain are presented in the context of alternative methods based on the individual patient. Basic methods taught are behavioral and pharmacological with emphasis on local anesthetics. Local anesthesia techniques are taught using lecture, video tapes, and demonstrations. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 614-3. Pain, Fear and Anxiety Control III. Methods used in control of pain, fear and anxiety in dentistry are presented in lecture, clinical participation and demonstration. The course emphasizes the use of nitrous oxide and oxygen analgesia with clinical participation. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 616-1A. Dental Caries I, Lecture. An introductory lecture course in operative dentistry. Detection and resolution of dental caries by conservative operative dentistry methods is presented. The theory of operative dentistry, principles of cavity preparation, instruments and restorative materials are covered in this course. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)
DENT 616-18. Dental Caries I, Lab. A laboratory component introducing operative dentistry. Students are taught how to utilize the dental operatory and equipment. The course includes the use of artificial teeth to develop essential psychomotor skills necessary for the restoration of teeth. Students prepare and restore with dental amalgam, composite resins, glass ionomer, and IRM various class I, II, III, V restorations in pre clinic. Traditional Laboratory (7 credit hours)

DENT 616-2A. Esthetic Problems I Lec. A continuation of Dental Caries IA. This lecture component is a multidiscipline approach to cosmetic dentistry including philosophy, esthetic problems, diagnosis and treatment planning, adhesive materials, whitening, anterior and posterior composite restorations, tooth alignment, jaw relationships, and dental photography. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 616-2B. Esthetic Problems I Lab. A continuation of Dental Caries IB. This laboratory component includes fabrication of whitening trays, esthetic direct composite restorations on dentoform teeth, utilization of esthetic proportions in building teeth, color, smile analysis, and composite materials testing. Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)

DENT 616-3A. Dental Caries III - Indirect Rest Lec. The lecture component that introduces the student to the preparation and restoration of teeth with pin retained complex amalgam restorations and single unit indirect metal crowns, covering all elements of preparation design and material selection for these type restorations. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 616-3B. Dental Caries III - Indirect Rest Lab. The laboratory component that introduces the student to the hands-on preparation and fabrication of pin retained complex restorations as well as fabrication of multiple single unit indirect metal crowns. Fabrication of acrylic temporaries associated with the metal crowns is also introduced. Traditional Laboratory (5 credit hours)

DENT 616-4A. Preclinical Pediatric Dentistry Lec. A didactic component with an associated laboratory. Lectures focus on the problems associated with dental caries and their sequelae in the child patient, and also present material needed to diagnose and treat the child patient. Some lectures present specific techniques to be performed in the laboratory and others present associated topics. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 616-4B. Preclinical Pediatric Dentistry Lab. The laboratory component where students perform basic restorative procedures on a pediatric typodont. There are daily projects to be turned in as well as a laboratory practical exam. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

DENT 616-5A. Indirect Esthetic Restoration & Digital. An introduction to restorative and esthetic guidelines for indirect restorations using CAD/CAM technologies. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 616-5B. Indirect Esthetic Restoration & Digital. An introduction to fabrication techniques for indirect restorations using CAD/CAM technologies. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

DENT 617-1. Intro Biomed Lit Skills Case-Based Den. Assistance is given to students in using the biomedical literature to identify the best practice standards for treating patients by analyzing a case study, developing searchable clinical questions, and locating evidence-based information. Special emphasis is placed on the services and materials available at the Medical Center. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 617-2. Adv Biomed Lit Skills for Case-Based Den. This instructional program is a continuation of Biomedical Literature Skills-1. Using case studies, students search specialized databases for evidence-based information for clinical decision-making. Students are introduced to the statewide biomedical knowledge-based electronic infrastructure. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 618-1A. Preclinical Complete Denture Pros Lecture. The etiology of edentulism along with anatomic, physiologic, and socio-economic implications which affect treatment of the complete denture patient. Discussion of clinical techniques and demonstrations of clinical steps are viewed in video segments. This is to aid the student in understanding the overall process in construction of complete dentures. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 618-1B. Preclinical Complete Denture Pros Lab. Students get experience fabricating custom impression trays for impressions, making record bases and occlusion rims, and subsequently mounting casts and setting and arranging several different occlusal schemes for complete denture fabrication. Traditional Laboratory (6 credit hours)

DENT 618-2A. Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics Lec. Presentation of information regarding tooth preparations for full coverage crowns. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 618-2B. Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics Lab. Students practice tooth preparations for full coverage metal-ceramic and all-ceramic restorations on typodont teeth. Traditional Laboratory (5 credit hours)

DENT 618-3A. Preclin Removable Part Dent Prosth Lec. Review of problems of the partially edentulous patient. Components of removable partial dentures are learned. Theory of removable partial denture design and biomechanical considerations are discussed and designs are completed for the different types of partially edentulous situations. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 618-3B. Preclin Removable Part Dent Prosth Lab. Practice in the preclinical laboratory in preliminary and final impression making, fabricating of special trays for final impressions of the partially edentulous patient, wrought wire clasp bending, and fabrication of partially edentulous record bases and occlusion rims. Practical experience is obtained in rest seat preparation exercises on a simulated patient in the SIM LAB under clinical conditions. Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)

DENT 618-6A. Fixed Prosthodontics Topics Lec. A lecture component covering topics associated with full coverage crowns and fixed partial dental prostheses (i.e. rationale, materials, techniques, preparation, and delivery procedures). Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)

DENT 618-6B. Fixed Prosthodontics Topics Lab. A laboratory component which complements 618-6A. Traditional Laboratory (1 credit hours)

DENT 619. Materials Science. Fundamental principles which relate composition, structure and processing of metals, polymers, ceramics and composites to their properties and uses are presented. In addition, biocompatibility and safety-related issues for use of materials in vivo are discussed. Selected topics in dental materials properties and processing are also introduced. The course builds on basic chemistry and physics courses to prepare the students for topics in materials science which will be presented in other preclinical courses within the curriculum. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 620-1A. Dent Morph and Occlusion Lec. A lecture course introducing the student to dental terminology and presenting a detailed study of the morphological characteristics of the permanent and primary teeth. This study also includes the intra-arch relationships of the teeth and their effects on the health of the dental supporting structures. A study of the eruption sequence of the primary and permanent teeth, as well as a study of pulp morphology for each permanent tooth is presented. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)
DENT 620-1B. Dent Morph and Occlusion Lab. A laboratory course introducing students to the reproduction in wax of the accurate morphological characteristics of the permanent teeth and establishing normal intra-arch and inter-arch tooth relationships. Students must also identify teeth (dry specimens). Traditional Laboratory (5 credit hours)

DENT 621-A. Occlusal Disorders, Lecture. Presentation of information that exposes the third year dental students to more advanced occlusal considerations of patients. Definitions, etiology, pathophysiology and differential diagnosis of occlusal dysfunctions of the masticatory system are discussed. Emphasis is placed on conditions that the beginning general dentist should recognize and be able to treat as part of an overall comprehensive therapy for routine patients. The student dentists are exposed to various types of splints that can be used to treat acute patient problems involving muscular, TMD or disc dysfunction prior to dental therapy that may alter the patient's occlusion. Students are presented information on centric relation techniques and appropriate cases to utilize the techniques. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)

DENT 621-B. Occlusal Disorders, Lab. A laboratory and clinical based course with the overall objective of fabricating a flat plane splint on partners and understanding how these are adjusted intra-orally to help correct some of the disorders presented in 621-A. Students improve their impression taking skills and are exposed to more in-depth principles using centric relation records, bite registration techniques, and face bows. Student cases are mounted on articulators where students are exposed to more in depth settings of the articulator and their correlation to patient factors. Students fabricate anterior guide tables and subsequent maxillary splints. Finally, the students are exposed to principles and techniques for occlusal adjustments and selective grinding procedures. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

DENT 622-1. Methods in Problem-Oriented Dentistry I. An introduction to the important concept of "problem oriented dentistry" and its relevance and application to both patient care and dental education. The course is presented in formal lectures, group seminars, and clinic sessions. Methods are presented for (1) communicating with the patient, (2) obtaining a complete health history; (3) determining the vital signs, (4) performing extrarot and intraoral examinations, and (5) taking a comprehensive diagnostic radiographic survey. This course also presents the general principles of dental radiology and discusses the medically compromised dental patient. The intent of this course is to expose the students to the problem oriented dental record, the procedures and techniques to collect the patients' data-base, and an overview of the activities in the different dental school clinics. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

DENT 622-2. Methods in Problem-Oriented Dentistry II. Rotation through the Oral Radiology Clinic for purposes of making, processing, mounting, and interpreting oral radiographs. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)

DENT 622-4. Methods IV- Practice Administration. The course is designed to provide basic information to the senior dental student on various topics important for the new dentist in managing his/her professional career and personal life. Topics presented cover a wide area of subjects but time limitations will not permit in-depth coverage. The course will primarily be presented by lectures. There will be exercises that will cover topics discussed. Lecturers from outside the school will participate in the course and present information in their areas of expertise. Traditional Lecture (5 credit hours)

DENT 622-4A. Methods IV- Practice Management. An introduction to business factors important to making decisions on associateships and ownership of a dental practice. General business concepts are presented as well as specific concepts necessary to manage a successful dental practice. Students are exposed to practice overhead including personnel costs. Students complete productivity logs to help them understand chair utilization, time management, and effects of managed care and other third party payers on financial outcomes. Leadership and management skills are emphasized as necessary for a successful practice. Personnel practices are presented so the beginning dentist is aware of legal obligations to hire, manage, and terminate employees. Associateship agreements and practice transitions are discussed to aid the beginning dentist in finding employment opportunities and purchasing a practice. Students are also presented with personal financial strategies and how they relate to their dental business and to retirement planning. The students have exposure to practicing dentists in various stages of their careers that present their perspectives and advice and answer questions from the students. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

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DENT 623-1. Clinical Problem Solving I. Students are required to attend Grand Rounds presentations and to participate in scheduled CPS team meetings and clinical sessions. The student assists and observes an assigned D-3 student or other team member providing patient care and becomes familiar with team patient care, the problem-oriented dental record, departmental clinical protocols, and chairside assisting. Grand Rounds presentations and CPS team meetings grades are recorded separately, and each must have a passing grade in order to pass the CPS course. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

DENT 623-2. Clinical Problem Solving II. Students are required to attend Grand Rounds presentations and participate in scheduled CPS team meetings and clinical sessions. An in-depth knowledge of the patient admissions process is acquired. Four-handed dentistry techniques with the student as chairside dental assistant are emphasized. Grand Rounds presentations and CPS team meetings grades are recorded separately, and each must have a passing grade in order to pass the CPS course. Traditional Lecture (11 credit hours)

DENT 623-3. Clinical Problem Solving III. Students are required to attend Grand Rounds presentations and to participate in scheduled CPS team meetings and clinical sessions. Grand Rounds presentations and CPS team meetings grades are recorded separately, and each must have a passing grade in order to pass the CPS course. D3 students will guide and assist an assigned D1 or D2 student with becoming familiar with team patient care, the problem-oriented dental record, departmental clinical protocols, and chairside assisting. Traditional Lecture (14 credit hours)
DENT 624A. Implant Dentistry Lec. Basic information for this treatment modality regarding indications, contra-indications, patient selection, potential complications, and referral mechanisms is presented along with an overview of implant materials design, placement procedures and tissue interfaces. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 624B. Implant Dentistry Lab. Hands-on experience with placement and restorative procedures for non-complex implant supported crowns and dental prostheses. Traditional Laboratory (1 credit hour)

DENT 625. Physiology. Provides the student with knowledge of the basic functions of the cells, tissues, organs and organ systems, and how they interrelate to accomplish the many and diverse functions of the human body. Traditional - EL Lecture (9 credit hours)

DENT 626. Pharmacology. Introduction to the principles underlying the use of pharmacological agents in dental practice. Concepts related to pharmacokinetics, drug-receptor interactions, drug interactions, and reversion of pathological states to physiological states with drugs are covered. In addition, the mechanisms of drug action, therapeutic effects, side effects, toxicities, and clinical applications of various commonly used drugs and drug classes are presented through a combination of lectures and clinical correlations. Traditional Lecture (6 credit hours)

DENT 629. Behavioral Disorders I. A focus on behavioral dentistry, and as such, theoretical and applied information drawn from psychology, sociology, counseling and other fields of human behavior with emphasis on practical implications for dental practice. Topics include stress and stress management, motivation, compliance, and preventive behavior, origin and treatment of dental fears, substance abuse, communication skills and patient management and special care of the disabled patient. Lecture and demonstration. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)

DENT 630-1A. Pulpal Disorders I - Endodontics Lec. A study of the dental pulp in health and disease. Management of pulpal disorders and contributing factors are considered. Techniques/materials required for resolution of pulpal disorders are studied in depth. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 630-1B. Pulpal Disorders I - Endodontics Lab. Endodontic treatment is performed on extracted teeth in the Simulation Lab to prepare students for clinical treatment. Techniques, materials, and procedures closely follow the protocol utilized in the Endodontic clinic. Traditional Laboratory (5 credit hours)

DENT 630-2. Pulpal Disorders II. Emphasis on resolution of advanced problems in endodontics. The students will also be introduced to various instruments, supplies, and techniques that they may not have experienced during their preclinical and clinical years. Traditional - EL Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 632-2. Behavioral Disorders II: Pediatric Pat. An introduction to behavior management of the child dental patient. Skills in communication and behavior shaping are stressed. A range of patients is discussed from the so-called normal to those with special needs. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 634. Systemic Medical Conditions. A review of systemic medical conditions and their impact on dental care for third year dental students. It is designed to teach students how to treatment plan and provide dental care for patients who have varying degrees of compromising medical problems. The new graduate must be able to perform an examination that collects biological, psychological, and social information needed to evaluate the medical and oral condition of patients of all ages, determine a differential, provisional or definitive diagnosis by interpreting and correlating findings from the history, clinical and radiographic examination and other diagnostic tests, and diagnose, treat, and manage oral and maxillofacial surgical problems. Traditional - EL Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 637. Pathology. A background in general and systemic pathology. Included are abnormalities in cell growth and function including neoplasms, genetic, nutritional and metabolic factors in disease, circulatory disorders, inflammation and repair, immunity and allergy, infection and infectious diseases, and pathology specific to organ systems. Examples of specific histologic material and color transparencies pertinent to lectures and study of autopsy specimens are presented. Traditional - EL Lecture (5 credit hours)

DENT 639-1. Essentials of Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. Fundamentals of diagnosis, evaluation and treatment planning of patients requiring oral surgery are presented. Pharmacological and clinical bases of local anesthesia and related drugs are stressed. Techniques of analgesic administration are demonstrated and practiced. Management of infection, removal of teeth and roots, alveoloplasty, cysts, complications, accidents and postoperative care are discussed and demonstrated. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 639-2. Adv Topics in Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery. Application of knowledge to diagnose and treat selected cases of complicated exodontia and to exclude or refer cases the practitioner does not feel competent to handle. Lecture and clinic participation by assisting oral and maxillofacial surgery staff. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 641. Microbiology and Immunology. Basic concepts in microbiology and immunology are presented and correlated with disease processes having a bacterial, viral, mycotic or parasitic etiology. Special emphasis is given to diseases of importance in dental medicine. The course includes lectures, laboratory demonstrations, simulations and examinations. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 642-1. Introduction to Dental Ethics. An introduction to dental ethics designed to allow the student the opportunity to explore societal needs and professional obligations to ethical behavior. This course prepares the student for beginning the journey of a health care professional and provides foundation knowledge for the more advanced third year course. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 642-2. Ethics II. The course introduces health law and the Mississippi Dental Practice Act. It also is a continuation of the Introduction to Dental Ethics. Emphasis is placed on the relationship and obligations, both ethical and legal, of the dentist and the patient. Case studies are used to delineate principles of ethics in the dentist-patient relation. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)
DENT 642-4. Ethics IV. Emphasis will be on the role of integrity in our daily professional lives and how ethical reflection may contribute to our understanding of our professional roles and obligations. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 643-1. Orthodontics I. Fundamentals of orthodontics and complementary topics. Subjects include dentofacial growth and development, normal occlusion, classification of malocclusion, and a historical and contemporary perspective of the orthodontic specialty’s relation to the profession of dentistry. Diagnostic and clinical concepts are illustrated with diverse clinical case presentations. Practical exercises in cephalometric and mixed dentition analysis are performed. The biomechanical principles of removable and fixed appliances are presented in preparation for the course Orthodontics II. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 643-2. Orthodontics II. Case selection and appliance design for the treatment of uncomplicated malocclusions are discussed in a laboratory setting. Students take impressions and produce a set of orthodontic study casts. Several common fixed and removable appliances are fabricated. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 644-1. Private Practice Practicum. Students will participate in extramural practice rotations throughout the state to observe clinical and business operations. Traditional Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)

DENT 644-2. Orthodontics II. traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 645. Advanced Topics. A review of clinical disciplines to help identify the students’ strengths and weaknesses regarding basic concepts. Integration of all clinical disciplines are presented concurrently. Students’ abilities to approach patient care integrating knowledge from all disciplines during diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, and outcomes evaluations should be improved. New concepts, techniques, and materials are presented. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 646-1. Socioeconomic Factors I. An introduction to the philosophy of scientific reasoning, including biostatistics, epidemiology and research methodology. Examples from the dental literature are used to illustrate concepts. Overviews of the socioeconomic factors in Mississippi, and current and proposed health care systems and practices as they relate to population oral health needs and demands will be included. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DENT 646-2. Socioeconomic Factors II. A survey of systems of health care delivery in the United States, with an emphasis on dental delivery systems. Students will review health policy concerns at the individual, state and national levels, and compare various organizational arrangements and financial approaches to providing health care. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 647. Evidence Based Dentistry. Provides the student with an understanding of what constitutes good research in an effort to promote Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD). The main objective of this course is to develop the ability to weigh the relative merits of different types of research. Specific goals are: 1) to develop the ability to properly evaluate the evidence-based literature to aid in developing best practices for the dental profession, 2) to develop the knowledge of the basic tools and concepts used in the practice of research, 3) to understand the importance of research study design, and 4) to recognize the appropriate data analysis for the major research designs. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 650. Clinical Practice I. Clinical practice for third year students involving the techniques and procedures required for the practice of general dentistry. Clinical experience is the student’s responsibility with patients assigned for comprehensive care. Evaluations are made on daily clinic attendance and number of patient clinical experiences. Traditional Lecture (72 credit hours)

DENT 650-11. PsychoMotor Skills Review. An opportunity for skills review in the simulation laboratories for students who have been out of school for up to one year due to a leave of absence. The schedule and preclinical projects are determined on an individual basis to prepare the student for re-entry into the curriculum. This course may be taken during the second, or third years. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

DENT 665. Aging. Basic information about the aging process and its impact on the general health status of individuals. Special emphasis is placed on effects of aging in health and disease on the oral health status. Lecture material is presented on the biological process associated with normal aging, psychological changes that occur with aging, social and cultural impact of aging, changes of general health status with advancing age, and the impact of age on dental care. Lecturers will be comprised of experts from the University of Mississippi Medical Center campus. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DENT 675-1. Admissions. A clinical based course developing the skills of interviewing patients, ascertaining pertinent medical and dental issues, and performing comprehensive diagnostic evaluations. These evaluations include soft and hard tissue exams, impressions, face bows and bite registrations for mounting diagnostic cast on articulators, as well as dental photographs. After identifying all dental concerns, whether to be treated by the student dentist or not, the students consult with all applicable disciplines to develop strategies to address the problems of the patient. The students develop skills to assimilate information into appropriate treatment plans for the individual patients, as well as for all patients with similar types of problems. They also develop skills to present comprehensive treatment plans to patients in a manner that patients can appreciate. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

DENT 675-10. Acute Illness. Clinical experience in management of patients with emergent dental conditions. Students gain experience in provision of appropriate dental care, consultation with other providers, understanding current medications and interactions, and modification of treatment as needed in each individual case. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

DENT 675-11. Comprehensive Patient Care. An assessment of the D4 students’ ability to provide comprehensive treatment to their patients during their years of clinical patient care. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)
DENT 675-12. D4 General Dentistry Assessment. This course is designed as a comprehensive assessment of a D4 student’s readiness to enter the practice of general dentistry. It will encompass all clinical disciplines as well as legal aspects of practicing dentistry in Mississippi. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

DENT 675-2. Oral Pathology/Radiology. Instruction and practice in how to properly prescribe and make intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs and how to interpret radiographic images and construct a differential diagnosis of pathology visualized on these radiographic images. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

DENT 675-3. Orthodontics. This course is designed to introduce the dental student to clinical orthodontics. The student treats two orthodontic cases, presents two case presentations and recognizes how to manage orthodontic problems. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

DENT 675-4. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Provides the student with basic skills necessary to provide basic oral surgery patient care. This includes medical assessment of the patient, physical exam, radiographic interpretation, diagnosis and planning care. Care is delivered in the oral surgery suite. Both full time and part time oral and maxillofacial surgeons provide clinic coverage and instruction. The student should be able to safely deliver basic oral surgical care upon successful completion of requirements for this course. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

DENT 675-5A. Pediatric Dentistry. Clinical experience in managing and treating pediatric dental patients. It is expected that patients are treated comprehensively following an appropriately sequenced treatment plan that has been approved. Students are expected to complete all the care on each patient’s treatment plan as their primary provider as the development of a provider-patient parent relationship is essential in Pediatric Dentistry. It is as important for the patient to begin to trust their health care provider as it is for the dental student to learn how to manage behavior of the patient and technically treat any dental needs of the patient. Traditional Clinical Rotation (6 credit hours)

DENT 675-5B. Advanced Experiences in Pediatric Dent. A clinical rotation focused on providing essential experiences in management of a diverse patient population. Students are allowed to interact and gain experience in management of pediatric patients that present at the Blair E Batson Hospital for Children’s Dental Specialty clinic. During this time the student will work closely with the postdoctoral residents and pediatric dentistry faculty as they provide comprehensive dental care to pediatric patients. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

DENT 675-6. Periodontics. Students gain extensive clinical experience in periodontal evaluation, decision-making, non-surgical and surgical management, surgical management and health maintenance. Additionally, they are required to occasionally mentor first and second year students during Tuesday morning rotations. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (12 credit hours)

DENT 675-7A. Operative Dentistry. Instruction in how to diagnose, plan, and treat patients by utilizing direct filling materials such as amalgam, composite and glass ionomer type restorations. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (16 credit hours)

DENT 675-7B. Fixed Prosthodontics. Instruction in how to diagnose, plan, and treat patients needing fixed restorations (inlays, onlays, crowns, and fixed partial dental prostheses) Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (10 credit hours)

DENT 675-7C. Removable Prosthodontics. Allows students to diagnose, plan, and treat patients needing removable prosthetics (conventional and immediate dentures, implant retained or tooth retained overdentures, interim and transitional partial dentures including acrylic, flexible resin and thermoplastic resin partial dentures, implant retained partial dentures and conventional partial dental prostheses). Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (14 credit hours)

DENT 675-8. Endodontics. Allows students clinical experience in diagnosis and treatment of pulpal/periradicular disease and assessing outcomes of endodontic treatment. Traditional - EL Clinical Rotation (5 credit hours)

DENT 679. Mission First. Clinical rotation where D4 students gain experience treating patients in an inner-city volunteer clinic serving the Greater Jackson area. Students treat an underserved population under the supervision of licensed dentists. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 credit hours)

DENT 697-1. Review of Head and Neck Anatomy. An opportunity to dissect and/or review the anatomy of the head and neck with special emphasis the anatomical basis for clinical procedures, including local anesthesia. Students will also review recent articles concerning clinical anatomy research. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 697-10. Endodontic Externship. An experience of advanced endodontics through the observation of a graduate endodontic residency program at another school. The student will be exposed to treatment planning, literature review, and case presentation seminars with additional clinical exposure to advanced endodontic treatment techniques Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 697-12. Private Practice Externship Elective. An externship that allows a student to experience a variety of private practice environments that he/she may be considering as a career. The student must have completed all prerequisites, competences, and goals for all 675 clinical courses to qualify to take this course. Traditional Practicum/Internship (3 credit hours)

DENT 697-13. ADEX Exam Preparatory Course. A lab course in which the student practices (with faculty guidance) for endodontic and fixed prosthodontic procedures to be performed on the manikin portion of the regional licensing exam. Traditional Laboratory (2 credit hours)

DENT 697-5. Miss State Dental Board Observership. D4 students are invited to attend Mississippi State Dental Board meetings with a faculty member. By attending, the students see first hand, how the board functions and they observe both formal and informal hearings. Traditional Lecture (1 - 2 credit hours)

DENT 697-9. Continuing Health Education for Dent Stu. Encourages dental student participation in the professional activity of continuing health education, and emphasizes the importance of life-long learning Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 698-10. Advanced Clinical Orthodontics. This elective course is designed to introduce the dental student to orthodontic practice. The student will understand office staffing, scheduling, inventory and sophisticated orthodontic armamentarium. Traditional Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

DENT 698-13. Agd-Residency Internship. This internship will be offered to the dental students in good academic standing in the spring of their rising D4 year. Students will shadow residents, and limited procedures can be performed at the discretion of the covering attending. Exposure to different population groups like special needs, HIV, cardiac, liver, kidney disease or transplant patients will be provided in addition to healthy community patients. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
DENT 698-17. Intro to Scanning Electron Microscopy. The theory and practical aspects of performing compositional analysis and mapping using the energy dispersive x-ray spectrometer will be covered. At completion of the course, the student should be able to use the integrated SEM/EDS system to qualitatively determine composition as well as understanding the use of calibration to produce quantitative results. Use of the system for digital image acquisition and elemental mapping will be covered. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 698-20. Externships. These are typically one to two weeks in length. They are located at other dental schools, hospitals, or allied health facilities. They must be approved by the Dean and all clinical department chairs, therefore requiring submission of a request for the program at least three months in advance. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 698-34. Oral-Maxillo Facial Surgery Externship. On-Site, UMMC. Students should expect to be involved in didactic and clinical instruction in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Experience with advanced oral and maxillofacial surgeries, management of medically compromised patients in the clinical and hospital setting should be expected. The externship involves call responsibilities, patient rounds, ER / hospital consults and OR exposure in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Summer, Fall or Spring semesters. Traditional Clinical Rotation (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 698-41. Periodontics Externship. Gives rising D4 students interested in pursuing specialty training in Periodontics the opportunity to visit a graduate program in the specialty. Externships are arranged by the student in consultation with the externship coordinator. Externships are generally one week in duration and may be completed at any accredited Periodontics specialty program in the United States. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 698-48. Dental Mission Externship. Designed to give D-3 and D-4 students elective credit for participation in volunteer dental mission projects. Students arrange to participate in a project, usually though not exclusively through a church-related group. Projects are community-based and each has specific goals. Up to 40 hours of elective credit may be earned, depending on the length of the project. Participation usually occurs in the Summer and Fall semesters. In order to receive credit, THE SUPERVISING DENTISTS ON THE PROJECT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, EITHER FULL-TIME, OR PART-TIME, OR AS A PRECEPTOR. In no cases will a student receive credit unless the supervising dentist is officially affiliated with the School of Dentistry. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DENT 698-8. Elect Preceptorship Mil or Pub Hlth Den. This elective is for those D4 students that have met the qualifications and are selected for training at a military or public health clinic. The student must actively participate in the patient care and operation of the clinic to which they are assigned. The student must also give an oral presentation to the course coordinator detailing the operation of that clinic when the student returns to the School of Dentistry. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DENT 698-9. Conduct of Research. Permits exposure of dental students to research. This exposure may be a first time event or may be a continuation of previous research experiences. Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

DH 302. Principles and Practice I. This introductory didactic and laboratory course begins preparing students for the "Dental Hygiene Process of Care." Emphasis is placed on infection control protocol, data collection, patient assessment, treatment modalities, and professionalism. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

DH 303. Professional Writing. Techniques and practice in intermediate composition strategies, including development, research, and analysis. A study of rhetoric in healthcare and methods for adapting to the needed rhetorical situation by the hygienist. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 305. Dental Hygiene Instrumentation. Development and application of the fundamentals of instrumentation. Traditional Lecture/Lab (3 credit hours)

DH 309. Dental Anatomy and Occlusion. A study of dental anatomy and physiology. Focus is on developmental and anatomical differences among teeth, root morphology, anomalies, and includes an introduction to static and dynamic occlusion. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 311. Current Trends in Preventive Care. Focuses on expanding the dental hygienist’s understanding of primary prevent measures used to promote oral health. Included are biofilm control, an update on demineralization/remineralization, motivational interviewing, caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA), prevention for the oral cancer patient, treating dentinal sensitivity, oral malodor, and current use of pit and fissure sealants. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 312. Primary Preventive Dentistry. Focuses on the science and practice of preventive dental care. The etiology and associated risk factors of common oral diseases are presented. The measures that promote oral health and prevent disease are emphasized: tooth brushing, toothpastes, and mouth rinses, proximal cleaning, diet modification, fluorides, sealants, and oral risk assessments. Also included are health promotion theories and prevention of oral disease in various life stages. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 313. Radiology I. Study of radiology and its use in dentistry as a diagnostic aid. Theories of exposure, processing, evaluation, and interpretation of normal and abnormal structures are taught for both digital and film-based image capture. An emphasis is placed on normal anatomic structures viewed in periapical and panoramic surveys Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 315. Oral Histology and Embryology. A study of the histology of teeth and surrounding structures. A survey of the elements of embryology of the head and neck, especially related to the development of the teeth, dental arches, salivary glands, buccal mucosa, pharynx, and tongue. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 316. Pathophysiology. A study of the pathology and oral health management of disease. Topics include functions of the cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems and how they relate to the disease process, along with the inflammatory process and immunologic response. Emphasizes normal and pathological responses to illness as related to the evaluation and treatment of the dental patient. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 317. Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office. A comprehensive study in the prevention, management, recognition, treatment, and disposition of medical emergencies that may occur in the dental office. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 319. Pathophysiology/Special Needs Patients. A study of the pathology and oral health management of disease and injuries. Topics include functions of the cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems and how they relate to the disease process, along with the inflammatory process and immunologic response. Emphasizes normal and pathological responses to illness as related to the evaluation and treatment of
the dental patient. Specific emphasis on dental hygiene care of patients with various systemic, mental, physical disorders, and special needs. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

DH 321. Head and Neck Anatomy. A detailed study of the skeletal, muscular, vascular and neural features of the head and neck. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 326. Dental Hygiene Principles & Practice II. Expands on Dental Hygiene Principles & Practice I through additional lecture and laboratory sessions. Additional clinical procedures and practice will include nutritional counseling, sharpening of instruments, placement of chemotherapeutic and desensitizing agents, placement of sealants, caries detection techniques, use of ultrasonics and air polishers, and taking impressions for study models and bleaching trays. Prerequisites: Fall Junior year courses. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

DH 327. Patient Care I. The development and application of clinical skills in assessment, care plans, implementation, and evaluation of care. Pre-requisite: DH 326 Traditional Clinical Rotation (2 credit hours)

DH 328. Radiology II. Expands the student’s knowledge of the didactic portion of DH313 Radiology I. Radiographic surveys via the paralleling technique are exposed and evaluated. Panoramic radiographs are also exposed. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

DH 331. Periodontics I. An introduction to periodontics. The focus is on biological and clinical aspects of periodontology including histopathology, etiology, and diagnosis and treatment planning of periodontal diseases. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 332. Scientific Foundations. A study of the functions of the cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems and how they relate to the disease process. The inflammatory process including the immunologic response and healing will be included. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 336. Biomaterials of Dentistry. Introduction to biomaterials employed in dentistry. Techniques and materials utilized in the clinical environment will be practiced in the Principles and Practice II lab. Prerequisites: All courses in previous semester. Corequisites: All courses in junior spring semester. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 401. Research Methods. An introduction to research design emphasizing systematic investigation involving human subjects as it relates to data collection, analysis, and interpretation of findings. The course is intended to critically review current dental hygiene research culminating in a literature review on a specific topic. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 405. Patient Care II. Students will expand on the application of patient care to a diversified population. Emphasis on establishing competence in preventive and therapeutic procedures. Prerequisites: DH 326 and DH 327; Clinical Rotation (3 credit hours)

DH 406. Dental Public Health I. An introduction to the history, principles, and ethics of dental public health in the US and worldwide. Included in this course are concepts of dental health preventive modalities and cultural competency. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 407. Pharmacology I. This course presents introductory principles of pharmacology and pharmacotherapeutics. Characteristics and uses of major drug groups in relation to patient care are discussed. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 408. Pharmacology II. A study of drug actions and their mechanisms when introduced to the body under specific conditions and the reactions of the body to these drugs. Special emphasis is placed on pharmacological knowledge that will provide more effective care of the patient by the dental hygienist. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 409. Dental Public Health II. This course will provide readings, discussion, and practical experiences related to planning, implementation, and evaluation of the teaching/learning process in community settings. An emphasis on field work experiences across various populations will occur. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

DH 411. Pharmacology. A study of drug actions and their mechanisms when introduced to the body under specific conditions and the reactions of the body to these drugs. Special emphasis is placed on pharmacological knowledge that will provide more effective care of the patient by the dental hygienist. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 413. Dental Public Health III. This course will provide a continuation of the didactic knowledge and skills obtained in DH 406 and DH 409 with a continued focus on practical experiences in community settings. Epidemiology and dental public health theory is also a focus of this course. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 416. Oral Pathology. This course is a study of the definition, distribution, causality, resolution, and outcomes of pathological conditions affecting the head and neck with emphasis on the oral and perioral areas. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 417. Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene I. This course provides students with a practical knowledge of the research process and serves as an introduction to research design. Primary emphasis consists of critical reviews of dental hygiene research studies and their application to clinical practice. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 418. Principals & Practice III. Expands on the Dental Hygiene Principles & Practice courses with continued discussion on theoretical, practical, and ethical concepts in dental hygiene. Specific emphasis on dental hygiene care of patients with various systemic, mental, physical disorders, and special needs will be covered. Prerequisites: All courses in previous semester. Pre-requisites: All courses in the senior fall semester. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 420. Pain and Anxiety Management. The course describes methods used to control pain, fear and anxiety in the dental office. The safe and effective administration of nitrous oxide sedation and administration of local anesthesia is covered. Content areas include anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and emergency management as they relate to the administration of local anesthetics, nitrous oxide, and pain control. Traditional Lecture/Lab (2 credit hours)

DH 423. Biomaterials in Dentistry. Introduction to biomaterials employed in dentistry. Techniques and materials utilized in the clinical environment will be practiced in the Principles and Practice II lab. Prerequisites: All courses in previous semesters. Traditional Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 424. Dental Hygiene Case Studies. Current technology used to prepare and present multimedia presentations regarding selected dental hygiene clinical scenarios. A component of the course involves legal and ethical issues that arise in clinical practice. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

DH 430. Advanced Practice Management. A study of the delivery of client-centered care practice while emphasizing business methods, records systems, accounting and collection of fees, economics, conflict management, and accommodations to the evolving healthcare system. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

DH 431. Periodontics II. Builds on the foundation knowledge presented in Periodontology I with emphasis on recognition, therapeutic surgical and non-surgical treatment of periodontal disease. Prerequisites: DH331 and DH 327 Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)
DH 433. Patient Care III. A continuation of comprehensive patient care services with emphasis on establishing entry-level competence in preventive and therapeutic procedures. Traditional Clinical Rotation (4 credit hours)

DH 434. Dental Hygiene Practices. Concepts of advanced dental hygiene instrumentation, instrument sharpening, and solutions for common instrumentation difficulties, ergonomic techniques, appointment planning, and instrument sequencing are included. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

DH 435. Community Dental Health I. Introduction to the history, principles, and ethics of dental public health in the US and globally. Included in the course are concepts of dental health preventive modalities, advocacy for dental care, and cultural competency. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 436. Community Dental Hygiene. A continuation of the didactic knowledge and skills obtained in DH 435 Community Dental Health I. Selected readings, discussion, and practical experiences related to planning, implementation, and evaluation of the teaching/learning process in community settings. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 440. Community Dental Health. Development and utilization of skills in the area of community-based program planning, implementation, and evaluation. History, principles, and ethics of dental public health are discussed, along with an emphasis on disease prevention, distribution of oral diseases, principles of dental epidemiology, and the use of dental indexes. Students will implement a community-based program utilizing program planning and evaluation skills. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

DH 444. Practice Mgmt and Dental Specialties. This course provides students with the legal, practical and ethical concepts in the provision of oral health care and the foundational concepts for the business aspects of the profession. Content on dental and dental hygiene specialties and sub-specialties are discussed. Traditional Lecture (4 credit hours)

DH 445. Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene II. This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to expand research knowledge in two dimensions: principles and applications. Students will develop evidence-based decision making skills for identifying, searching for, and interpreting scientific research that can be used in the delivery of patient care. The course will culminate with the development and presentation of a table clinic at a professional meeting. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hour)

DH 446. Case Studies. A review of the oral health literature related to patient care. Emphasis is placed on clinical reasoning and decision-making in the treatment of a periodontal or unique clinic patient, resulting in a written and verbal presentation. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

DH 455. Capstone Study. Students examine, synthesize, and develop solutions to issues faced in oral healthcare. In cooperation with the course advisor and/or program director, students will select a contemporary topic in dental hygiene and develop a comprehensive project or paper evaluating solutions to the particular issue and present the paper to faculty according to course guidelines. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (4 credit hours)

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HISTORY
The John D. Bower School of Population Health (SOPH) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in Jackson was established in 2016 by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The John D. Bower School of Population Health has been designed to complement, strengthen, and extend the capacity for scholarship across UMMC and to assist in achieving the institutional missions by supporting rigorous approaches to investigation and transformational education in the science of population health, data science, health care economics, and preventive medicine.

The mission of UMMC is to improve the health and well-being of patients and the community through excellent training for healthcare professionals, engagement in innovative research, and the delivery of state-of-the-art health care.

In order to accomplish this overall mission, UMMC has to be responsive to the rapidly changing modes of delivery and financing of health care in the United States (U.S.) that is in the process of changing from volume to a value-based population health-directed system. This change represents a fundamental shift in health care designed to significantly improve patient outcomes and the care experience, while simultaneously reducing health care costs. Agencies such as The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) are testing several different health care payment, service and delivery models aimed to: achieve better care for individuals, improve the care and health of communities, and reduce costs through improvement of the health care system. Medicare accountable care organizations (ACOs) such as the Medicare Shared Savings Program and the Next Generation ACO model are designed to align financial incentives for providers to engage in care coordination, deliver higher quality medical care, and improve health outcomes for their patients. Many of these models began with capitation for patients in specific disease categories. However, it is anticipated that these models will eventually expand to include entire communities and possibly states. This true “global capitation” will require creative coordination of providers, health care systems, community-based organizations, governmental and community service agencies and others to infuse a “culture of health” into our nation, as recently articulated by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Unfortunately, the rapid changes prompting the integration of health and health care at the population level have left a void in the training of leaders uniquely prepared for this challenge. As a consequence, there is a critical need to develop persons with expertise in population health and population health management. These individuals will require an understanding of the multiple determinants of health (e.g. health care, social environment, health behaviors, physical environment, and genetics), and the interdependence of the multiple sectors that influence health and health care systems in the U.S.

The John D. Bower School of Population Health will serve an important role in accomplishing the mission of UMMC by:

- Educating future researchers and clinicians in the science of population health. Graduates of the John D. Bower School of Population Health will be expected to assume academic, administrative, and clinical roles in health care, population health, academia, and private industry. They will help shape the provision of health care, population health, and public health services in the state in the coming decades and thereby improve the health of Mississippians.
- Contributing to the UMMC clinical enterprise through the development and implementation of healthcare quality improvement interventions, developing creative approaches for identifying and intervening with high risk patient populations, and developing programs to reduce health disparities.

PROGRAMS
The John D. Bower School of Population Health offers programs leading to Executive Master of Science (Executive MS), Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

Executive Master of Science Degree Program
Executive Master of Science in Population Health Management

Master of Science Degree Programs
Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science
Master of Science in Population Health Science

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programs
Doctor of Philosophy in Biostatistics and Data Science
Doctor of Philosophy in Population Health Science

Additional information about specific programs, is available at our website: John D. Bower School of Population Health

MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of the John D. Bower School of Population Health is to educate and train leaders prepared to transform health care delivery and the health of Mississippians through the development of an innovative academic infrastructure uniquely designed to educate future population health scientists and clinical professionals to conduct pioneering population-based research and provide high quality, value-driven patient-centered care delivered in an increasingly complex health care delivery system.
VISION
Protecting populations by addressing the multiple determinants of health.

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES
The John D. Bower School of Population Health is committed to:
• addressing health as a human right.
• transforming the health of populations through the education of researchers, practitioners, and clinicians prepared to conduct and disseminate pioneering, multi-sector, population research to increase the effectiveness of health care systems, improve community health, and reduce health and health care disparities.
• improving the health of Mississipians through connecting students with community-based organizations and state agencies to address “timely, real world” health-related challenges through required theses and dissertation research studies.
• respecting scientific and academic principles and the diversity of individuals, perspectives, and intellectual/scholarly disciplines.
• the dissemination of evidence-based knowledge and research findings to multiple stakeholder groups in an effort to improve the health of populations.

ADMISSION TO THE JOHN D. BOWER SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS - Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, genetic information, or veteran status. A student with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution may apply for study in areas in which competence has been demonstrated by scholastic performance. Prospective students must submit an online application for admission to the Office of Student Records and Registrar. This application will include an official transcript of all undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) grades, an official statement of scores (verbal, quantitative and analytical) received on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), three letters of recommendations from faculty members at accredited institutions or employment supervisors, and a personal statement. With the exception of those students applying for admission directly from a Master’s Degree program, the GRE examination must be taken within five years of application. Information regarding the GRE may be obtained from the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540. International applicants must have transcripts evaluated in a course-by-course report from World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).

Prerequisites are required by certain programs, and these may be determined by contacting the specific program to which the applicant desires admission. Initial evaluation of applicants for admission to graduate programs is made on the basis of undergraduate (and graduate, if applicable) scholastic performance, letters of recommendation, and scores received on the GRE, MCAT, or DAT. Those applicants for whom the initial evaluation indicates the scholastic competence necessary to successfully pursue a graduate degree may be further evaluated by personal interview.

PhD applicants will be evaluated based on the following:
• Baccalaureate degree in a relevant scientific discipline
• GPA (3.0 or better)
• Three letters of recommendation
• A personal statement
• Admission Test Scores:
  • PhD in Biostatistics and Data Science: A GRE score ≥300 on the combined verbal and quantitative scores is preferred.
  • PhD in Population Health Science: A GRE score ≥300 on the combined verbal and quantitative scores is preferred; A MCAT score ≥495; or a DAT score of ≥19
  • Students who meet or exceed the minimum scores will be granted full admission to the SOPH. Students whose scores are below the minimum requirements may be considered for conditional admission based on the recommendation of the program director. To be removed from conditional status the student must, within three academic semesters of admission, attain a GPA of ≥3.0, or retake the entrance exam and obtain a score at or above the minimum requirements. Conditional students who fail to meet the criteria listed above will be dismissed from the program. Notwithstanding the above, individual programs may set higher minimum standards than those required by the SOPH.

MS applicants will be evaluated on the following:
• Baccalaureate degree in a relevant discipline
• GPA (3.0 or better preferred)
• Three letters of recommendation
• A personal statement
• Admission Test Scores:
  • MS in Biostatistics and Data Science: A GRE score ≥295 on the combined verbal and quantitative scores.

Executive MS applicants will be evaluated on the following:
• Applicants must hold a terminal degree (MD, PhD, DMD, etc.)
• GPA (3.0 or better preferred)
• Three letters of recommendation
• A personal statement which includes information regarding relevant experiences or work history pertinent to the degree program
• Curriculum Vitae (Applicants must have >5 years work experience)
For both MS and PhD programs, individual programs may set higher minimum standards than those required by the John D. Bower School of Population Health. In view of that, students are requested to consult the director of their intended program of study and the specific program section of the Bulletin in order to ascertain program-specific requirements.

**English Language Proficiency.** Applicants whose native language is not English and/or who have completed their tertiary education primarily outside of the USA must submit official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Pearson Test of English-Academic (PTE-A) as evidence of English language proficiency.

- TOEFL-Internet Based Test (IBT): 79 or higher
- TOEFL-Paper Based Test (PBT): 550 or higher
- IELTS: 6.5 overall band score or higher
- PTE-A: 53 or higher

However, this requirement may be waived for students who are currently enrolled at a college or university in the United States and/or who demonstrate a proficiency in written and spoken English following a personal interview. Admission of a student to a graduate program must be approved by the program director and by the dean of the SOPH. No individual may enroll in graduate level courses without proper approval and notification from the SOPH.

**Conditional Acceptance:** Acceptance to the SOPH is conditional; the school may rescind an offer of acceptance at any time before matriculation if an applicant fails to maintain expectations upon which the acceptance was based. Examples include, but are not limited to, a significant decline in academic performance, failure to complete prerequisites or other course work and degrees in progress, patterns of unprofessional behavior and incidents discovered in a criminal background check.

**Criminal Background Checks (CBCs)** - Any preadmission agreement executed by the health care program with a student shall be void if there is a disqualifying incident or pattern of unprofessional behavior in the CBC prior to enrollment.

**Fingerprint-Based CBC** - All accepted applicants must contact the SOPH to schedule an appointment with UMMC Human Resources prior to enrollment so that a set of digital fingerprints and photograph can be obtained.

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION**

Technical Standards are non-academic requirements essential for meeting the academic requirements of the programs in the SOPH. Within any area of specialization, students must demonstrate competence in those intellectual and physical tasks that together represent the fundamentals of research in their chosen discipline.

The PhD degree programs and the MS degree programs at the SOPH require a dissertation, thesis, projects, or a practice transformation practicum, based on independent research. Granting of those degrees implies the recipient has demonstrated a base of knowledge in their chosen field of study and the ability to independently apply that knowledge to form hypotheses, design and conduct experiments, interpret experimental results, and communicate these findings to the scientific community. Thus, a candidate for the PhD or MS degree must possess abilities and skills that allow for observation, intellectual and conceptual reasoning, motor coordination, and communication. The use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable.

The following technical skills are required of a successful MS or PhD student in the SOPH:

**Observation**
The candidate must be able to acquire knowledge by direct observation of demonstrations, experiments, and experiences within the research and instructional setting.

**Intellectual/Conceptual Abilities**
The candidate must be able to measure, calculate, analyze, reason, integrate and synthesize information to solve problems.

**Motor Skills**
The candidate must possess motor skills necessary to perform procedures required for the experimentation and experiences within the chosen discipline.

**Communication**
The candidate must be able to discuss and communicate his or her experimental hypotheses and results to the scientific community.

**Behavioral and Social Attributes**
The candidate must possess the emotional and mental health required for full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of responsibilities inherent in managing a scientific setting, the ability to function under the stress inherent in research, and the ability to understand and comply with ethical standards for the conduct of research.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**
The application may be obtained online from the [SOPH website](#). All applications are handled through the Office of Student Records and Registrar.

All transcripts and documents submitted to the Office of Student Records and Registrar in support of an application become the property of The UMMC and will not be returned to an applicant or forwarded to another school or individual. Contact information: Office of Student Records and Registrar, UMMC, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216, 601-984-1080, 601-984-1079 (Fax).
DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS - The SOPH accepts applications throughout the calendar year. However, applications for specific academic terms must be received by the Office of Student Records and Registrar by the deadlines below.

MS in Biostatistics and Data Science
- Fall admission: June 1

PhD in Biostatistics and Data Science
- Fall admission: April 15

Executive MS in Population Health Management
- Summer admission: April 15

MS in Population Health Science
- Summer admission: March 1

PhD in Population Health Science
- Fall admission: June 1

PhD students wishing to be considered for a stipend for the upcoming Fall semester should apply for admission as early as possible, but no later than December 15. Stipends are assigned on a competitive basis. An applicant is considered for the enrollment period designated on the application. If the applicant is accepted and fails to enroll, or is not accepted, a new application must be submitted if consideration for a subsequent enrollment date is desired.

APPLICATION FEE - A nonrefundable fee of $25 must accompany the initial application.

REGISTRATION - Registration for classes is not permitted unless the applicant has received notification of acceptance to a specific graduate program from the SOPH. Registration for courses must be approved by the graduate program director and advisor. No credit is given for any course for which a student is not officially registered. All students and advisors must complete the required registration approval form before each semester.

NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS - Individuals who wish to take graduate courses but are not members of a UMMC degree program may apply as non-degree seeking students. Applicants must first complete an approval to register form. The form and instructions for the non-degree student are located on the SOPH website. Non-degree students may not earn more than 9 semester hours. Furthermore, successful completion of courses taken does not in itself qualify the individual for subsequent admission to a graduate program.

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
Tuition and fees for the academic year can be found on the institutional website. Students in PhD programs who maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 will receive a waiver of non-resident fees. Tuition is subject to change pending information from the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

STUDENT HANDBOOK
The purpose of the SOPH Student Handbook is to provide students with specific information concerning school policies, regulations, and services. As a student of the SOPH, you are responsible for reading and familiarizing yourself with the contents of the Student Handbook and all other such publications by the institution. The Student handbook can be found on the SOPH website. Additional institutional policies can be found in the current Bulletin and in the UMMC Document Center.

REQUIRED LAPTOPS
Entering students are required to have a laptop computer that meets the UMMC Minimal Laptop Specifications. Students should purchase a laptop meeting or exceeding the UMMC Minimal Specifications from regular retail channels. Students will be personally responsible for maintenance/repair of their laptop. All students are required to maintain up to date virus and spyware detection software to allow access to the UMMC public wireless network. Students should acquire their laptop prior to the first week of August. Students will need to bring their functional laptop to a computer orientation. Students must contact their program directors to obtain information about program specific technology requirements.

PRERDOCTORAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
STIPENDS AND LOANS
Financial support in the form of stipends may be available in some programs. Academic excellence, maturity, and research experience are the main qualifications considered in the appointment of trainees and assistants. Inquiries should be addressed to the director of the graduate program in which the applicant wishes to undertake study. Students receiving a stipend are assessed in-state fees. Stipends are not tax exempt and tuition is paid from the stipends. Information on the stipend policy can be found on the SOPH website. Students may also apply for additional funding through various loan mechanisms. Students should contact the Office of Student Accounting and the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine if they qualify for these loan programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
DEAN’S SCHOLARSHIP. The Dean’s Scholarship is a full-tuition recruitment scholarship which is awarded to students for outstanding academic achievement. All students on stipends or extramural support are eligible for the Dean’s Scholarship.

MYRILIE EVERS-WILLIAMS FELLOWSHIP. The Evers-Williams Fellowship will be available to outstanding scholars who have been admitted to the SOPH, Department of Population Health Science at UMMC. This fellowship is intended to recruit and support the most promising students entering graduate programs in population health at UMMC. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to health disparities research in population health. Students selected for the program will be primarily mentored by a faculty member in the SOPH and secondarily by an affiliate of the Evers-Williams Institute.
REGULATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION

SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS - It is the responsibility of the student to ascertain the general and specific requirements for the degree program in which they are enrolled. Students can obtain all relevant information from the program director, their advisor, or the Office of the Dean, SOPH.

GRADING - In order to be in good academic standing, students must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher based on a 4 point grading scale for a PhD student and a 2.8 or higher for a MS student. Grades are reported as a percentage which are converted into a letter grade and reported on the transcript according to the following rubric: A, 90-100; B, 80-89; C, 70-79; F, 0-69. Under such a scale a grade of A is assessed 4 points, a B 3 points, a C 2 points, and an F 0 points.

In certain courses a mark of P is given to indicate that a student has received graduate credit but has been assigned no point grade in the course. For example, official credit for satisfactory scholastic performance in seminars, journal clubs, research, and preparation of the dissertation or thesis may be recorded as P. However, in courses approved for the P mark, course directors may assign the grade of F. An Incomplete (I) may be assigned with the approval of the program director when the student has not completed a course within the enrollment period. Graduate students receiving the mark of I must complete the course work within 12 months from the time the grade was assigned, unless the course director requires an earlier completion date.

A course instructor may change a reported grade only if the original grade was incorrectly assigned due to clerical or computational error, or to modify an incomplete (I) mark.

ADD OR DROP A COURSE - The request form to add or drop a class is found on the SOPH website under FORMS. Classes may be added or dropped until the day specified by the academic calendar. Registration for a course makes the student responsible for attending that class until the course is completed or until the program director and dean or designee of the SOPH authorizes withdrawal from that course. Approved withdrawal from a course, if completed on or before the day specified by the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. A withdrawal authorized after that date will be recorded as W. A student can withdraw from a course and receive a W at any time up to the submission of the final grade. Once the final grade has been submitted, withdrawal is not permitted. Students may challenge grades within 30 days of issuance of final grades by the Office of Student Records and Registrar; otherwise, grades will stand as recorded.

ACADEMIC PROBATION – If at any time during an academic year the progress of a student is considered unsatisfactory, the student may be placed on academic probation or dismissed from the program. Students who are placed on academic probation because their GPA has fallen below the benchmarks as indicated in the good academic standing policy will have 3 semesters to raise their GPA to an acceptable level. Failure to do so will result in dismissal.

DISMISSAL FROM THE JOHN D. BOWER SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH – Students may be dismissed from the graduate program for cause. This may include unsatisfactory academic performance, failure to pass qualifying examinations, poor research performance, breaches of scientific integrity (i.e., plagiarism, falsification of data, etc.), or personnel issues (i.e., harassment). Further information on the policy can be found in the UMMC Document Center.

TRANSFER OF GRADUATE CREDIT FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION - When a transfer student enrolls at UMMC, a limited amount of graduate credits earned at another recognized institution may be accepted toward degree requirements at UMMC. All transfer course work is evaluated and accepted work is recorded, without changes in grades, as part of the student’s permanent academic record. Further information on the policy can be found in the UMMC Document Center. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE JOHN D. BOWER SCHOOL OF POPULATION HEALTH - Registration in an academic program makes the student responsible for completion of the course of study unless the student withdraws from the curriculum. Official withdrawal is initiated by the student and facilitated by the dean or designee submitting official notice of withdrawal to the Offices of the Registrar, Student Financial Aid, and Student Accounting. Failure to officially withdraw will result in the recording of a failing grade in the course(s) in which the student is registered. An approved withdrawal, if completed on or before the last day specified in the academic calendar, will not be recorded on the student’s record. Withdrawals authorized after this date will be recorded “W” unless the student has completed the course, in which case the final grade in the course will be recorded. A student who wishes to withdraw from the SOPH must submit a withdrawal request form to the Office of the Dean. This form may be found on the SOPH website.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Leave of absence from may be granted by the dean or his/her administrative designee to students who meet the conditions listed in the Student Handbook and per the SOPH Leave of Absence policy found within the UMMC Document Center. DEGREES AND COMMENCEMENT - Degrees earned in a graduate program are awarded at the end of each semester. A student must complete all degree requirements and complete an application for diploma through the MyU Student Portal. The form should be completed by the dates designated in the academic calendar. All graduates are encouraged to participate in spring commencement exercises.

COURSE LOAD - A full-time course load in the SOPH is 9 credit hours per semester except for the summer term when 1 credit hour is sufficient. A student who is admitted to candidacy and is working on a thesis or dissertation may be classified as full-time while registering for 1 credit hour, following request by the student’s advisor and program director. The student and his/her advisor must complete required registration approval form which may be found on the SOPH website under Forms.

ENROLLMENT POLICY – Once students are accepted into a program, they must be continuously enrolled in classes until the degree is completed or on leave of absence. Leave of absence forms can be obtained from the SOPH website. Failure to adhere to these requirements will result in administrative withdrawal from the SOPH.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

A range of circumstances and conditions determines the number of admissions to the various graduate programs. Therefore, students interested in a particular program of study are strongly urged to contact the director of that program prior to completing an application to determine whether openings exist for the current academic year and to ascertain specific program requirements.
EXECUTIVE MASTER OF SCIENCE

The SOPH offers an Executive Master of Science degree in Population Health Management.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NUMBER OF CREDITS/MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE) - A minimum of 30 credit hours is required for the degree. The minimum GPA for a MS degree is 2.8 (on the 4 point scale).

TIME LIMIT - The degree program is designed to be completed within one academic year.

PRACTICE TRANSFORMATION PRACTICUM - Students must complete a practice transformation practicum based on independent research. Students will develop and implement comprehensive quality improvement projects intended to strengthen the quality of patient care and reduce healthcare costs. The project will be implemented in the setting in which the healthcare provider-student is practicing.

MASTER OF SCIENCE

The SOPH offers Master of Science degrees in Biostatistics and Data Science and Population Health Science.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NUMBER OF CREDITS/MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE) - A minimum of 30 credit hours is required for the MS degree. The minimum GPA for a MS degree is 2.8 (on the 4 point scale). These requirements notwithstanding, individual MS programs can establish more stringent criteria for graduation.

TIME LIMIT - The time limit for completing all requirements for a MS degree is six years from the date of first registration.

THESIS - Some programs may require a thesis as a requirement for graduation. The thesis should show evidence of original investigation. The thesis must be approved by the advisory committee and the SOPH dean. An oral examination and thesis defense is mandatory in programs requiring a thesis. The candidate’s advisory committee will conduct the examination.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered by the SOPH in Biostatistics and Data Science and in Population Health Science. The PhD degree is a research degree and is not conferred solely as a result of formal course work, no matter how superior and extensive. The program leading to the PhD degree represents more than the sum of time in residence, and the plans of study listed below are only a minimum. To receive the doctoral degree, the candidate must demonstrate evidence of proficiency and distinctive attainment in a special field, and a recognized ability for independent investigation as presented in a dissertation based upon original research. The following requirements for the PhD degree are the minimum requirements and apply to all students seeking the doctoral degree. Because individual programs may have additional specific requirements, the student is urged to clearly identify them before beginning a course of study. A description of program-specific policies is available from the relevant program director.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - The previously listed general requirements for admission to a graduate program apply to the doctoral programs.

TIME LIMITS - Completion of a PhD degree generally requires five to six years, but must take no more than five years following admission to candidacy.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS (NUMBER OF CREDITS/MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE)

COURSE WORK - All doctorate degrees require a minimum of 60 credit hours beyond a baccalaureate degree (or 30 credit hours beyond a MS degree in the same UMMC SOPH degree program). Credits representing research and preparation of the dissertation are to be earned as directed by the student’s advisory committee. Credit hour requirements may differ for other programs so the student should consult the relevant program director for specific details.

MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE – The minimum GPA to obtain the PhD degree is a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). This requirement notwithstanding individual graduate programs may choose to set a higher standard for their program.

QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY - An examination to qualify students for admission to candidacy for the PhD degree is administered by each program within the SOPH. The qualifying examination is given to graduate students in good academic standing upon completion of required coursework. The exact form of the examination (oral, written, comprehensive, or research based) varies from program to program. Information on the specific format used within a program may be obtained from the relevant program director or from the program’s policy manual.

DISSERTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PhD Advisory Committee members must be members of the graduate faculty or approved by the dean of the SOPH. The committee will consist of a minimum of three members. The members of the committee are nominated by the chair of the advisory committee with the approval of the program director and the dean of the SOPH. The nomination of advisory committee form should be submitted to the Office of the Dean.

DISSERTATION - The dissertation must show originality of thought and demonstrate the results of independent investigation. It should contribute to the advancement of knowledge, exhibit mastery of the subject literature, and be written with an acceptable degree of literary skill. The dissertation, written according to prescribed form, is prepared under the direction of the candidate’s advisor and must be approved by the candidate’s dissertation advisory committee and the dean of the SOPH. This approval must be obtained and all other requirements completed by the date given in the official academic calendar. Guidelines outlining the prescribed form for a student’s written dissertation can be found the SOPH website.

DISSERTATION DEFENSE - The dissertation defense is conducted by the candidate’s advisory committee and consists of a public presentation and defense of the dissertation. Two weeks prior to a student’s public defense, an administrative staff member from that particular program sends announcement information to the SOPH office. The following information should be included in the announcement: student name, program, dissertation or thesis, title of dissertation/thesis, date of defense, time of defense, and place of defense. In private deliberation, the advisory committee will determine the acceptability of the defense and dissertation. Further questioning of the candidate may be included in the committee’s deliberations. The dissertation must be submitted to the advisory committee at least 10 days before the examination. Three members of the advisory committee must be present at the final oral examination.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER
### ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students receiving the PhD degree are required to have the results of their research submitted for publication prior to awarding of the degree. This manuscript must meet the publication requirement, i.e., the student must be listed as the sole first author on at least one submission to a national or international peer-reviewed journal.
- All students must pass ID709 (Responsible Conduct in Research).

### BIOSTATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM

Jeannette Simino, PhD, MS and PhD Program Director

### COURSE OF STUDY – MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

The Master of Science (MS) program in Biostatistics and Data Science will train students to extract, analyze, and translate vast amounts of data into actionable evidence and communicate results to individuals from other disciplines. Through supervised consulting sessions, an internship, and directed research, students will develop the technical and collaborative skills necessary to excel in clinical, academic, government, industrial, and population health work organizations. Students must have previous training in calculus (covering multiple variable integration and differentiation) and linear algebra. Additional training in statistical or computer programming languages is preferred. Students must install the following statistical programs onto their personal laptops prior to orientation: Stata (nominal fee), R (free), and SAS University Edition (free).

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### COURSE OF STUDY – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Biostatistics and Data Science will produce graduates equipped to conduct cutting-edge research, teach the next generation of biostatisticians and data scientists, and collaborate with basic research scientists, clinicians, epidemiologists, and population and public health organizations. The doctoral course of study includes supervised consulting, internships, and a dissertation expanding knowledge in one or more emphasis areas, namely biostatistics, data science, or bioinformatics & genomics. Students must have previous training in calculus (covering multiple variable integration and differentiation) and linear algebra. Additional training in statistical or computer programming languages is preferred. Applicants may submit code exhibiting their knowledge in a statistical or computer programming language and/or slides presenting a completed data analysis project. These materials are optional but may strengthen the overall application. Students must install the following statistical programs onto their personal laptops prior to orientation: Stata (nominal fee), R (free), and SAS University Edition (free).

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POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT
Leandro Mena, MPH, MD, Program Director

COURSE OF STUDY – Executive MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)
The 12-month program is designed for health care providers (e.g. physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, clinical social workers, physical therapists, chiropractors, etc.) with at least 5 years practice-based experience, who are interested in enhancing their knowledge and skills to create sustainable models of value-driven accountable care. The program will educate students to aggregate patient data, analyze data into an actionable patient record, and equip them with the business intelligence tools to track and improve patient outcomes while reducing costs. The program will culminate in an innovative practice transformation practicum, in which students will develop and implement comprehensive quality improvement projects intended to strengthen the quality of patient care and reduce health care costs within the clinician/practitioner student’s current practice.
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### POPULATION HEALTH SCIENCE

#### COURSE OF STUDY – MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS)

Paul Burns, MS, PhD. Program Director

The MS in Population Health Science is a distance education program housed on the Jackson campus of UMMC. Courses will be offered on campus during the summer for one week and the remaining program curriculum will be completed using an electronic student learning platform via Canvas (online). The program is designed to educate students to examine health outcomes, patterns of health determinants, and develop policies and interventions. Specifically, graduates of the program will be able to analyze social structures and processes that influence health, develop approaches that seek to improve health outcomes, and develop effective practices that reduce healthcare costs. The program will culminate in an original thesis focused on the factors that influence health and disease.

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COURSE OF STUDY – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD)
Charles Chima, BMBS, MS, DrPH, Program Director

The PhD degree program in Population Health Science is aimed to examine health outcomes, patterns of health determinants, and the development of policies and interventions. Population health scientists and professionals seek to prevent and cure disease by keeping people healthy through a systemic and interdisciplinary approach to health and health care. Specifically, students of the program will gain the necessary skills to: identify determinants of health, identify determinants of disease, and identify determinants of health and disease across the patient lifespan. Graduates will also be able to develop and evaluate innovative population health interventions and methodological approaches for population health research. In addition, students will be able to effectively communicate their findings in order to influence patient health. Graduates of the SOPH will be expected to assume academic, administrative, and clinical roles in health care, population health, academia, and private industry. They will help shape the provision of health care, population health, and public health services in the state in the coming decades and thereby improve the health of Mississipians. The program will culminate in an original dissertation focused on the factors that influence health and disease.

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COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

BDS 711. Statistical Methods in Research. Provides an introduction to selected important topics in statistical concepts and reasoning. This course represents an introduction to the field and provides a survey of data types and analysis techniques. Specific topics include applications of statistical techniques such as point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing (tests of significance), correlation and regression, relative risks and odds ratios, sample size/power calculations and study designs. While the course emphasizes interpretation and concepts, there are also formulae and computational elements such that upon completion, class participants have gained real world applied skills. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 713. Intro to Data Management and Programming. Provides an introduction to programming and data management. The course will focus on planning and organizing programs to handle and process data, as well as the grammar of particular programming languages. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 714. Statistical Methods for Clinical Trials. Provides a basic understanding of the statistical concepts important in the design, conduct and analysis of clinical trials. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 715. Intro to Sample Survey Analyses. Provides an introduction to statistical concepts in the design and analyses of sample surveys. Covers topics such as instrument design, sampling procedures, variance estimation, reliability, validity, scaling and scoring, complex samples and weighting procedures. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 721. Analytics. Provides an introduction to basic statistical and data analytic methods. This course covers topics such as data archetypes; exploratory data analysis; basic statistical paradigms including frequentist, likelihood and Bayesian approaches; contingency tables, sampling distributions, the Central Limit Theorem, point and interval estimation, sufficiency, tests of statistical significance including large sample, likelihood ratio and resampling approaches, basic random variable linear combinations, ANOVA, correlation, linear regression, logistic regression and Poisson regression. Course content will be delivered through lectures, hands-on lab instruction and team-based learning using statistical packages including R, SAS and Stata. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 722. Advanced Analytics. Continues introductions to intermediate and advanced statistical analysis methods for biomedical research. This course covers advanced regression topics, generalized linear models (GLM), generalized additive models (GAM), splines and smoothing techniques, decision trees, basic survival models, and introduces machine learning techniques (clustering, classification, regularization/penalized regression, feature selection, Bayesian methods, and unbiased estimators). Course content will be delivered through lectures and hands-on lab instruction. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 723. Statistical Computation. This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to statistical computing. Students will learn the core ideas of programming — functions, objects, data structures, flow control, input and output, debugging, logical design and abstraction — through writing code; to assist in numerical and graphical statistical analyses. Students will learn descriptive statistics, graphical presentation, estimation (EM algorithm), and computational methods for optimization. This course will emphasize the learning of statistical methods and concepts through hands-on experience with real data. Since code is also an important form of communication among scientists, students will learn how to comment and organize code. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 724. Longitudinal and Multilevel Models. Covers statistical models for drawing scientific inferences from clustered/correlated data such as longitudinal and multilevel data. Topics include longitudinal study design; exploring clustered data; linear and generalized linear regression models for correlated data, including marginal, random effects, and transition models; and handling missing data. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 725. Survival Analysis. This course will give an overview of modern survival analysis methods. Topics included are survival functions, hazard functions, censoring and truncation, competing risks, estimation of survival and related functions, hypothesis testing and semiparametric regression methods with survival data. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 726. Generalized Linear Models. Provides a foundation in the theory and application of generalized linear models and related statistical topics. A generalized linear model (GLM) is characterized by (1) a response variable with a distribution in an exponential dispersion family and (2) a mean response related to linear combinations of covariates through a link function. GLMs allow a unified theory for many of the models used in statistical practice, including normal theory regression and ANOVA models, many categorical data models including logit and probit models for binary data, loglinear models, and models for gamma responses and survival data. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 727. Nonparametric Analyses. Provides an introduction to modern topics in nonparametric data analysis for estimation and inference. Topics include kernel estimation, rank based methods, nonparametric regression, confidence sets and random processes. Methodology and theory are presented together. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 728. Multivariate Analysis. Provides an introduction of the analysis of multivariate data, balancing theory, implementation and translation of these methods. Topics covered include matrix computations, visualization techniques, the multivariate normal distribution, MANOVA, principal components analysis, factor analysis, and other clustering techniques. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)
BDS 741. Statistical Inference I. Introduces probability and distribution theory, including axioms of probability; random variables; probability mass and density functions; common discrete and continuous distributions; transformations and sums of random variables; expectations, variances, and moments; hierarchical models and mixture distributions; and properties of random samples. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 742. Statistical Inference II. This course is a continuation of Statistical Inference I and continues to introduce modern statistical theory and principles of inference based on decision theory and likelihood (evidence) theory. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 743. Theory of Linear Models. Provides an introduction to the development and use of general linear models including frameworks for parameter estimation and inference in a variety of settings. Theoretical foundations of the models will be reinforced with areas in which the models are applied to answer scientific questions. Topics covered include matrix algebra, distribution theory for quadratic forms of normal random vectors, properties of OLS estimators, estimable functions and related themes. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 750. Study Design. This course will equip doctoral-level biostatisticians and data scientists with the skills necessary to participate in the planning and analysis of biomedical, clinical, and population-based health studies. This course will cover a wide array of study designs, one and two-way classifications, nesting, blocking, factorial designs, multiple comparisons, confounding, power, sample size, and selected issues (randomization, blindness, adherence, dropout, phases) from clinical trials. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 751. Statistical Inference in Genetics. This course will present fundamental theoretical concepts and statistical inference with emphasis on genetic epidemiology research for common human diseases. Five modules will be covered, including an introduction to statistical inference methods used on genetic data, familial aggregation methods, segregation analysis, linkage analysis, and testing associations between genetic variants and disease. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 752. Advanced Statistical Genetics. An advanced course on modeling and methodology in statistical genetics for human diseases and traits. The course will cover topics including linkage analysis, population structure and stratification, admixture mapping, heritability and genetic risk prediction, familial aggregation, association analysis and others. On successful completion, participants will have the skills to develop and apply statistical methods towards a variety of genetic questions. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 753. Bioinformatics. Provides an introduction to selected important topics in Bioinformatics. The course focuses on integrating bioinformatics resources with basic biology and clinical applications to enhance research in population health. Includes methods for analysis of high-throughput NGS data, understanding bioinformatics databases in precision medicine and population health. Covers common programs and algorithms for sequence alignment, evolutionary tree construction, database searching, functional interpretation for expressed genes, and finding mutations in DNA for human disease. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 754. Principles of Programming. This course will introduce fundamental programming concepts such as data structures and algorithms, object oriented programming, and the basics of building interactive applications in the python programming language. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 761. Data Science. Provides a modern introduction to data science, including data wrangling and dynamic data visualization processes, while reinforcing advanced analytics reproducible research and applied statistical methods. Course content will be delivered through lectures and hands-on lab instruction. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 762. Advanced Data Science. Provides a continuation into advanced Data Science topics with deeper programming and additional concepts. Topics include simulation, bootstrap, prediction, machine learning, and tool development. Course content will be delivered through lectures and hands-on lab instruction. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 763. Database Systems. Review of database systems with special emphasis on data description and manipulation languages; data normalization; functional dependencies; database design; data integrity and security; distributed data processing; design and implementation of a comprehensive project. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 764. Data Visualization. Provides an introduction to principles and techniques for creating effective interactive visualizations of quantitative information. Primary topics include principles for designing effective visualizations and implementing interactive visualizations using web-based frameworks. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 765. Advanced Machine Learning. This course introduces students to the basic theories, concepts, and techniques of machine learning and gives them a glimpse of the state-of-the-art methods in this area. Topics covered include Bayesian estimation and decision theory, maximum likelihood estimation, nonparametric techniques, linear discriminant analysis, computational learning theory, support vector machines and kernel methods, boosting, clustering, dimensional reduction, and deep learning. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 766. Advanced Computational Methods. Provides a blend of software engineering, stochastic processes and optimization for creating and deploying efficient analytic tools. Topics covered include software engineering paradigms, robust software design, data structure, object oriented design, parallel computations, and distributed computing, with a focus on implementation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

BDS 791. Special Topics. This course is intended to meet special needs of individual students. Students who wish to learn more about a particular topic can approach a mentor to determine an advanced course of study for a particular topic. The structure of an individual course is decided upon by the individual course instructor with approval from the program committee. Traditional Independent Study (1 - 9 credit hours)

BDS 792. Statistical Consulting. Provides hands-on training and experience in statistical consulting. Written and oral communication skills are emphasized, working with prospective collaborators and ethical aspects of consulting are discussed. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 credit hours)

BDS 793. Seminar Series: Microtopics. This course consists of attending the weekly Department of Data Science faculty seminar series. The goal of this seminar course is to expose students to current research topics in the field, to also give them exposure to seminar presentations, and to offer further detail into faculty research areas to assist in proposing a dissertation topic and research mentor. Traditional Lecture (1 credit hours)

BDS 796. Directed Research. Provides students to the opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of a faculty member from the Department of Data Science. Traditional Laboratory (3 credit hours)
BDS 797. Biostatistics & Data Science Internship. A work experience conducted in the Department of Data Science, an affiliated department, center, or institute at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, or a public or private organization. The internship is focused on the development of real world analytic, programming, and communication skills. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 - 9 credit hours)


PHS 700. Essentials of Population Health. Introduction to how the multiple determinants of health (e.g., health care, socioeconomic status, genetics, the physical environment and health behavior, and their interactions) have implications for the health outcomes of populations. Characteristics of populations defined by geography, diagnosis, and/or point of care will be discussed. Avenues in which health care systems, public health agencies, community-based organizations, retail health organizations work together to improve local, national, and global communities. Students will also learn how to view problems from a population health and population health management perspective. Descriptions of how clinical and non-clinical data is used to measure health-related outcomes, analyze patterns, communicate results, and develop evidence-based intervention practices to manage of health of populations will be explored. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 701. Applied Demography. A growing number of administrative, planning, and statistical agencies at all levels of government, public policy research organizations, and private industries are showing an interest in employing persons whose primary training and expertise is in the use and analysis of population statistics. This course will provide a basic understanding of the way the population’s social and demographic structure changes is becoming increasingly important for addressing a variety of social problems and issues—and for business and government decision making. This course will provide you with a useful framework for evaluating how social change becomes transmitted over time. Traditional Independent Study (3 credit hours)

PHS 705. Advanced Payment Models. Alternative Payment Models (APMs) are approaches that reward providers for the delivery of high-quality and cost-effective care. Advanced Payment Models are a subset of APMs that let clinical practices earn more rewards in exchange for taking on risk relative to patient outcomes. This course will cover the range of alternative payment models in healthcare and the policies that undergird these advances such as the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 706. Population Health and Consumerism. Hospitals and health systems are re-inventing themselves and working with providers and their communities to position their organizations for success in an environment that demands high-value, lower-cost and efficient health care. But as hospitals and health systems transition to value-based care, they must do so with an eye on the consumer. Patients, and their families, will be more informed and savvy in making health care purchasing decisions. This course will familiarize students with the growing movements in both healthcare consumerism and population health management. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 707. Accountable Care Organizations. Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) are designed to provide high quality health care and control costs; two components of the Quadruple Aim. The focus of this course will be to examine different types of ACOs and their various payment characteristics, organizational structures, mixed capabilities, governance structures, and varied contracts, and to explore the interventions conducted within ACOs at both the organizational and patient-levels. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 708. Care Continuum. Engaging patients and their families is critical to achieving the Quadruple Aim and ensuring that key strategies and practices are implemented reliably and monitored for improvement. This is an important step toward effective patient and family engagement that is critically needed to effectively manage health across the care continuum. This course will present current models utilized to manage chronic health conditions in clinical settings, how electronic tools (EHRs and Telehealth) are used for patient monitoring and engagement, and approaches to addressing health behavior change across the life course. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 709. Population Health Management. This course will introduce students to the applied field of population health management through the use of case studies and key elements of population health management such as development of accountable care processes and infrastructure, payer relationships, care coordination, health and financial management systems, and leadership. Descriptions of how clinical and non-clinical evidence is used to measure health-related outcomes, analyze patterns, communicate results and identify best practices and implement effective interventions to manage the health of clinical populations. The importance of the translation of data and information into intelligence used for clinical decision-making will be emphasized, as well as the challenges of using this data in health policy decision-making. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 710. Clinical Coaching. The purpose of this course is to increase the knowledge and skills of clinicians in coaching patients to make lasting lifestyle management changes. It is envisaged that undertaking this subject will contribute to the professional development, knowledge base and performance of those involved in clinical coaching. Given the evolution of the U.S. health care system, health care providers are incentivized to produce better patient outcomes and to reduce recurring patient visits. Employers are prioritizing health and wellness in the workplace, aiming to cut costs and increase productivity. Given these changes, it is important for clinicians to increase their skill set in the provision of clinical coaching, as well as enhancing their knowledge of evidence-based approaches for motivating behavior change, and understanding of how to incorporate clinical coaching into clinical practice. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 711. Healthcare Quality and Safety. This course provides an overview of health care quality and safety. Students will learn quality improvement concepts and techniques and will practice the techniques in teams. Assigned readings, video talks and lectures, online discussions, individual writing assignments, small group activities, and team projects will be used. Traditional Independent Study (3 credit hours)

PHS 712. Knowledge Translation. This introductory course is based on the premise that scientists, and increasingly, other practitioners and educators, are agents of change in creating research impact, promoting research utilization, and ensuring that research findings reach the appropriate audiences. Knowledge Translation as defined by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, as “a dynamic and iterative process that includes the synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically sound application of knowledge to improve health, provide more effective health services and products, and strengthen the health care system”. This course is designed to increase the practical knowledge,
competencies and skill set of translating scientific knowledge to multiple communities and population groups. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (2 credit hours)

PHS 713. Implementation Science. This course is an introduction to implementation science and dissemination, with an emphasis on population health. The course will first highlight current challenges in population health and the role of implementation science in addressing them, including the development of practice-based research activities and the provision of technical support for program implementation. The course will then define current implementation research frameworks and active implementation frameworks and describe the interface between improvement science and implementation science. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 714. Healthcare Organizations. Focuses on the organization, financing, and delivery of healthcare in the U.S. Contrasts the private and public sectors and examines the effects of market competition and government regulation. Examines the ways that medical providers are paid, and explores the major issues currently facing physicians, hospitals, and the pharmaceutical industry. Also discusses several potential small and large scale reforms to the U.S. healthcare system and evaluates their likely effects on healthcare spending, quality of care, and access to care. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 715. Health Disparities Seminar. This course will examine relevant historical issues, theories, and empirical data, emphasizing critical analysis and application of knowledge. Disparities will be discussed relative to race/ethnicity, gender, income, and sexual orientation. Students will gain a better understanding of research on health disparities and interventions to promote health equity through a combination of readings, reflection papers, and in-class exercises. Students will summarize the evidence regarding a specific health disparity (topic and population of their choice). Traditional Lecture (1 - 3 credit hours)

PHS 716. Interventions for Org. Behavior Change. This course is designed to provide students with a conceptual framework addressing the strategic importance of managing change and organization development (OD) in various agencies, health care organizations, human service organizations, community organizations and other settings. Uncertainty, complexity and rapidly changing organizational environments create the necessity for organizations to respond to and effectively deal with turbulence and instability. The capability of an organization’s human resources to adapt to such conditions, adopt and successfully use new practices, technologies and develop ways of performing organizational tasks is vital to proactive and sustainable human service organizations. Managing change and OD are essential to these processes. Students will also learn LEAN methodology as a key tool for process improvement in healthcare settings that require the management of multidisciplinary teams. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 717. Principles of Health Behavior Theory. This course will provide an overview of social and behavioral science theories and frameworks that are currently used to: 1) understand health related behaviors; and 2) guide development of interventions and policies designed to prevent, reduce or eliminate major public health problems. Population health is an interdisciplinary field built upon other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, economics, demography, and public health. As a result, this course will cover classic theories in psychology and sociology; the leading health behavior theories in public health, and emerging theories used in population health interventions. Traditional Independent Study (3 credit hours)

PHS 720. Population Health Informatics. This course will focus on the concepts, theories and practices of the evolving discipline of health informatics. Differentiation between approaches used in this field versus health information technology will be highlighted. Health informatics is defined as the method of acquiring, storing, retrieving, and using healthcare information to foster better collaboration among patients and health care providers. This evolving specialization links information technology, communication and health care to improve the quality and safety of patient care. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 721. Digital Healthcare. This course introduces students to the utility of information and communication technologies (ICT) within modern healthcare practice. Students will learn about a range of digital technologies and applications in the areas of clinical practice, education and administration that are fast becoming commonplace. The course fosters awareness of digital health at national and international levels; it examines the characteristics of digital health innovation, strategic vision and deployment in various countries such as Australia, US, Canada, Europe and the developing world. While evaluating the technological advances relative to patient-centered care, students will also study the potential pitfalls of the use of technology in healthcare. The course draws attention to the associated social, ethical, legal issues and workflow issues that must be considered when integrating digital health into clinical practice. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 730. Health Promotion. The course is concerned with the socio-cultural, behavioral, psychological, and biological factors contributing to wellness and disease prevention. Students will be introduced to the theory and application of health promotion principles and will review and critically assess the current efforts to influence lifestyle change, at both the individual and population levels. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 731. Disease Distribution & Health Inequaliti. This course will explore and examine the distribution of disease, inequalities and patterns of inequity in health and health care. An introduction to the social and scientific contexts, content, and implications of theories of disease distribution will be discussed using selected case examples. Current theories and controversies will be presented to demonstrate how these theories shape questions people ask about–and explanations and interventions they offer for–patterns of health, disease, and well-being. Students will also learn about the current and changing population distributions of disease and health inequalities, particularly in relation to race/ethnicity, geography, age, sex and the interaction of these factors. The course will emphasize critical analyses of contemporary mainstream theories of disease distribution. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 732. Intro to Global Health. This course will focus on four main topics: 1) the burden and distribution of disease and mortality; 2) the determinants of global health disparities; 3) the development of global health policies; and 4) the outcomes of global health interventions. Substantial attention will be given to the difference in terminology used to describe inequalities across countries, the underlying historical assumptions that undergird those definitions, and the resulting solutions that are implemented as a result. Factors that highlight how global health disparities and global health policy responses are shaped by social, economic, governmental, and political forces will be discussed. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)

PHS 739. Science Translation & Communication. This course is designed to advance your knowledge of health and science communication theory, research, and practice. The major course objective is to provide a solid foundation for communicating complex
scientific information and study findings to multiple audiences. The course will focus on the various contexts of science communication including interpersonal, small group, mass media, and organizational templates for message generation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 740. Foundations of Scientific Writing.** This course covers how to conduct a literature review, and interpret and evaluate scientific literature that focuses on population health. In addition, this course will provide students with fundamental skills of writing scientific manuscripts. Skills obtained in this course will prepare students for writing theses/dissertations, and peer-reviewed manuscripts. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (1 credit hours)  

**PHS 741. Introduction to STATA.** During this two-week course students will obtain the necessary skills to be able to work and conduct their own empirical analyses with the statistical software STATA. This will be a good basis for the writing of an empirical seminar paper, a Bachelor or Master thesis. The course will cover basic commands, data management, graphs, data manipulation, descriptive statistics, and regression analysis (see preliminary outline below). If time allows, more advanced topics such as the analysis of survey data and basic programming in STATA may be covered as well. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture/Lab (1 credit hours)  

**PHS 742. Multivariate Regression.** This doctoral level course focuses on applied linear regression involving hands-on data analysis. Students enrolling for this course should have taken at least one other graduate level statistics course and should be conversant with the basic fundamentals of statistical testing and estimation. Generally, statistical regression is collection of methods for determining and using models that explain how a response variable (dependent variable) relates to one or more explanatory variables (predictor variables). Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 743. Prgm Eval in Clin & Comm Health Settings.** This course is designed to cover a wide range of assessments including individual programs, institutional and governmental policies. Evaluators work with program staff and stakeholders to clarify a program’s operational theory and goals, develop information to help tailor an intervention to a specific audience, document a program’s specific activities, reach, and outcomes, and develop information about the impact of a program or policy on a specific community health concern. This practical course will cover the core knowledge and skills involved in program evaluation, provide hands-on experience in evaluation design, and provide exposure to some of the ethical and philosophical issues current in evaluation research. The course will be conducted entirely online. Course activities will be focused on giving students hands-on experience in the specific research skills and tools required for effective program evaluation. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 744. Bioethics and Society.** This is a case-method course, consisting of discussion of the fundamental basics of bioethical theory. In this class, students will learn the fundamentals of bioethical theory and then apply this knowledge in developing a language and toolbox for making decisions when faced with dilemmas and ethical conflicts in a healthcare setting and in regard to issues of health and healthcare. The underlying concepts are vital to selecting and applying the appropriate frame to view these dilemmas and ethical conflicts. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 745. Community Engagement.** Community engagement strategies that affect health behavior are increasingly important for improving the health of populations. This course will focus on a new paradigm to change human behavior at the community level. It is intended to develop and expand the skills of population health professionals to designing and delivering culturally congruent health communication across communities. Traditional Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 750. Research Methods I.** This course will introduce the major components in research methods including: levels of measurement, qualitative and quantitative study designs, selection of study populations, hypothesis formulation, sampling, measurement instruments, formulation of research questions, and study interpretation issues such as determination of causality and the effectiveness of clinical and community interventions. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 752. Research Methods II.** This course is designed to provide graduate students with a solid and applied understanding of advanced research topics and methods used commonly in population health science research. It is designed to build on the research skills obtained in other fundamental research methods and statistics courses. Advanced topics in research design and statistical analysis will be discussed and students will be asked to lead discussions, apply their skills in class and for homework assignments. Participants will gain skills in the design of conceptually cogent and methodologically rigorous proposals and in manuscript preparation. Online, Internet, or Web-based Lecture (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 797. Practice Transformation Practicum.** This course will guide students through the conduct of a practice transformation practicum is a planned and evaluated work experience that compliments the classroom education, and allows them the opportunity to apply the lessons learned in their course work. The practicum experience is designed to enhance student’s experience in the field of population health, and is key to a comprehensive understanding of population health in clinical settings. Success is defined by the exposure to valuable work experience, improvements in subject matter knowledge and mastery of specific competencies. Traditional Practicum/Internship (1 - 6 credit hours)  

**PHS 798. Doctoral Dissertation.** This course deals with both the theoretical and practical aspects of designing dissertation research and successfully defending the design in a proposal hearing. The purpose of the course is to assist students through the proposal and dissertation writing processes. Traditional Dissertation (3 credit hours)  

**PHS 799. Thesis and Thesis Research.** The purpose of this culminating course is for students to produce a written, independent scientific work. During the course, students will demonstrate their ability to independently plan, carry out and present (orally and written) their research on a topic that addresses a current population health-related issue identified by a local agency. This involves formulating a research problem and objectives, selecting appropriate methods, collecting and analyzing data, and presenting and discussing results in relation to scientific articles and other relevant literature. This course provides the opportunity to apply knowledge and proficiencies acquired during the other courses in the master of population health program. The course includes a final seminar where the thesis is presented and discussed. The outcome of the master thesis should be a publishable manuscript and a knowledge translation article intended for a general audience. Traditional Thesis (1 - 3 credit hours)
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• **Knowledge** – We value the discovery, acquisition, application, and dissemination of knowledge, and will work to foster these activities in pursuit of our vision and fulfillment of our missions.

• **Leadership** – We encourage and foster the development of leaders who have the ability to influence the thinking, understanding, and attitudes of others and who have the ability and courage to identify and effect solutions. Leadership requires the ability to inspire, enable, instill confidence, build a shared vision, and connect with others through mutual trust, responsiveness, and sincerity.

• **Learning** – We encourage and support student-centered, ability-based learning; the mentoring of new faculty, graduate and undergraduate students; lifelong learning; and intellectual curiosity.

• **Professionalism** – We foster, encourage, and expect the active demonstration of structural, attitudinal, and behavioral attributes of a profession and its members. We believe that there are certain professional attributes that are fundamental to our functioning as learners, educators, researchers, scholars, and practitioners of pharmacy. These attributes include a service orientation, one in which the needs of others are put above personal needs; caring; respect for others; accountability to our stakeholders and responsibility for one’s action; and integrity, honesty, and ethically sound decision making.

• **Social Responsibility** – We value respect for the diversity of people with whom we work and those we serve; the importance we place on our local, state, national and global communities; and our concern for the welfare of humanity and the environment, as evidenced in the way we serve others.

**VISION**

We are a highly-respected community of learners, educators, scientists, and practitioners whose innovative achievements position us as leaders in improving health and wellness.

Indicators:

- Increased funding for research.
- Placements of choice for our graduates, residents and fellows.
- Increase in number of high-impact publications and presentations.
- Increase in number of license agreements and commercialization of technologies.
- Recognition at a national level of faculty, students, student organizations and our programs through awards, scholarships and elected leadership positions.
- Development of collaborations internally and externally.
- Maintaining exceptional NAPLEX performance.
- Improved quality of incoming undergraduate and graduate students and post docs.
- Advancing innovative pharmacy practice models.
- Demonstrating improved health outcomes.

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**A. Academic Departments**

The School of Pharmacy is organized into four academic units – Department of Pharmacy Practice, Department of Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, Department of Pharmacy Administration and the Department of BioMolecular Sciences. The departments are located on the Oxford campus with the exception of the Department of Pharmacy Practice, which is located on both the Oxford and Jackson campuses.

**B. Division of Pharmacy Professional Development**

The Division of Pharmacy Professional Development is the unit primarily responsible for the professional development activities for pharmacy practitioners. This Division is located on the UMMC campus.

**C. Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences**

Research activities are conducted within each academic department as well as in the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RIPS). The areas of research within RIPS are listed below. The Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (RIPS) was charted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1964 and exists within the organizational structure of the School of Pharmacy at The University of Mississippi. The Research Institute is organized around the efforts of a core of full-time research faculty. In addition, the academic faculty of the School of Pharmacy may have joint appointments in the Institute. Activities of the Institute are conducted through the Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management, the National Center for Natural Products Research, the Pii Center for Pharmaceutical Technology, and the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

**1. Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management**

The Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management (CPMM) promotes efficiency and effectiveness in the marketing and management of pharmaceutical products and services in all segments of the industry. Through a unique strategic alliance between the School of Pharmacy and the School of Business Administration, the CPMM applies The University of Mississippi’s distinctive competencies to focused research and innovative educational programs involving health care. The CPMM is committed to supporting education at all levels -- undergraduate, graduate, and practicing professionals.

The CPMM also provides an environment where business and education can come together to exchange real-world research ideas, results, and information. Past, present, and future research includes both applied and theoretical projects in an environment that encourages mutual interaction between industry professionals and the staff and students in the Center.
An open exchange of ideas, collaboration on development of solutions to problems, and dissemination of the findings will be the result. The programs of the CPMM include Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management Research and Pharmacy Entrepreneurship.

2. The National Center for Natural Products Research

The mission of the National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) is to improve human health and agricultural productivity through the discovery, development, and commercialization of natural products or derivatives as pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals. The NCNPR conducts basic and applied multidisciplinary research and educational activities in two major programmatic areas: the discovery of potential new drugs for certain infectious diseases, cancer, and immune and inflammatory diseases and the development of phytomedicines as therapeutic agents. Additionally, the NCNPR conducts research related to the development of medicinal plants as alternative crops for U.S. farmers.

3. Pii Center for Pharmaceutical Technology (Pii Center)

The Pii Center for Pharmaceutical Technology (Pii Center) conducts interdisciplinary drug/polymer research that provides end stage pharmaceutical products directed at therapeutic conditions, vaccines, antidotes and wound care. This unique Center leverages the existing expertise and resources at The University of Mississippi, including the NCNPR. Utilizing cutting edge thermal processing, the Pii Center collaborates with private industry, government and academia to develop new, improved and expanded drug delivery systems. Many drugs and biological products require special delivery systems. The Pii Center provides problem-solving approaches for the development of cost effective, patient friendly and efficacious delivery systems for existing active pharmaceutical ingredients as well as for new chemical entities. Utilizing solid solutions and dispersions and nanotechnology, the Pii Center develops novel formulations to improve bioavailability and therapeutic efficacy.

4. Center for Clinical and Translational Science

The mission of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) is to facilitate the translation of basic research discoveries into clinically validated therapies to improve the health of populations of Mississippi and beyond. The CCTS spans both the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford and the University of Mississippi Medical Center campus in Jackson and facilitates collaborations among researchers on both campuses. The CCTS works to develop progressive and sustainable capacity for clinical and translational research, promote interprofessional engagement in clinical and translational science and foster research collaboration among stakeholders in and outside of Mississippi. The CCTS assesses and develops pre-clinical, clinical, and population/community research core competencies and provides infrastructure and support to fill gaps along this translational spectrum to position our institution as a national leader in clinical and translational research.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

The objective of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum is to provide an academic foundation with adequate professional experience to enable a graduate to successfully deliver pharmaceutical care in a variety of practice settings: community practice, institutional practice, managed care organizations, government service, etc. In order to accomplish this objective, the school offers two degree programs, (1) a four-year baccalaureate in pharmaceutical sciences degree, the fourth year of which is also the first of a four-year professional curriculum leading to the (2) Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Previous attainment of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Pharmacy from this or another Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited School of Pharmacy or a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from this institution is prerequisite for admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences is not a practice degree, nor does it entitle one to sit for the pharmacy licensure examination. This four-year degree provides the academic preparation for admission into either the Doctor of Pharmacy program, a graduate degree program in the biomedical or pharmaceutical sciences, a professional school, e.g., medicine or law, or a pharmaceutical science or pharmacy-related career path, e.g., pharmaceutical marketing and management, or environmental toxicology. This degree program includes both pre-professional (3 years) and professional (1 year) components.

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D) degree is a practice degree awarded after successful completion of the four-year professional curriculum. The Doctor of Pharmacy degree allows one to sit for the pharmacy licensure examination. The first two years of the professional curriculum, Professional Year 1 (PY1) and Year 2 (PY2), are completed on the Oxford campus. The PY3 and PY4 years are administered on the UMMC campus. The PY4 year is completed in preceptor sites throughout Mississippi, including UMMC, and other states.

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is committed to encouraging diversity in its student body and to graduating professionals dedicated to the delivery of compassionate pharmaceutical care to all segments of the diverse population in their communities. The school’s goals are developed to ensure that this commitment is manifested in all aspects of student life so that students are provided access to educational opportunities and social programs that are free from bias. The school expects that all students, faculty, and staff will be treated fairly without regard to race, age, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, handicapped status, or veteran status.

A hallmark of the pharmacy profession is the trusting relationship between the pharmacist and his or her patients. That relationship is sustained by a commitment to the highest levels of professionalism. All students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy are expected to adopt and reflect the characteristics of a professional, which include integrity, empathy, fairness, responsibility, and a commitment to ethical behavior. In addition, students will demonstrate respect for peers, faculty, and staff of the school and exhibit a high level of maturity that reflects their status as a member of the greater pharmacy community. To further emphasize the commitment to professionalism, the school conducts a White Coat Ceremony for students beginning professional course work. At that event, students sign the Pledge of Professionalism. Near the completion of the PY3 year, a Patch Ceremony is held to emphasize direct patient care.
ACCREDITATION

The School of Pharmacy holds membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, an organization of the colleges and schools of pharmacy of the United States, whose objective is to promote pharmaceutical education and research. The Doctor of Pharmacy program was fully reaccredited in 2012 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, Illinois 60603; (312) 664-3575, (800) 533-3606; or fax (312) 664-4652.

Over the last five years (2012-2017), graduates had an above average pass rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination.

MISSISSIPPI PHARMACY LAW

The Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act, enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1983, requires that all practitioners obtain a license prior to engaging in the practice of pharmacy.

To obtain a license the applicant shall:
1. Have submitted a written application on the form prescribed by the board;
2. Be of good moral character;
3. Have graduated and received a degree from a program of a school or college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council for Pharmacy Education;
4. Have successfully passed an examination given by the board;
5. Have submitted documented evidence of the required practical experience;
6. Have paid the initial licensure fee.

Every prospective registrant must be a B.S. in Pharmacy or Doctor of Pharmacy graduate of a recognized school or college of pharmacy before the registrant may be permitted to take the NAPLEX examination for registration as a registered pharmacist. The Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy, consisting of seven members who are practicing pharmacists, is charged with the general administration of the laws regulating the practice of pharmacy. Transactions with the Board of Pharmacy are directed through the office of the secretary and executive officer, 6360 I-55 North, Suite 400, Jackson, Mississippi 39211.

INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES

Oxford Campus: The School of Pharmacy is located in Faser Hall and in the Thad Cochran Research Center. These facilities contain classrooms, laboratories, offices, and equipment used by the Departments of BioMolecular Sciences, Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, Pharmacy Practice, and Pharmacy Administration, as well as the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, including the National Center for Natural Products Research, Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management, the Pii Center for Pharmaceutical Technology, and the Center for Clinical and Translational Science. Students complete the four-year B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program and the first year of the Doctor of Pharmacy Program on the Oxford campus. The majority of classes in the curriculum are held in technologically advanced auditoria complete with network connections and the ability for video conference. Rooms dedicated for small group interaction are network ready and contain a variety of technologies used to enhance learning.

Jackson Campus: The SOP building on the UMMC campus provides a state-of-the-art educational facility in the heart of an academic corridor. The facility houses the SOP Department of Pharmacy Practice, Division of Pharmacy Professional Development, the Center for Clinical and Translational Science administrative offices, all faculty, resident, and staff offices, and education and research space. The building includes 17 small group classrooms for Problem Based Learning (PBL), an auditorium that seats approximately 175, clinical and basic research laboratory space, student common areas and student organization office space.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Students enrolled in the professional pharmacy program have the opportunity to become affiliated with various national professional pharmacy organizations, including chapters of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), Student Societies of Health-System Pharmacists of American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP-SSHP), Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI), Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), Academy of Pediatrict Pharmacy Associations (PPAG), and American College of Veterinary Pharmacists (ACVP). The school also has chapters of the three professional fraternities: Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Chi, and Kappa Epsilon; a chapter of the Rho Chi Society, the pharmacy honorary society; Phi Lambda Sigma, the pharmacy leadership society; and The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Advocacy Council which was created in 2015. These organizations provide opportunities for professional development, involvement in service projects, and attainment of leadership skills.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

As a professional, the first concern of a pharmacist is the health and safety of those to be served. It is essential to the profession and the public that the integrity of all of its members be beyond reproach. The Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct has been established to inculcate appropriate ethical and moral values in students pursuing undergraduate and professional degrees in pharmacy. Details of the Code are available in the School of Pharmacy Student Handbook found online at http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/studentaffairs.

FINANCIAL AID

Information on general financial aid programs is provided in the financial aid section of the University of Mississippi catalog. Inquiries about general financial aid should be directed to the Director of Financial Aid, The University of Mississippi, P.O. Box 1848, University, Mississippi 38677-1848. In addition, scholarships and loans are available specifically to students in the School of Pharmacy. Although School of Pharmacy scholarships are used for recruitment of students, the distribution of these funds is primarily based on academic performance in
the professional program. Formal application for these scholarships is not necessary. Questions concerning scholarships and loans available only to pharmacy students should be directed to the School of Pharmacy Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Scholarship policies are described in detail in the School of Pharmacy Student Handbook found online at http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/studentaffairs/.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A. Endowed Scholarships

ALTA RAY GAULT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established in 1968 to honor Dr. Gault who was a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacology. The award is to assist professional degree students.

AMIE EWING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, awarded to a member of the PY2 class who exhibits those characteristics exemplified by Amie Ewing during her enrollment in the School of Pharmacy, namely her determination and participation in University extracurricular activities. The recipient is determined by the Student/Faculty Relations Committee. A separate application process is required and the amount is partially funded by proceeds from the sale of the specialty pharmacy automobile license tag.

AMY B. JAEGER PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, established as an academic scholarship in 2006 to honor Dr. Jaeger’s contributions as a member of the School of Pharmacy faculty. The recipient is a PY4 student who demonstrates interest in direct patient care.

AMY McELROY RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established as an academic scholarship in 1994 by Joe B. Rutherford. Recipients shall be full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program and have financial need. The scholarship is limited to one student from each pharmacy class. First preference is given to students from DeSoto County, Mississippi, and Shelby County, Tennessee.

ANTHONY VAZZANA ENDOWMENT, established as an academic scholarship in 2017. Recipients will be full-time students in the School of Pharmacy.

BARBARA AND DEWEY GARNER SCHOOL OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, established in 2009 as an academic scholarship to assist full-time students in the professional pharmacy program with first preference going to members of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity.

BARBARA AND RICHARD WELLS SCHOLARSHIP, established in 2001, is awarded to members of the PY3 and PY4 class based on active participation in student professional activities.

BRUCE R. PARKS MEMORIAL PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, established as an academic scholarship in 2003 to honor Dr. Parks’ many contributions to the school and its students during his years of service as a devoted member of the faculty. Recipients will be students in the final two years of the professional program, who in addition to their academic achievement, demonstrate leadership and a commitment to community service.

C. MILTON O’KEEFE SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY, an academic scholarship established in 1985 by friends and relatives of the late Jackson, Mississippi, pharmacist. Recipients must be full-time students in the professional pharmacy program, have financial need, and plan to enter the field of retail pharmacy. Preference will be given to students from Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties in Mississippi.

CARDINAL HEALTH PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, established as an academic scholarship in 2011, is awarded to a PY3 student demonstrating continued interest in independent community pharmacy practice.

CHILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, through the bequest of the late Mr. T.D. Chilton, who for many years operated a pharmacy in Vicksburg, Mississippi, the School of Pharmacy is able to offer several scholarships annually to students in the school. The criteria for selection are scholarship, leadership, and need.

CLYDE STANTON MAXCY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established by his family in his memory. Mr. Maxcy was a 1981 graduate of the School of Pharmacy. The scholarship is awarded to professional pharmacy students.

DAWN ELLISON ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship awarded to a member of the PY3 and PY4 class based on scholarship, leadership, and active participation in student-related activities. Preference will be given to transfer students from Holmes Community College.

DAWN AND CHARLES SMITH, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY, established as an academic scholarship in 2011 to assist full-time professional pharmacy students (PY1-PY4) who have a minimum GPA of 3.5. First preference is given to Mississippi or Louisiana residents.

DIXIE STEELE DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP, established in 2006 in honor of Mrs. Davis who served the Office of the Dean for over 30 years prior to her retirement. The academic scholarship is to assist professional degree students with financial need.

ECKERD CORPORATION PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2003 to benefit pharmacy students who exhibit academic excellence, desire to work in community pharmacy, and have financial need.

ELMER LIONEL HAMMOND PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, established as an academic scholarship in 2017 to assist full-time Pharmacy students.

FRANCES G. MCDONALD SCHOLARSHIP, established in 1980 for full-time students who are pursuing a pharmacy degree.

GERALDINE ATCHLEY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2006 to assist female students enrolled full-time in the professional degree program.

GRACE S. AND N.V. “CY” DOTY SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY, established in 1979 by Mr. Arthur W. Doty in honor of his parents to benefit students in the School of Pharmacy. Recipients must be native Mississippian with demonstrated financial need and achievement in the areas of leadership, academics, and professional competence in the field of pharmacy.

HARRIET NAOMI EASLEY COX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY, established by Mr. A. Conley Cox of West Point, Mississippi, in memory of his wife. Recipients must be Mississippi residents, preferably residing in Clay County.
HARTMAN-JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established in honor of Dr. Charles W. Hartman, the late dean of the School of Pharmacy, and Dr. W.W. Johnson, the late pharmacy professor. It is awarded annually to a pharmacy student enrolled in the professional program.

HENRY CECIL CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2007 to assist Mississippi residents in the School of Pharmacy with financial need.

HENRY MINOR FASER SCHOLARSHIP, established in 1986 as an academic scholarship. Recipients shall be full-time students of at least junior standing, who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program.

JACK R. DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, established by his family in memory of the Lexington, Mississippi pharmacist. This academic scholarship is awarded to full-time professional pharmacy students. First priority will be given to students from Holmes County, Mississippi.

JAMES O. HOGUE SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established by friends and colleagues of the late Mr. Hogue to honor his memory, while providing scholarship assistance to a senior pharmacy student dedicated to retail pharmacy and who indicates a strong ability in pharmacy management.

JIM AND SARAH AINSWORTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2011 to provide assistance to full-time PY3 or PY4 students in the School of Pharmacy who have demonstrated leadership throughout their career as a University of Mississippi student.

JOE AND WINNIE McCASKILL PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship awarded to full-time undergraduate students in the School of Pharmacy with demonstrated financial need.

JOHN DEWEY OWINGS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2016 to assist full-time students in the professional pharmacy program that have financial need. First preference will be given to students from Noxubee and Chickasaw counties in Mississippi.

JOHNSON-ABDO PHARMACY FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship awarded to full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program.

JOHNSON-CONDON PHARMACY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2005 to assist full-time students in the professional degree program.

JOSEPH AND JEANETTE BYRD PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship established for full-time pharmacy students in the professional program (PY1-PY4) who have a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

LINTON FAMILY PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship awarded to full-time students admitted to the professional pharmacy program who have a minimum 3.0 GPA and financial need. First preference is given to students from Humphreys, Lee or Panola counties.

MADELINE SCIACCA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, established in 2011 to assist full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program.

MAHMOUD ELSOHLY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2004 to assist students in the professional degree program with preference given to students raised in Lafayette County.

MARGARET HAAGA MURPHEE PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2012 to assist professional pharmacy students from the state of Mississippi with demonstrated need.

MARSHALL E. HOLLIS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship established in 2016 to assist freshmen entering the School of Pharmacy with financial need.

MARVIN C. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, established for full-time professional pharmacy students and used to fund need-based emergency scholarships to assist students who are confronted with unforeseen personal adversity during the academic year and whose annual maximum federal student loan amount has previously been awarded.

MCCASKILL PHARMACY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2005 to assist students in the professional degree program with preference for students raised in Lafayette County.

MCKINLEY R. CLARK SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship established in 2011 to provide scholarship assistance to full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program and have financial need. First preference will be given to residents of Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties in Mississippi.

PHARMACY ALUMNI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship awarded to full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program.

PHARMACY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP, established in 2014 as an academic scholarship for full-time students with financial need in the School of Pharmacy.

PLOUGH PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS, named in honor of Mr. Abe Plough, founder of Plough, Inc. and the Plough Foundation, which established the fund. These scholarships are available to professional pharmacy students.

QUENTIN ROSS SANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP, established in 2011 to assist full-time students admitted to the professional pharmacy program with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Recipients must be Mississippi residents with first preference given to students from Warren County and second preference given to students from Jones County.

RALPH FRIDGE CAMERON, SR AND ERNEST LOTT CAMERON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2005 to assist full-time students who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program. Recipients shall be selected based on financial need, leadership, and extracurricular activities.
RITE AID PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship established in 2012 to assist full-time students with demonstrated financial need who have been admitted to the professional pharmacy program and who are presently Rite Aid pharmacy interns. Recipients will possess the desire to pursue a career in a retail/community setting and will have excellent communication and leadership skills.

ROBERT W. AND JOAN D. CLEARY RHO CHI PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 1998 by Joan Cleary in memory of Dr. Robert Cleary, former chair of Pharmaceutics. The recipient shall be an undergraduate student enrolled in the School of Pharmacy who is pursuing a degree in Pharmacy with an emphasis in Pharmaceutics. To be eligible, the student must be a member of Rho Chi.

RONALD BORNE PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2017. Recipients will be full-time students in the School of Pharmacy.

SAMUEL EDWARD WILKS PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship awarded to full-time students in the professional pharmacy program with financial need. Recipients must be Mississippi residents. First preference is given to students from Marion or Walthall counties.

SIDNEY K. ARMSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP IN PHARMACY, established in 1983, is awarded annually by the School of Pharmacy Scholarship Committee.

TERENCE E. DOWNER SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT, an academic scholarship established in 2006, is awarded to full-time students selected by a faculty committee of the Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management and the Department of Pharmacy Administration at The University of Mississippi. Recipient will be determined based on grade point average, Pharmacy Administration grade point average, essay submission, and interview.

VICKSBURG MEDICAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established to assist full-time professional pharmacy students, with preference given to those from the Vicksburg, Mississippi area.

WALTER J. PIERRON, JR. LEADERSHIP IN PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2014. Recipients will be full-time PY2 or PY3 students who excel academically as demonstrated by their being ranked at least in the top 50 percent of the class. Recipients should also demonstrate qualities of leadership and community service.

WENDY McKinney PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 2017, is awarded to full-time students in the School of Pharmacy who have financial need. First preference is given to Mississippi residents.

WILLIAM H. BERRY SCHOLARSHIP, an academic scholarship established in 1994 through the estate of Mr. Berry. Recipients must be Mississippi residents already admitted to the professional pharmacy program.

B. Non-Endowed Scholarships

The School of Pharmacy receives continuing financial support to provide non-endowed scholarships from the following:

CVS Pharmacy Foundation Scholarship – The CVS Foundation Scholarship will be prioritization to applicants who are bilingual and who are volunteering their time with underserved populations.

James Robert Haines Memorial Scholarship - TriState Educational Foundation

NACDS Foundation

Pharmacists Mutual Insurance Company

Vicksburg Hospital Medical Foundation

Walgreens Pharmacy

Wal-Mart Pharmacy

AWARDS

School of Pharmacy student award presentations occur at Commencement and at the School of Pharmacy Awards Ceremony. The recipients of those awards are chosen by the academic departments or by members of the Faculty, Honors, Awards, and Commencement Committee. Near the end of the spring semester, Phi Lambda Sigma, the Pharmacy Leadership Society, sponsors the Pharmacy School Awards Ceremony. In addition to departmental awards, all student organizations and classes present their various student awards and teacher-of-the-year awards at this ceremony. PY3 and PY4 students are excused in order to attend this assembly. PY4 students not in attendance are to be at their rotation site. Failure to attend either location will result in a $100.00 fine payable to the Student Body.

Special recognition is given to a graduating PY4 student, PY3 student, PY2 student, and a PY1 student who are recipients of the Debbie Mellinger, Charisma Pope, Amie Ewing, and Shawn Bankston Awards respectively. The awards are named after young women who died while enrolled in the School of Pharmacy.

The DEBBIE MELLINGER AWARD was established in 1993 by the members of Phi Lambda Sigma. Ms. Mellinger was a charter member of the local chapter and served as its initial president. The students of the PY4 class determine the recipient and the selection process is coordinated by the class president. The award is presented to an individual who has exhibited courage and a positive attitude in carrying out normal student activities even though confronted by significant personal hardship.

The CHARISMA POPE AWARD was established in 2004 by the Magnolia State Pharmaceutical Society. The award recipient is selected by the Magnolia State Pharmaceutical Society and is presented to a rising PY4 student who must be a member of this Society and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA). The criteria for selection are academic performance, financial need, professional goals, and the degree to which applicant shares the unique blend of charismatic characteristics befitting an individual named Charisma, and which resulted in the love and high esteem in which she was held by her student peers.

The AMIE EWING AWARD was established by the 2005 Pharm.D. graduating class. Each spring one or more PY2 students are to be selected to receive this scholarship award. The selected student(s) must demonstrate those characteristics that were exemplified in Ewing, who also was a member of the Ole Miss Volleyball team in 1999-2002. The recipient(s) must exhibit determination, good citizenship, professionalism

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and maturity within School of Pharmacy activities and the greater community. The recipients are determined following nominations/applications by the Faculty Student Relation Committee.

The **SHAWN BANKSTON AWARD** was established by the 2000 PY1 class to honor their deceased class member. The selection of the recipient is coordinated by the PY1 class president. The criteria for selection are the frequent demonstration during the PY1 year of a significant willingness to assist classmates, and the demonstration of an ever present positive attitude at the expense of personal sacrifice of time.

The school awards presented at the Awards Ceremony include the following departmental academic awards. A single award is presented by each department.

The **BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCES AWARD** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacology courses.

The **MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY AWARD (PY2)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in medicinal chemistry courses.

The **PHARMACEUTICS AND DRUG DELIVERY AWARD (PY2)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmaceutics and pharmacy administration courses.

The **BIOMOLECULAR PHARMACOGNOSY AWARD (PY2)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacognosy courses.

The **BIOMOLECULAR PHARMACOLOGY AWARD (PY2)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacology courses.

The **PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION AWARD (PY2)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacy administration courses.

The **PHARMACY PRACTICE AWARD (PY3)** is given for outstanding scholastic achievement in pharmacy practice courses.

Other student awards whose recipients are selected by the Honors, Awards and Commencement Committee include:

The **AINSWORTH AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP** is presented to a rising PY3 and a rising PY4 student who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities while enrolled in the School of Pharmacy.

The **BRUCE PARKS MEMORIAL MSHP STUDENT AWARD** is presented in memory of Dr. Bruce Parks, former professor in the department of pharmacy practice, to a student who exemplifies outstanding integrity, leadership, and a strong desire to enhance the mission of health-system pharmacy in Mississippi.

The **CARDINAL HEALTH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AWARD** is presented to a rising PY4 student who has demonstrated a commitment to institutional pharmacy practice and leadership in the local chapter of ASHP. The student is invited to attend the Cardinal Health National Leadership Conference held during the summer following PY3 year.

The **ELI LILLY AND COMPANY AWARD FOR LEadership** is awarded to a graduating Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (PY1) student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership within the School of Pharmacy and its organizations.

The **FACTS AND COMPARISONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL COMMUNICATIONS** is presented to a PY4 student in recognition of effective pharmacist-patient communication skills as a vital aspect of pharmacists' service to their patients and community.

The **MERCK SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT IN PHARMACY** is presented to the three PY1 students who have achieved the highest grade point average during the first semester of the professional curriculum and pre-professional courses at The University of Mississippi.

The **MYLAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY EXCELLENCE IN PHARMACY AWARD** is presented to a graduating Doctor of Pharmacy student who has demonstrated high academic achievement and a strong commitment to the profession of pharmacy.

The **PATIENT CARE AWARD** is presented to a student who has demonstrated superior performance in patient care skills during the experiential component of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

The **RHO CHI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** is presented to the student for achieving the highest grade-point average during the four years of the professional program of the School of Pharmacy leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

The **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY HALL OF FAME AWARD**, chosen by the graduating Doctor of Pharmacy class, recognizes significant contribution to the school, both scholastically and professionally. Two Hall of Fame members are selected.

The **SCHOOL OF PHARMACY SERVICE AWARD** is awarded to a PY2 and PY4 student who have demonstrated outstanding service within the School of Pharmacy and its organizations.

The **TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG THERAPY AWARD** is presented to the PY4 student who demonstrated high academic achievement in the study of non-prescription drug therapy.

The **UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH PHARMACY PRACTICE AWARD** is presented to a PY4 student in recognition of contribution to public health pharmacy practice.

### SCHOOL OF PHARMACY DEGREE PROGRAMS

(Detailed information regarding the undergraduate/professional program is available in the School of Pharmacy Student Handbook located online at [http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/studentaffairs/](http://pharmacy.olemiss.edu/studentaffairs/).

**I. Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program**

Undergraduate students entering the professional program of the School of Pharmacy will be admitted into the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program. This is a four-year degree consisting of three years of pre-professional education followed by one year of professional courses, culminating in the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. This degree does not provide eligibility to sit for the licensure examination for pharmacy practice. This program is offered in its entirety on the Oxford campus.

Admission into this degree program can occur in the fall of the freshman year, i.e., “Early Entry,” but more typically after completion of the three-year pre-pharmacy curriculum at The University of Mississippi or other accredited institution, i.e., “Regular Entry.”

**II. Doctor of Pharmacy Program**

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree is the entry-level professional degree, requiring a minimum of four years of professional course work. The first year consists of the final year of the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program and is completed on the Oxford campus.
The minimum requirements for provisional admission to the entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy program are as follows:

**B. Admission Criteria**

1. Successful completion of the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences curriculum.
2. A GPA (calculated on all grades earned) of at least 2.65 on all required courses in the PY1 year of the regular-entry curriculum.
3. Grades of at least C in each of the required courses in the PY1 curriculum.

**C. Progression Requirements**

A student must have a 2.75 GPA and no grade below C (a C- grade is not acceptable) in all required classes in the PY2 curriculum in order to matriculate to the PY3 curriculum. The plus/minus grading system will not be utilized in this calculation. A student who receives two or more grades below C in the PY2 or PY3 or PY4 curriculum will be dismissed from the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Students dismissed from the program must repeat the entire year from which they were dismissed in order to progress in the curriculum. A student academically dismissed may only be re-admitted one time. No required course may be taken more than two times. If a PY3 student has not yet completed the semester at the time they have earned the second grade of less than C, they may continue to complete the Group course remaining in that semester but will not be allowed to continue the other PY3 courses. However, their enrollment status for the Group course will be changed to “Audit”. If the student chooses not to remain in the courses, they are to request to be withdrawn from all non-completed courses. The University of Mississippi Academic Forgiveness Policy does not apply to professional students receiving grades of less than “C” in courses offered by School of Pharmacy academic departments. A student academically dismissed may only be re-admitted one time. No required course may be taken more than two times. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to be eligible for graduation. Students have the right to file a written petition with the Dean of the School of Pharmacy seeking waiver of any of these policies. The petition should be submitted to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs who will proceed in the following manner:

- The Associate Dean will present the petition to the Scholastic Standards Committee.
- The Scholastic Standards committee will make a recommendation to the Dean.
- The Dean will review the recommendation by the Scholastic Standards Committee and render a decision.

Petitions should be structured in a formal writing style and provide sufficient information to support the reason for the waiver of the respective academic policy. The student should suggest reasonable outcomes and the School will make every effort to handle the petitions in a timely manner.

PY3 students receiving a grade of less than “C” in one of the Knowledge and Comprehension or Problem Solving courses in Blocks I-IV are provided the opportunity to remediate that course in either Winter Intersession or May Intersession. Students receiving a grade of less than C in a PY3 Group course can begin APPE rotations as scheduled, but must drop out of rotations in order to repeat the Group course in the normal block in which the course was failed. This will result in the student being two APPEs behind schedule.

**D. Criminal Background Inquiry**

Students are required to undergo fingerprinting and criminal history check at two separate times upon pursuit of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The first check will be conducted as part of the process of registration with the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy as a student extern/intern. Such registration is required for acceptance into the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program. Specific procedures for this process are outlined in the Backgrounds Check Policy which may be found on the Board’s website. The student and the Board receive the results of the background checks along with explanation letters. Students should keep a copy of all background check letters. If as a result of the investigation there are any issues determined by the Board to prevent the student from being licensed as an extern/intern, that student will not receive final admission into the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences program. The School will accept a copy of the student extern/intern registration card as documentation that background checks have been conducted and Board clearance has been obtained.

Background check information is only considered valid for two years. An additional fingerprinting and background check will be conducted upon entry to the University of Mississippi Medical Center campus immediately prior to the PY3 year. Background checks will be scheduled through the University of Mississippi Medical Center Department of Human Resources. The Human Resources Department and the student will receive the results of the background check and explanation letter. The Human Resources Department will only provide students with an ID badge once clearance has been obtained. Therefore, the ID badge...
serves as documentation that the student has been cleared to be a member of the UMMC community. Students must wear ID badge to access all UMMC teaching and patient care areas. Therefore, failure to have said badge would prohibit School of Pharmacy students from completing their PY3/PY4 curriculum. As a result, failure to obtain the badge due to issues discovered during the background investigation will result in dismissal from the professional degree program.

Furthermore, students may be requested at any time to undergo another background check or random drug testing by UMMC or a rotation practice site other than on the UMMC campus, perhaps at the expense of the student. This situation results because not all health care facilities have the same exact policies regarding the background of staff, health care professionals, or students permitted to be on site. In most instances the site would be satisfied with the results obtained by the check administered prior to obtaining the UMMC ID badge. Therefore, students are urged to retain copies of letters indicating the results of prior investigations in order to provide such documentation to preceptors or rotation site directors. If the student is not allowed to complete a rotation due to an issue from the background check, other arrangements will be attempted to allow the student to complete requirements at a different site. However, if no sites will accept the student based on the results of the background check, the student will be dismissed from the program since he or she will not be able to complete the degree requirements.

E. Curricular Philosophy

The curricular philosophy for the entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy program is an amalgamation of four general principles. Completion of the curriculum will (1) prepare practitioners who can effectively participate in the pharmaceutical care practice model as defined below, (2) ensure the development of a defined set of general and professional education abilities listed below, as well as appropriate content knowledge, (3) ensure that students become active, rather than passive, learners, and (4) ensure the development of higher-order thinking skills. These principles and curricular characteristics are evident in all four years of the professional program (PY1-PY4).

1. Pharmaceutical Care

The curriculum leading ultimately to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree is designed to provide the abilities necessary for the graduate to be capable of providing acceptable levels of pharmaceutical care. Pharmaceutical care is the responsible provision of drug therapy for the purpose of achieving definite outcomes that improve a patient’s quality of life. These outcomes are (1) cure of a disease, (2) elimination or reduction of a patient’s symptomatology, (3) arresting or slowing of a disease process, or (4) preventing a disease or symptomatology. Pharmaceutical care involves the process through which a pharmacist cooperates with a patient and other professionals in designing, implementing, and monitoring a therapeutic plan that will produce specific therapeutic outcomes for the patient. This in turn involves three major functions: (1) identifying potential and actual drug-related problems, (2) resolving actual drug-related problems, and (3) preventing potential drug-related problems. Pharmaceutical care is a necessary element of health care, and should be integrated with other elements. Pharmaceutical care is, however, provided for the direct benefit of the patient, and the pharmacist is responsible directly to the patient for the quality of that care. The fundamental relationship in pharmaceutical care is a mutually beneficial exchange in which the patient grants authority to the pharmacist and the pharmacist gives competence and commitment (accepts responsibility) to the patient. The mission of a pharmacy practitioner is the distribution of optimal pharmaceutical care in addition to accurate distribution of drugs.

2. Abilities Fostered by the Curriculum at The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy

The curriculum culminating in the awarding of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree at The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy is ability-based. Successful completion of the program will ensure the development of both general and professional educational abilities (listed below). Progression through the four-year curriculum provides for the formulation and continuous strengthening of these abilities. These have been modified from the School’s outcomes delineated in 1998, in order to reflect new emphases present in the 2004 CAPE Outcomes Statement for Pharmacy Education and the 2007 ACPE Guidelines.

UM General Abilities
The following three general educational abilities are emphasized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and demonstration of programmatic contribution to these general abilities is desired by The University of Mississippi for all appropriate undergraduate majors.

1. Critical Thinking, Analysis and Decision-Making
   The student can find, understand, analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information and make informed, rational, and responsible decisions.

2. Communication Skills
   The student can communicate with various audiences by written, verbal, and electronic media for a variety of purposes.

3. Mathematical Competence
   The student is proficient in the expression of quantitative relationships and can perform the needed mathematical operations to infer their consequences.

Professional Abilities of the School of Pharmacy

1. Assess patient drug therapy
   a. Collect and organize patient data, medical records, interviews, and psychomotor evaluations
   b. Evaluate and interpret patient data
   c. Apply knowledge of medical terminology and abbreviations
   d. Apply knowledge of specified drugs and drug classes
2. **Provide contemporary evidence-based patient-specific drug therapy**
   a. Apply understanding of indications for pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic therapy
   b. Apply clinical reasoning skills in drug product selection, chemical entity, and dosage formulation based on principles of pharmaceutics, medicinal and natural product chemistry
   c. Develop appropriate dosing regimens, which reflect application of knowledge of pharmaceutical calculations, systems of measurement, initial dose, dose titration, and dosage adjustments
   d. Prepare accurate patient-specific pharmaceutic agents, dosage forms and delivery systems
   e. Develop rational plans for monitoring therapeutic outcomes
   f. Develop rational plans for monitoring and managing adverse events
   g. Develop plans for anticipating, avoiding, and resolving drug interactions, drug-drug interaction, drug-food interaction, drug-disease interaction, drug-lab interaction, and drug-procedure interaction
   h. Develop plans for patient education on drug therapy and therapeutic lifestyle changes
   i. Document recommendations and services accurately and comprehensively

3. **Provide contemporary evidence-based population-focused care**
   a. Analyze epidemiologic and pharmacoeconomic data, medication use criteria, medication use review, and risk reduction strategies
   b. Apply knowledge of protocol utilization for the initiation and modification of drug therapy
   c. Develop population-based protocols for medication therapy management

4. **Manage patient-centered practice with contemporary methods**
   a. Appropriately manage resources to maximize economic, clinical and humanistic outcomes for patients, and effectively manage financial, personnel, time, and technology resources
   b. Appropriately manage safe, accurate and time-sensitive medication distribution
   c. Apply ethics and professional principles to assure efficient utilization of resource management and effective treatment choices
   d. Assure that medication use systems minimize medication errors and optimize patient outcomes
   e. Develop proposals for establishing, marketing, and being compensated for medication therapy management and patient care services rendered
   f. Practice in accordance with state and federal regulations and statutes

5. **Collaborate with patients, caregivers, and health professionals to engender a team approach to patient care**
   a. Employ communication styles and techniques appropriate to the audience
   b. Work effectively within a multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary environment
   c. Include patient and caregiver as integral parts of a treatment plan

6. **Retrieve, analyze, and interpret the professional, lay, and scientific literature to provide drug information to patients, their families, other involved health care providers and the public to optimize patient care**
   a. Apply understanding to statistical methods
   b. Apply understanding of research design principles
   c. Evaluate research outcomes for validity
   d. Demonstrate expertise in informatics

7. **Demonstrate understanding of health problems specific to diverse populations**
   a. Display empathy in patient interactions
   b. Display sensitivity to differences in ethnicity, gender, values, or belief systems (cultural competency)
   c. Apply understanding of contemporary and historical social and economic factors that influence health and health care, including health literacy and health care disparities

8. **Provide comprehensible, effective education to patients, health care professionals, and the public**
   a. Serve as reliable and credible source of drug information
   b. Effectively educate patients using all appropriate communication modalities (verbal, written, other)
   c. Apply knowledge of roles of advocacy and support organizations (e.g., AA, Epilepsy Foundation) to practice
   d. Present effective educational programs and presentations to public and health care profession audiences

9. **Analyze internal and external factors that influence pharmacy and other health care systems**
   a. Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of health care systems on pharmacy practice
   b. Demonstrate understanding of the influences of legislation on pharmacy practice
   c. Demonstrate understanding of the roles of professional organizations

10. **Promote the availability of effective health improvement, wellness, disease prevention, and health policy, applying population-specific data, quality improvement strategies, informatics, and research processes**
    a. Engage in health-related community outreach activities
    b. Identify public health problems
    c. Suggest solutions for public health problems
    d. Review current health policies and recommend modifications
    e. Participate in the development of drug use and health policy
    f. Help design pharmacy benefits
11. Develop self-learning skills to foster lifelong learning
   a. Take responsibility for gathering new knowledge
   b. Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and utilize information resources
   c. Exhibit self-assessment behaviors

3. Active Learning
Instructional methodology emphasizes active (independent) rather than passive (dependent) learning. A characterization of active learning is as follows:
Most students enter pharmacy schools as dependent learners; that is, they enter with the perception that it is the teachers’ responsibility to teach students, while de-emphasizing, if not ignoring, the responsibility of students to learn on their own. Students come to health professional schools adept at memorizing facts, and the teaching methods at most professional schools readily focus on this characteristic. In practice, the practitioner must rely on his or her ability to interpret data in order to reach conclusions and solve problems. There is no “teacher” in practice (except other practitioners and the patient). Consequently, in practice, the responsibility to learn must reside with the learner/practitioner. And so it must be while in the School of Pharmacy. The responsibility to learn must rest with the learner/student, not with the teacher.
It follows, then, that a major responsibility of pharmacy educators is to shift the burden of learning from the teacher to the student. The transition from a dependent learner to an independent learner must occur as the student progresses through the pharmacy curriculum. Students must understand that to become educated is to know what questions to ask and where the answers may be found.
Teaching must be achieved through educational processes that involve students as active learners. One measure of achieving this goal is to require participation in cooperative learning projects. Teachers must view themselves as coaches and facilitators rather than merely as providers and interpreters of information. As students move from the PY1 to the PY4 years, increasing emphasis is placed on active learning strategies.

4. Development of Higher-Order Thinking Skills
Closely aligned with the incorporation of active learning strategies is the formatting of class evaluation instruments to include more emphasis on higher-order thinking skills. Different questions require different levels of thinking. Lower-level questions are appropriate for assessing students’ preparation and comprehension or for reviewing and summarizing content. Higher-level questions encourage students to think critically and to solve problems. Various researchers have developed cognitive schemes for classifying questions. Bloom’s system of ordering thinking skills from lower to higher has become a classic and includes the following skills:
   a. Knowledge skills, or “recall” (remembering previously learned material such as definitions, principles, formulas): “Define shared governance.” “What are Piaget’s stages of development?”
   b. Comprehension skills (understanding the meaning of remembered material, usually demonstrated by restating or citing examples): “Explain the process of mitosis.” “Give some examples of alliteration.”
   c. Application skills (using information in a new context to solve a problem, answer a question, perform a task): “How does the concept of price elasticity explain the cost of oat bran?” “Given the smallness of the sample, how would you analyze these data?”
   d. Analysis skills (breaking a concept into its parts and explaining their interrelationships; distinguishing relevant from extraneous material): “What factors affect the price of gasoline?” “Point out the major arguments Shelby Steele uses to develop his thesis about affirmative action.”
   e. Synthesis skills (putting parts together to form a new whole; solving a problem requiring creativity or originality): “How would you design an experiment to show the effect of receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award on a faculty member’s subsequent career progress?” “How would you reorganize Bloom’s taxonomy in light of new research in cognitive science?”
   f. Evaluation skills (using a set of criteria to arrive at a reasoned judgment of the value of something): “To what extent does the proposed package of tax increases resolve the budget deficit?” “If cocaine were legalized, what would be the implications for public health services?”
The School of Pharmacy faculty are committed to increasing the percentage of questions on their examinations that involve higher-level thinking skills. The commitment is based on the assumption that it is the development of these skills that will enable the graduate to provide appropriate levels of patient care.

F. Curriculum Entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy Program
PY2 YEAR
FIRST SEMESTER
Basic and Clinical Pharmacology I (PHCL 443) 4
Introduction to the Principles of Medicinal Chemistry I (MEDC 416) 3
Pharmacy Law (PHAD 491) 2
Pharmacy Management and Business Methods (PHAD 493) 3
Pharmacy Practice I (PRCT 450) 2
Practice Skills Laboratory III (PRCT 455) 2
Elective (professional) 2
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### PY4 YEAR

Each student will participate in five required month-long rotations (adult medicine PRCT 586, ambulatory care PRCT 587, institutional practice PRCT 554, community practice PRCT 553, and a selective ambulatory care or adult medicine practice experience – AMBC 591 or MEDC 591) and five month-long elective rotations for a total of 40 weeks of experiential education during the period beginning in May following completion of the PY3 year and ending with May commencement of the succeeding year. The electives must be in five different areas of training. Students also must register for Seminar Skills Development II (PRCT 567) during one semester of the PY4 year.

### G. Additional Program Requirements

1. **Financial Obligations**
   All financial obligations to the University, UMMC, and the School of Pharmacy Student Body, including obligations to on-campus chapters of professional student organizations in which the student has accepted membership, must be satisfied in order to progress to the next academic year or to receive a diploma. PY3 and PY4 students have included in their tuition for each semester, a fee which is paid by UM to UMMC, which entitles pharmacy students to full student services and participation in student life activities at UMMC during the PY3 and PY4 years. This fee is charged independent of the location of APPE rotations.

2. **Orientations:** There will be orientations held before the beginning of the PY1, PY2, and PY3 years. These orientations are held the week before classes start and are mandatory for all students to attend.

3. **Computer Requirement**
   Students are required to purchase a laptop prior to enrollment in the fall of PY1 year. The minimum hardware and software specifications are prescribed on an annual basis by the Information Resources and Computing Committee.
4. Experiential Program Requirements

There are a number of requirements necessitated by participation in the experiential component of the professional curriculum. In most instances, these are required by the practice sites at which students complete their IPPE and APPE rotations. In addition to randomized drug screening as described previously in Section 4 of this Handbook, these include insurance and health related factors such as required immunizations and annual physical examinations. Students are responsible for uploading proof of the following requirements into the E-Value system that is maintained by the Professional Experience Program Office.

1. Liability/Malpractice Insurance
   Each professional student (at the student's expense) will be required to offer proof (for example, photocopy of the certificate of insurance with dates of coverage included) of personal/professional liability coverage (a minimum of $1 million per individual claim, $3 million per incident) extending through the completion of the four year professional program.

2. Hospitalization/Medical Insurance
   Hospitalization/Major Medical insurance is continuously required (at the student’s expense) of all students enrolled in the professional degree program, i.e. PY1-PY4 years. Proof of coverage must be provided prior to conclusion of the fall semester of the PY1 year. Continuity of coverage is required throughout the four-year professional program. It is the student's responsibility to update changes in coverage which occur during the PY1-PY4 years in E-Value.

3. Intern/Extern Registration with the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy (MSBP)
   All PY1 students must present proof of intern/extern registration with the MSBP prior to receiving final admission into the professional program. Such registration must be maintained throughout the four-year program. A photocopy of the entry-level student’s MSBP extern card is acceptable documentation. Post-B.S. students should submit a photocopy of their most current MSBP registration card. Fingerprinting and criminal background investigation separate from the provided/required by the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) upon entry to the PY3 year may be required by the Board to maintain this registration during the completion of the Pharm.D. program.

4. Annual Physical Examination
   Students enrolled in the professional degree program must provide proof that they have undergone a routine physical examination (at the student’s expense) prior to completion of the fall semester of the PY1 year and prior to the beginning of the PY3 year.

5. Immunizations
   a. Hepatitis B Immunization - Students (at the students’ expense) will be required to demonstrate proof of completion of the three-shot series of hepatitis B vaccinations prior to admission to the School of Pharmacy. If a student has not been immunized previously against hepatitis B, he or she should complete the series of three injections, which are to be administered over a six-month period during the PY1 year. More than 90 percent of students so immunized will demonstrate a positive antibody titer within one month after completion of the injection schedule. Students may want to ascertain their immune status prior to beginning this series of injections.
   b. Negative Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) - Proof of a negative 2-step tuberculin skin test is required before students are permitted to complete any experiential rotations in PY1 year. After PY1 year, proof of a negative tuberculin skin test (PPD) is required annually before students are permitted to complete any experiential rotations. Students having a positive PPD test cannot participate in experiential activities until they demonstrate lack of an active case of tuberculosis (by chest radiograph or immunoassay) or present evidence that they are undergoing active treatment.
   c. Varicella Titer - Students, at their own expense, must demonstrate either proof of two Varicella (chicken pox) vaccinations separated by one month or proof of immunity through blood titer prior to the end of the fall PY1 semester.
   d. Influenza Vaccination - Students (at their own expense) will also be required, prior to completion of the fall semester of the PY1-PY4 year, to demonstrate proof of immunization against influenza. Such proof of all immunizations is to be submitted to the Professional Experience Program Office. Proof of receipt of influenza vaccination must be submitted annually before students are permitted to complete any experiential rotations. Students who are located on the Jackson campus must submit documentation to the UMMC Student Employee Health Center.
   e. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TDAP) Vaccine - Students must provide proof of up-to-date TDAP. The last dose must have been given within 10 years. If only tetanus/diphtheria vaccine (Td) was administered, a single booster dose of Tdap is required. Tdap can be administered regardless of the interval since the last dose of Td. International students must provide documentation of 3 previous doses of Tetanus/diphtheria. One of which must include the Tdap vaccine.
   f. MMR (measles, mumps, and Rubella): Documentation of 2 doses of live vaccine for persons born in 1957 or later. The dates must have been administered at least 28 days apart and at or after 12 months of age. Laboratory evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella OR laboratory confirmation of disease OR birth before 1957 is acceptable.

6. Basic Life Support for the Health Care Provider Training
   Basic Life Support for the Health Care Provider (BLSHCP) training is required of all students. A BLSHCP course trains students how to: perform adult, child, and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); manage foreign body airway
obstruction in the adult, child, and infant; and defibrillate utilizing an Automated External Defibrillator. Documentation may be in the form of a photocopy of the course completion card. Per the American Heart Association guidelines, BLS providers must receive training every two years and re-certification is a requirement. This training will initially be provided during completion of the PY1 Skills Lab sequence and must be repeated at the beginning of the PY3 year. Students are independently responsible for obtaining re-certification.

7. Compliance/HIPAA Training
All students on the UMMC campus must complete UMMC Compliance Training at the beginning of the PY3 year and on the timeline provided by UMMC. The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy adheres to all rules and regulations as set forth by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Students are introduced to HIPAA during the PY1 year and are required to complete an online training program during the PY1 year and as required by UMMC throughout the PY3 and PY4 years. Students must submit proof of UMMC Compliance Training completion as requested to the Office of Clinical Affairs. Students may also be required to complete additional HIPAA training at their rotation sites.

F. Drug Screening
All students (PY1-PY4) enrolled in the undergraduate and professional degree programs at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) will be subject to randomized drug (urine) screening during their time of enrollment in the program. Refer to Section 4, IV for the drug screening policy.

G. Programmatic Assessment
Student participation in programmatic assessment activities is required prior to commencement for verification of diploma application to occur. These activities may be University, School and accreditation agency mandated. It is expected that students will take these activities seriously and to perform to the best of their ability. Otherwise, the results of these assessments would be invalid and unreliable and may lead to inappropriate programmatic changes. These activities can also identify knowledge domains that a particular student may need to emphasize for self-improvement prior to national board exams or otherwise.

COURSES

Department of BioMolecular Sciences

A. Division of Medicinal Chemistry - MEDC

NOTE: A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses.

317. PHARMACOGENETICS AND PHARMACOIMMUNOLOGY. A detailed introduction to the basic concepts of molecular genetics, biotechnology, and immunology of life processes that provide an essential foundation for rational drug therapy. Prerequisite: PY1 Classification. (3).

318. CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM. Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear terrorism poses a considerable threat throughout the world. The expectation of chemical, biological, radiological and/or nuclear violence is recognized as an acute security challenge. The likelihood, over time, of terrorist organizations coming into possession of such unconventional materials, and their use against the United States homeland, is tremendously elevated. The combination of increasing availability of technology and expertise, a mass-casualty attack may be inevitable. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 classification or CHEM 101. (2-3).

319. COMPUTER-AIDED STRUCTURE-BASED DRUG DESIGN (CADD): DATABASE SCREENING AND de novo DESIGN OF POTENTIAL DRUG MOLECULES. Utilization of the art commercial software involving in part manipulating freely available protein x-ray structures from the Protein Data Bank (PDB) as well as carrying out the drawing and energy minimization of small molecule potential ligands for active site of the selected protein. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 classification.

415. CHEMICAL NEUROSCIENCE PRINCIPLES OF DRUG ABUSE. This course will cover the Chemical Neuroscience Principles of Drug Abuse including, but not limited to, neurochemistry, neuropharmacology, toxicology, and pharmacotherapy. Pre-requisite: MEDC 415 and PHCL 443. Co-requisite: MEDC 417 and PHCL 444. (1).

416. MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS I. Introduction to the chemical and physical properties of medicinal agents, relationships of structural properties of drugs to pharmacological properties and metabolism profiles, chemical stability, mechanism of action and clinically significant chemical interactions. Pre-requisite: PY2 Classification (3).

417. MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS II. Continuation of the introduction to the chemical and physical properties of medicinal agents, relationships of structural properties of drugs to pharmacological properties and metabolism profiles, chemical stability, mechanism of action and clinically significant chemical interactions. Prerequisite: MEDC 416. (3).

418. NEUROSCIENCE PRINCIPLES OF DRUG ABUSE. The content of this course focuses on a fundamental understanding of the chemical and physiochemical properties of drugs of abuse and chemical dependency as it relates to the practice of pharmacy. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).

419. SPECIAL TOPICS IN ONCOLOGY. This course is designed for students to engage in advanced discussions of oncological therapeutic topics to increase their knowledge about the ideology, clinical presentation and management of various solid and hematological malignancies. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).
B. Division of Pharmacognosy - PHCG

NOTE: A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses.

320. SPECIAL TOPICS IN OCEANS AND HUMAN HEALTH. An overview of how the oceans and coast impact human health and well-being. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 classification. (2).

321. PATHOGENESIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES. This course covers all aspects of infectious diseases, including etiology, epidemiology, and characteristics of disease-causing pathogens, host-pathogen interactions, symptoms and prognosis of specified infectious diseases. Course is only open to Pharmacy students. Prerequisite: BISC 162, 163. (4).

329. HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE THERAPY. This course focuses on the use of plants and other products as herbal dietary supplements. It covers all the herbs used today including all aspects of regulation, activities, purity, and drug-herb interactions. It also covers alternative therapies used in place of and/or with conventional medicine. Prerequisite: PY1 Classification. (2).

422. NATURAL PRODUCT-DERIVED PHARMACEUTICALS. This course covers all aspects of natural products used as pharmaceuticals, including both plant-derived and microbial-derived (antibiotics). Prerequisite: PY2 Classification. (4).

425. POISONOUS PLANTS AND MUSHROOMS. This course is designed to give students a basic knowledge of harmful plants and mushrooms with emphasis on their identification, toxicity, symptoms of intoxication, first aid and poisoning treatments. Pre-requisite: PY2 Classification. (1).

427. DRUG DISCOVERY I. This course focuses on the techniques included in the characterization of drug substance from natural sources (plant, animal, and microorganisms). (3).

428. DRUG DISCOVERY II. This course focuses on laboratory techniques in drug discovery research. In particular, laboratory rotations through plant, marine, and microbe techniques will be emphasized. Prerequisite: PHCG 427. (3).

451, 551. PROBIOTICS IN PHARMACY. This course explores the rapidly growing field of probiotics, including an overview of probiotic use, their safety and efficacy, and their potential impact on patients. (1).

541, 542. PROBLEMS IN PHARMACOGNOSY. Individual investigation of problems of current interest in pharmacognosy. Prerequisites: minimum GPA of 2.5 on all professional pharmacy courses attempted and consent of instructor. (1-4, 1-4).

C. Division of Pharmacology - PHCL

NOTE: A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses.

202. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVES. A survey course emphasizing environmental health issues such as overpopulation, resource management, environmental degradation, and pollution. The course is designed for nonpharmacy majors. Prerequisite: BISC 102, 104, or their equivalents. (3).

340. ANIMAL CELLS: TESTING NEW DRUGS. The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to the multiple biochemical and molecular approaches that explain how cell reacts to foreign organic agents without introducing the names of too many specific drugs. It is intended to develop the subject from the point of view of pharmacologists who are working at the molecular level and trying to understand the problems of drug-cell interactions. Parts of the discussion will be a repetition for some students. However, lectures are concentrated on key theories and novel approaches that have in on a variety of contemporary interdisciplinary fields, which defines pharmacology. Prerequisite: PY1 classification. (1).

341. HUMAN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY I. The students will understand the consequences of disease on normal physiology. An in-depth study of the pathophysiologica condition will equip the students to assess multi-organ system dysfunction. These basic understandings will enable the students to progress through the curriculum with a knowledge and analytical base necessary to excel during their practice experiences. Prerequisite: PY1 classification. (3).

342. HUMAN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY II. The students will understand the consequences of disease on normal physiology. An in-depth study of the pathophysiologica condition will equip the students to assess multi-organ system dysfunction. These basic understandings will enable the students to progress through the curriculum with a knowledge and analytical base necessary to excel during their practice experiences. Prerequisite: PHCL 341. (3).

343. BIOCHEMICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THERAPEUTICS. A detailed introduction to the chemistry of life processes, structure-activity relationships for biological molecules, and metabolism and its regulation. Prerequisite: Chem 222, Chem 226; Course is only open to pre-professional and Early Entry students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy. (3).

344. PHYSIOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF THERAPEUTICS. Systemic physiology with a study of organ function and an emphasis on human physiology. The structure and function of the major body systems will be explored including the integumentary, muscular, skeletal, cardiovascular, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, nervous, endocrine, urinary, reproductive, and body fluids and electrolytes. Aspects of cell structure, organization and physiology and molecular aspects of cell biology will be covered. The students will gain an understanding of normal physiology of the body at the cell and organ level. These basic understandings combined with critical thinking will enable the students to progress through the curriculum with a knowledge and analytical base necessary for understanding pathogenesis, pharmacological treatments and clinical outcomes. Ultimately, the factual material and the critical clinical thinking ability acquired in the case studies and laboratory sessions will provide the basis and rational for selective pharmacotherapy and the understanding of its use in varying disease states. Prerequisite: Bisc 162, 163. Course is only open to pre-professional and Early Entry students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy. (4).

346. IMMUNOLOGICAL BASIS FOR THERAPEUTICS. This course will provide students with an overview of how the immune system works and its involvement in health and disease. Course is only open to pre-pharmacy and Early Entry students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy. (3).
347. INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY. Introduction to the chemical nature and reactions of toxic substances; their origins and uses; and the aspects of exposure, transformation, and elimination. The course is designed for biology, chemistry, and pharmacy majors. Prerequisites: BISC 160, BISC 162, CHEM 221, CHEM 222, or their equivalents. (2).

348. PRINCIPLES OF LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH. This course addresses a broad spectrum of activities associated with the conduct of life science research. Students should gain a thorough understanding of the requirements, expectations and responsibilities of life science researchers. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 classification. (1).

349. SPECIALIZED TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. This course will consist of focused, in-depth discussion of timely issues related to environmental health. Students will be informed of the issues through reading scientific literature and will be expected to propose solutions through discussion and writing assignments. Topics will be dictated by current events but could include, for example, environmental lead exposure and toxicity, pharmaceuticals in the environment, consequences of climate change, contamination of the food supply, e-waste, etc. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (1).

351. DRUGS AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE. This course encompases an analysis of the pharmacological, historical, religious, ethical, legal, and administrative considerations related to the use of drugs or supplements for the non-therapeutic purpose of enhancing cognitive, sexual, or physical performance. The primary goal of the course is to develop an in-depth appreciation of the factors associated with the non-therapeutic (off label) use of substances to enhance human performance. More specifically the course will enable a better understanding of the pharmacological as well as non-pharmacological factors associated with such use. This course, unlike a typical "Drug Abuse" course will not consider the use of substances to produce a "high" or altered state of consciousness e.g. a positive or negative euphoria. Rather, the emphasis will be on the use of substances (including some controlled drugs) to improve human performance.

381. INTRODUCTION TO TOXICOLOGY. Biological and chemical factors which influence toxicity. Review of various classes of compounds of industrial, agricultural, therapeutic, and economic importance. Emphasis on the forensic implications of poisoning by these agents. Prerequisites: CHEM 222, 226; and consent of instructor. (3).

382. FUNDAMENTALS OF CANCER. Discussions of fundamental, underlying biological changes from normal physiology to cancer. Will include discussions of the cell cycle, cancer genetics, regulation of expression, carcinogenesis, metastasis and more to encompass an understanding of all concerns when considering treatment options in subsequent courses. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (2).

440. PHYSIOLOGIC CASE STUDY FOR THERAPEUTICS. The course focuses on problems based physiologic study of organ function and an emphasis on human physiology. The structure and function of the major body systems will be explored including the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, nervous, endocrine, and body fluids and electrolytes. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).

441. PHARMACOLOGY: NOVEL DRUGS IN CLINICAL TRIALS. An in-depth discussion of topics of current importance in pharmacology of commonly occurring diseases is emphasized. Students learn about medicines currently in clinical trials and therapies in development. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (2).

442. CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY. This course is designed to apply basic pharmacological and toxicological principles to the management of poisoned patients. Several of the drugs commonly encountered in accidental or intentional poisoning are to be covered. The student should be able to recognize signs and symptoms of poisoning, characterize the type and extent of intoxication, and develop a specific management plan. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (2).

443. BASIC AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY I. Basic principles of pharmacodynamics; pharmacology of drugs acting on the autonomic nervous system; and other drug classes acting on autonomic-innervated organs. Prerequisite: PY1 Classification. (4).

444. BASIC AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY II. Continuation of 443; central nervous system drugs; hematopoietic, immunosuppressant, antineoplastic, and antiallergic drugs; basics of environmental and clinical toxicology. Prerequisite: PHCL 443. (4).

445. NUTRITIONAL PHARMACOLOGY. Discussions of how drugs, nutrients, and disease states interact and affect one another, how nutritional supplements influence drug therapy, nutritional status, and disease processes. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).

Department of Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery - PHAR

NOTE: A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses.

330. PHARMACEUTICAL CALCULATIONS. This course introduces the prescription, prescription notation and abbreviations, basic pharmaceutical calculations, statistics, and the mathematics of chemical kinetics and pharmokinetics. Pre-requisite: PY1 Classification. (1).

331. BASIC PHARMACEUTICS I. This course is designed to teach those basic principles of physics and chemistry that are necessary to understand pharmaceutical dosage forms and their design. Pre-requisite: PY1 Classification. (3).

332. BASIC PHARMACEUTICS II. This course provides an understanding of various dosage forms and drug delivery systems and how medicinal and pharmaceutical substances are incorporated into them. Prerequisites: PHAR 331. (3).

334. BIOPHARMACEUTICS AND PHARMACOKINETICS. Physiochemical and biological factors affecting drug bioavailability; time course of drugs and metabolites in the body; individualizing dosing regimens. Pre-requisite: PY1 Classification. (3).

335. CLINICAL LABORATORY DATA ANALYSIS. The primary purpose of this course is to enhance the student’s skills in clinical lab test interpretation. It will also provide information on common laboratory tests used to screen for or diagnose disease, monitor the effectiveness and safety of treatment, or assess disease severity. The various laboratory tests will be described in terms of their clinical uses, how the lab test relates to the disease, how to interpret the lab test results, and causes for abnormal lab test results. Pre-requisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (1).

432. CONCEPTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY. This course provides students with basic concepts, principles and methodologies underlining modern biotechnology and which are applied in the pharmaceutical sciences. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).

433. INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY. This course is designed to introduce students to the manufacturing, documentation, and regulatory aspects of pharmaceutical manufacturing. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (2).
435. PHARMACEUTICAL STABILITY. This course is designed to introduce the students to the manufacturing, documentation and regulatory aspects of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (2).

436. PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. The course is designed to provide an understanding of the development of pharmaceutical dosage forms. Prerequisites: PHAR 332 or consent of instructor. (3).

541, 542. PROBLEMS IN PHARMACEUTICS. Investigation of individual problems of current interest in pharmaceutics. Prerequisite: minimum GPA of 2.50 on all professional pharmacy courses attempted and consent of instructor. (1-3, 1-3).

**Department of Pharmacy Administration - PHAD**

**NOTE:** A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses.

390. PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS IN PHARMACY. Develop an understanding of the nature of communication and the types of communication skills necessary to deliver optimal pharmaceutical services. Prerequisite: PY1 Classification. (2).

391. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL ASPECTS OF PHARMACY PRACTICE. The purpose of this course is to provide the necessary background to understand the complexity of human and social issues that exert a powerful influence on the pharmacy profession. Special emphasis is given to the interdependent roles of the patient, the pharmacist, and the physician in illness and health care. Pre-requisite: PY1 Classification. (3).

392. INTRO TO PHARMACY AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. An examination of the structure and organization of pharmacy and the factors involved in the delivery and financing of health care in public and private sectors. (3).

393. LEARNING AND TEACHING: A PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE. The goal of this course is to provide pharmacy students with a forum to exchange ideas, refine specific skills, and enhance their knowledge of concepts related to teaching and learning. These topics are relevant to a student's own personal journey as a lifelong learner, as well as to current and future teaching experiences that individuals may have, either as a pharmacist (patient education) or pharmacy educator (preceptor or faculty member). Perquisite: PY1 or PY2 classification. (1).

394. INTERMEDIATE BIOSTATISTICS FOR PHARMACISTS. This course is designed to provide pharmacy students with an overview of frequently used statistical procedures in the biomedical literature. This course is designed to expand on the principles of biostatistics covered in PRCT 350. The goal is to enhance both the breadth and depth of coverage, while also introducing the use of statistical software packages. Pre-requisite: PRCT 350. (2).

395. PHARMACY ETHICS. After an introductory overview of ethical theory and professional codes of ethics, this course will analyze case studies that involve conflicts in moral, ethical, and professional principles; issues related to the allocation of medical resources; reproduction; the doctor/patient relationship; and pharmaceutical research. (3).

396. MARKETING FOR COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS. This course is an elective focused on exploring the factors affecting use and acceptance of, delivery of, promotion of and pricing of innovative pharmacy products in the community pharmacy setting. The ability of pharmacists to develop innovative services and market them to patients, health care providers, payers, government agencies, and others is crucial to the advancement of pharmacy. Students will be introduced to marketing principles and how they are applied in community pharmacy. Pre-requisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (1).

397. SURVEY OF MEDICATION NONADHERENCE. The purpose of this course is to examine patient nonadherence in its many forms in the health care system and to discover best practices that help resolve nonadherence behaviors to ensure optimal therapeutic outcomes. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (1-2).

491. PHARMACY LAW. Pharmacists' common-law and statutory obligations under the American constitutional system of dual national and state authority. Prerequisite: PY2 Classification. (2).

492. CURRENT ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE. This course is designed to provide pharmacy students an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of current health care issues with a focus on pharmacists' role in public health, such as preventing epidemics and the spread of disease, promoting healthy behaviors, and assuring the quality and accessibility of health care services. Prerequisite: PY2 classification. (1).

493. PHARMACY MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS METHODS. Pharmacy Management and Business Methods takes foundational management theories and concepts and translates them to the specific challenges faced by today's pharmacy managers, regardless of the setting. This course will take an integrated didactic and active learning approach to tackle management issues faced by pharmacists such as: Personal resource management, personnel management, general operations management, special management skills, implementation of value-added services and management applications in various practice settings. Pre-requisite: PY2 Classification. (3).

494. PHARMACOECONOMICS, PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY, AND MEDICATION SAFETY. This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive review of the evaluation of pharmaceutical outcomes. Drug effects issues on patient populations will be examined. Mechanisms and approaches in improving medication in pharmacy practice will be explored. Pre-requisite: PY2 Classification. (3).

495. TECHNIQUES OF PHARMACEUTICAL SALES. To introduce various strategies and tactics available to those who represent the pharmaceutical industry to therapy decision-makers. (2).

496. PRINCIPLES OF PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETING. The nature and scope of the pharmaceutical industry, its marketing practices, and environment. Prerequisites: minimum grade of "C" in MKTP 351 or PHAD 391. (3).

497. PERSONAL FINANCE. This course will be a continuation of the basic personal finance concepts learned in PHAD 493. Hands-on experience and projects throughout the semester will give students the tools to evaluate how their money is currently being spent, set short-term and long-term financial goals, reduce their tax liability, adequately insure themselves and their assets, make sound investment choices, prepare for retirement, navigate the stock market, evaluate mutual funds, strategize for major purchases, evaluate and select a financial planner, manage money during major life changes, and prevent theft of their identity. Financial planners will also speak with students in some of these content areas. Pre-requisite: PY2 Classification. (1).

541, 542. PROBLEMS IN PHARMACY ADMINISTRATION. Investigation of individual problems. Prerequisites: minimum GPA of 2.50 on all professional pharmacy courses attempted and consent of instructor. (1-6, 1-6).
Department of Pharmacy Practice - PRCT

NOTE: A grade of at least C is required on all prerequisite courses. Courses preceded by an asterisk (*) can only be taken after successful completion of PRCT 555, 556, 558, 559, 561, 562, 564, and 565.

Course registration is limited to PY1 or PY2 students

350. INFORMATION SKILLS IN PHARMACY PRACTICE. This course is designed to introduce students to drug information resources as well as provide the student with an understanding of principles of biostatistics, epidemiology, and research design with the underlying goal being the acquisition of skills used by pharmacists to seek, appraise, and apply knowledge from the biomedical literature to improve pharmacy practice and patient care. The course will consist primarily of assigned readings, quizzes, interactive lectures, and group projects. (3). Prerequisite: PY2 Classification. (3).

353. PHARMACY PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY I. This course is the first of a five course series (to be completed in the first five semesters in which a student is enrolled in the professional degree program) which provides introduction to and continuous development of pharmacy practice skills and behaviors, emphasizing active learning for integration and application of curricular content and incremental development of professional and general abilities. Prerequisite: Course is only available to first year students in the professional degree program. (2).

354. PHARMACY PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY II. This course is the second of a five-course series (to be completed in the first five semesters in which a student is enrolled in the professional degree program), which provides introduction to and continuous development of pharmacy practice skills and behaviors, emphasizing active learning for integration and application of curricular content and incremental development of professional and general abilities. (2).

357. ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP IN PHARMACY. This elective course will offer advocacy and leadership development for PY1 and PY2 students. The course will be especially appropriate for officers and members of pharmacy student organizations who are motivated to become leaders in the profession. Students will relate leadership to current health care issues and will have opportunities to explore the advocacy processes. (2).

358. GERIATRICS. This elective course is designed to provide the student with the fundamentals of geriatric pharmacy practice. (1).

359. TOBACCO CESSATION EDUCATION. This elective course will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide comprehensive tobacco cessation counseling to patients with nicotine dependence. (1).

360. PERSONAL TIME MANAGEMENT FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS. An elective course that explores several personal time management theories and assists the pharmacy students in developing a system that works for them. (1).

361. VACCINE-PREVENTABLE ILLNESSES/TRAVEL MEDICINE. This course introduces common illnesses and the vaccines to prevent them. Signs and symptoms of illness are covered as well as proper ways to prevent the spread of illness. Vaccine indications, contraindications, adverse effects, and other associated information are also introduced. Additionally, the course addresses vaccines and other medication therapy which is specifically related to international travel, and it provides students with the opportunity to develop comprehensive vaccine plans for example, patient scenarios. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (1).

362. VETERINARY PHARMACY. This course offers the pharmacy student an introduction to veterinary pharmacy. Unique anatomic, physiologic, and metabolic limitations that affect drug distribution in common veterinary species are described. Species variations in pharmacodynamic activity or pharmacokinetic behavior that contribute to differences in drug dosage requirements and adverse drug events are discussed, and attention is given to unusual sensitivity of particular animal species (or breeds) to the effects produced by certain drugs. Differences in a drug’s behavior in humans versus veterinary species are stressed. Common disease states and pharmacologic treatment strategies are covered, including veterinary and human approved products along with appropriate options for compounded medications. Basic and clinical aspects of the more common toxicities that affect domestic animals are considered. The legal aspects of dispensing and compounding prescription drugs for companion animals and food-producing animals are discussed. Upon completion of this course the pharmacy student will be able to demonstrate sufficient knowledge and training to accurately interpret veterinary prescriptions, offer drug information consultations to veterinarians, council pet owners regarding appropriate drug administration and potential adverse drug events, and legally and ethically compound and/or dispense medications for non-human patients. Prerequisite: PY1 or PY2 Classification. (2).

375. INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE I. An introduction to medication dispensary process and related patient care activities in a community pharmacy practice setting. (1). (Z grade).

376. INTRODUCTION TO INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY PRACTICE I. An introduction to the medication dispensary process and related patient care activities in an institutional practice site. (1). (Z grade).

450. PHARMACY PRACTICE I. To provide the student with fundamentals of practice research, diagnostic laboratory tests, nursing home, and hospital pharmacy practice. (2).

451. PHARMACY PRACTICE II. To provide the student with essential skills for ambulatory pharmacy practice, pharmaceutical care, and patient self-care. (2).

455. PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY III. This course is the third of a five course series and provides continuous development of practice skills and behaviors introduced in the first professional year curriculum. The course emphasizes active learning for integration and application of curricular content and incremental development of professional and general abilities. Prerequisite: PY2 Classification. (2).

456. PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY IV. This course is the fourth of a five course series and provides continuous development of practice skills and behaviors introduced in the first professional year curriculum. The course emphasizes active learning for integration and application of curricular content and incremental development of professional and general abilities. Prerequisite: PRCT 455. (2).

477. INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY PRACTICE II. An introduction (one-week, 40 contact hours) to patient care and related activities in an institutional pharmacy practice setting. Prerequisite: PRCT 375, 376. (1). (Z grade).

478. COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE II. An introduction to patient care and related activities in a community pharmacy practice setting. Prerequisite: PRCT 375, 376, 477. (1). (Z grade).

480. INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH AND PHARMACY PRACTICE To provide an overview of global pharmacy and related topics. (2).
541. PROBLEMS IN CLINICAL PHARMACY. Individual investigation of problems of current clinical interest in pharmacy. (1-3, 1-3).

543. COMMUNITY PHARMACY PRACTICE III. An introduction (10 weeks, 4 contact hours/week) to patient care and related activities in a community pharmacy practice setting with additional emphasis in ambulatory care practice experiences. Prerequisite: PRCT 477, 478. (1). (Z grade).

544. INSTITUTIONAL AND SPECIALTY PRACTICE PHARMACY PRACTICE III. An introduction (10 weeks, 4-hour contact hours/week) to patient care and related activities in an institutional pharmacy practice setting with additional emphasis in inpatient specialty pharmacy practice experiences. Prerequisite: PRCT 477, 478. (1). (Z grade).

545. SPECIALTY PHARMACY PRACTICE ELECTIVE. An introduction (one week, 40 contact hours) to patient care and related activities in a specialty pharmacy practice experience. Prerequisite: PRCT 477, PRCT 478. (1). (Z grade).

552. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH. This course will teach the students about concepts of preventive medicine, public health, and epidemiology. Pharmacy students will participate in IPE with professional schools on the UMMC campus. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. (2).

*553. ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE (community). Calendar month professional experience program offered at approved community pharmacies. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4). (Z grade).

*554. ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE (institutional). Calendar month professional experience program offered at approved hospital pharmacies. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4). (Z grade).

555. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE I: KNOWLEDGE AND COMPREHENSION. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of the core knowledge base required of a pharmacist. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 556, 557. (2).

556. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE I: PROBLEM-SOLVING. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of problem-solving skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 555, 557. (2).

557. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE I: GROUP. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of independent learning and communication skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 555, 556. (3).

558. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE II: KNOWLEDGE AND COMPREHENSION. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of the core knowledge base required of a pharmacist. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 559, 560. (2).

559. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE II: PROBLEM-SOLVING. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of problem-solving skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 558, 560. (2).

560. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE II: GROUP. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of independent learning and communication skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 558, 559. (3).

561. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE III: KNOWLEDGE AND COMPREHENSION. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of the core knowledge base required of a pharmacist. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 562, 563. (2).

562. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE III: PROBLEM-SOLVING. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of problem-solving skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 561, 563. (2).

563. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE III: GROUP. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of independent learning and communication skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 561, 562. (3).

564. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE IV: KNOWLEDGE AND COMPREHENSION. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of the core knowledge base required of a pharmacist. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 565, 569. (2).

565. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE IV: PROBLEM-SOLVING. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of problem-solving skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 564, 569. (2).

566. SEMINAR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. Course on developing the basic skills needed for effective presentation of pharmacy-oriented material. Prerequisite: PY4 Classification. (1). (Z grade).

567. SEMINAR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS II. Continuation of PRCT 566. Course on developing the basic skills needed for the effective presentation of pharmacy-oriented material. Prerequisite: PRCT 566. (1). (Z grade).

569. PHARMACEUTICAL CARE IV: GROUP. A course designed to integrate clinical and scientific disciplines using patient cases as the basis for group discussions. Emphasis is placed on the development of independent learning and communication skills. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. Corequisites: PRCT 564, 565. (3).

577. PRACTICE SKILLS LABORATORY V. This course is the fifth in a five course series. The purpose of this course is to offer students an expansion on abilities practiced in previous Practice Skills Laboratories at a level commensurate with the PY3 year in the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy. Completion of Practice Skills Laboratory V will assist in the achievement of each of the 11 core domain competencies required by the ACPE Accreditation Standards and Guidelines Appendix D prior to commencement of fourth year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. This course aims to fulfill domain competencies in a hands-on, practical manner, with an emphasis on skills needed in situations students are likely to encounter in their APPEs. Each activity addresses two or more core domains, with a focus on augmenting clinical knowledge with practical skills needed in various pharmacy settings. Prerequisite: PY3 Classification. (2).
*586. ADULT MEDICINE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. A required experiential course designed to provide in-depth experience and clinical competence in dealing with acutely ill patients in a hospital environment with emphasis on rational therapeutics. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*587. AMBULATORY CARE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. A required calendar month rotation in which students gain clinical experience and competence with ambulatory patients by participating as a drug consultant and primary care provider for patients in an outpatient environment. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*591, 592, 593. ELECTIVE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. Calendar month blocks of practical experience in specialty practice areas under the coordination of a faculty preceptor. Course may be taken three times for elective credit in specialty area of choice. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*AMBC 591. AMBULATORY CARE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in ambulatory care patients. Prerequisite or corequisite: PRCT 587, Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*SBOP 591. STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of association management. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*BARI 591. BARIATRICS PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of bariatrics. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*BIOT 591. BIOTECH PHARMACY SERVICES ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting in biotechnology. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*CARD 591. CARDIOLOGY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in cardiology patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*COMM 591. COMMUNITY PHARMACY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in patients in a community-practice setting. Prerequisite or corequisite: PRCT 553, Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*CRIT 591. CRITICAL CARE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in critical care patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*DINF 591. DRUG INFORMATION ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the utilization of drug information resources, both electronic and nonelectronic, in providing optimal patient care. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*EMER 591. EMERGENCY MEDICINE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents in the emergency care setting. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*GERA 591. GERIATRICS ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in geriatric patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*HOME 591. HOME INFUSION ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a non-direct patient care setting of home infusion. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*INAD 591. INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to institutional administration. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*INDY 591. PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the role and functions of the pharmaceutical industry in providing health care professionals medication information. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*INFD 591. INFECTIOUS DISEASES ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in infectious disease patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*INOP 591. INSTITUTIONAL OUT-PATIENT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of institutional outpatient management. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*MANC 591. MANAGED CARE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential education course consisting of a full-time calendar month experience emphasizing the role of managed healthcare delivery systems, the roles and responsibilities of pharmacy benefits management companies, and basic business and economic concepts. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*MGMT 591. PHARMACY MANAGEMENT ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of association management. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*MEDC 591. MEDICINE ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in medicine patients. Prerequisite or corequisite: PRCT 586, Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*NEON 591. NEONATOLOGY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of neonatology. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*NEUR 591. NEUROLOGY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in neurology patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).
*NUCL 591. NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of nuclear medicine. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*NUTR 591. NUTRITION ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of nutritional support in patient care. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*ONCL 591. ONCOLOGY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in oncology patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PAIN 591. PAIN MANAGEMENT ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of pain management. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PEDG 591. PEDAGOGY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. A calendar month (40 hours/week) elective experiential rotation in an academic setting that provides senior professional students with opportunities to explore issues in teaching and learning, and to participate directly in facilitating the learning of junior students in the pharmacy professional program. Registrants will be introduced to various teaching methods, including problem based learning and other practice based skills. Registrants will have opportunities to develop and improve teaching skills, with emphasis in evaluation and assessment. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PEDS 591. PEDIATRIC ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in pediatric patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PKIN 591. PHARMACOKINETICS ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the applied use of pharmacokinetic principles in providing optimal patient care. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*POIS 591. POISON CONTROL ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the role and function of a Poison Control Center. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PMTM 591. PHARMACY MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT PATIENT CARE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An advanced practice elective experiential course designed to provide the student with practical experience in the profession of pharmacy. The course consists of interactions with both patients and healthcare workers across multiple disciplines. Prerequisite: PY4. (4).

*PSYC 591. PSYCHIATRY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in psychiatric patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*PUBH 591. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of public health. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*RSCM 591. RESEARCH ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of pharmacy-related research. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*SURG 591. SURGERY ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure emphasizing the rational use of therapeutic agents and disease management in surgery patients. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*TRAN 591. ORGAN TRANSPLANT ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of organ transplantation. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*VETP 591. VETERINARY MEDICINE ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a nontraditional setting of veterinary medicine. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*WOMH 591. WOMEN’S HEALTH ADVANCED PHARMACY PRACTICE EXPERIENCE. An elective experiential course consisting of a full-time calendar month exposure to pharmacy practice in a patient care setting of women’s health. Prerequisite: Pharmacy PY4. (4).

*599. CLINICAL TRIAL SKILLS. Course instructs how to assess and perform multiple types of clinical trials, and follow up with statistical analysis and publication of results. Prerequisite: PRCT 586. (3).

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