



Improving the  
health and wellness  
**for the Commonwealth  
and beyond.**

# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

In 1960, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine admitted its inaugural class of 40 students and finalized the efforts to establish a medical center for the Commonwealth. Today, the College of Medicine has more than 10,600 alumni who practice in all 50 states and make a global impact in 26 countries around the world. As we continue to educate physicians for the Commonwealth, the College of Medicine promotes a diverse and inclusive environment that provides excellence in education, equitable health care, and transformative research to improve the health and wellness of Kentuckians and beyond.

One of the most critical health needs confronting Kentucky is the shortage of physicians, particularly primary care doctors serving in community settings. To address that need, the College of Medicine has partnered with leading universities in the state and regional medical centers to establish four-year regional campuses in Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky, as well as the Rural Physician Leadership Program in Morehead. These collaborations allow the University of Kentucky to expand medical student enrollment, utilize existing resources throughout the state, and train more doctors who are prepared to care for Kentuckians and patients across the country.

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### **OUR MISSION:**

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### **OUR VISION:**

The UK College of Medicine is a national leader in solving the challenges in health care through transdisciplinary and transformational research, education, and advanced clinical medicine.



## LEXINGTON CAMPUS

The College of Medicine's main campus in Lexington, Ky., has set the standard in medical training at the University of Kentucky. It offers a single location where education, research, and clinical care are provided in a close network of facilities. This close proximity provides students with easy access to physician and research mentors. Students benefit from the college's innovative Kentucky Integrated Curriculum, which emphasizes evidence-based medicine and early clinical experiences.

In addition, the college is a recognized leader in biomedical research focusing on innovative, transformative, and collaborative discoveries that are brought from the bench to the bedside. Through this approach, the institution is training our learners to become physicians that align evidence-based practice with the delivery of advanced clinical care. The Lexington Campus accepts 124 students per year, and offers three combined degree programs in addition to the MD program which are MD/MBA, MD/MPH, and MD/PhD.



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"What makes the UK College of Medicine special to me is its commitment to serving the Commonwealth. As one, unified program comprised of integral campuses across the state, the College of Medicine provides a unique opportunity for students to be in tune with the health care needs of Kentucky. Throughout my education, I continue to learn what it means to practice equitable and compassionate care, and each day, I become more confident in my abilities to serve the state that raised me."

**Jodi Llanora**  
*Class of 2023*



## MOREHEAD CAMPUS

The UK College of Medicine, in partnership with Morehead State University and St. Claire HealthCare, opened the Rural Physician Leadership Program (RPLP) in 2010. The educational program is designed to train future physicians to provide high-quality health care and leadership to rural communities. The RPLP admits 12 students per year. Students spend the first two years at the Lexington Campus.. The third and fourth clinical years are spent in Morehead, Ky., and the surrounding communities, immersing students in a rural clinical setting.

The RPLP emphasizes outpatient and continuity care as well as rural and community health issues. This is accomplished through cooperative arrangements with St. Claire HealthCare, other regional hospitals, and local physician practices. Students experience the breadth of rotations for preparation to enter any specialty field, because all are needed in the rural areas of Kentucky and beyond. Students also have the option of earning a Certificate in Health Systems Leadership from Morehead State University College of Business and Public Affairs. This certificate provides a foundation in information technology, financial issues, debt management, and community engagement to impact health policy.



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"I'm super thankful to be an RPLP student. Not only do I get all that the UK College of Medicine-Lexington Campus has to offer with the multitude of professors, resources, and opportunities, but I also get to go back to Morehead and experience that more hands-on, one-on-one, doctor-to-student relationship. You get the best of both worlds."

**Shey Trent**  
*Class of 2024*



## BOWLING GREEN CAMPUS

The University of Kentucky, in partnership with Western Kentucky University (WKU) and The Medical Center at Bowling Green, opened in 2018 and graduated its first class of medical students in the spring of 2022. The campus provides the same Kentucky Integrated Curriculum as provided in Lexington, but in a smaller, more intimate setting. The program admits 30 students per year, who spend all four years at the Bowling Green Campus. Students are part of a cohesive class and have close relationships with the faculty providing on-site teaching.

The curriculum is provided through live stream from the Lexington Campus in addition to interactive group teaching by WKU faculty and local physicians from The Medical Center. With the new medical school building located on the campus of The Medical Center, students have numerous opportunities to integrate into the health care setting.

The College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus offers two dual degree programs in addition to the MD program which are MD/MBA and MD/MPH.



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"What makes the UK College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus special to me is the supportive and community-centered environment. The faculty and administration go above and beyond to form personal, uplifting relationships with students. My peers have become more like family – there to lean on, laugh with, cheer for, and learn from. Their dedication to this institution, the Bowling Green community, and the great state of Kentucky is extraordinary. To put it simply, I am inspired each and every day by those around me and their unwavering commitment to improving the health and wellness of Kentuckians and beyond."

**Katelin Maggard**  
*Class of 2025*





## NORTHERN KENTUCKY CAMPUS

The UK College of Medicine, in partnership with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, welcomed the inaugural first-year class at the Northern Kentucky Campus in August 2019. The campus admits 35 students per year, who spend all four years on the Northern Kentucky Campus. Students are part of a cohesive class that has close relationships with the faculty providing on-site teaching.

The curriculum is provided through live stream from the Lexington Campus, and interactive group teaching in conjunction with faculty at NKU and local physicians from St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Students spend the preclinical years at a newly remodeled facility on the NKU campus. The clinical years are spent rotating through the St. Elizabeth Healthcare facilities and local physician practices.



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"The UK College of Medicine-Northern Kentucky Campus is a special place because of the supportive culture. The relatively smaller class size makes it easy to meet everyone on campus. The ability to readily access and directly communicate with our campus leadership team is a major benefit that helped me navigate through a handful of challenges over my first two years of school here. Having met and spent time with each of my classmates, I am much better able to understand and appreciate the diversity of experience that each of us has brought into our class. The size of campus and the interest that our leadership team takes in each student have created a family-like culture within which it is easy and natural to make friends and have meaningful, candid conversations."

**Ryan Leibold**  
*Class of 2024*





## HOW TO PREPARE

### Prerequisite Coursework

In preparation for medical school, it is neither expected nor required that you major in a science field. All fields of study assist students in developing skills that contribute to a successful medical career. However, completion of the following prerequisites constitutes the minimal requirements to be considered for admission to the UK College of Medicine:

- Two semesters in physics (AP not accepted)
- Two semesters in the biological sciences
- Four semesters in chemistry, including organic chemistry and biochemistry
- Two semesters of English with emphasis on communication skills such as reading, writing, and speaking (AP not accepted)

### Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

The MCAT is a standardized test required for medical school admission. Applicants are encouraged to take the MCAT by the spring of their junior year in college. MCAT scores must have been recorded no more than two years prior to the application cycle.

To learn more about admission to the UK College of Medicine, visit our website:  
[medicine.uky.edu/admissions](https://medicine.uky.edu/admissions)

A man in a white lab coat and face mask is walking in a hospital hallway. He is wearing a dark jacket over a white shirt and tie. The background is a bright, slightly blurred hallway with other people in the distance.

## Characteristics of Successful Applicants

The admissions process at the UK College of Medicine assesses each individual applicant for his or her potential to become a successful physician. Six core competencies form the focus of student evaluation at the time of application and throughout their medical careers. Mastery of the following competencies shape successful physicians:

- **Professionalism:** ability to place the interests of patients above their own and to maintain high standards of integrity
- **Interpersonal and communication skills:** ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of colleagues and patients
- **Practice-based learning and improvement:** ability to self-evaluate and identify areas for improvement
- **Systems-based practice:** ability to collaborate with other professionals to provide care
- **Patient care:** ability to serve our communities and our patients
- **Medical knowledge:** ability to not only acquire knowledge, but to synthesize and apply it to patient care

## Commitment to the State

As a state medical school, the UK College of Medicine gives preference to Kentucky residents. Non-residents who are underrepresented in medicine (see the AAMC definition of underrepresented in medicine) or who have strong ties to the state (e.g. previous attendance at a Kentucky college or university) may be considered. Regardless of their state of residency, only applicants who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are considered. International applicants who graduated from a Kentucky high school or attended (or are attending) a Kentucky college/university may be considered as well.



## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must apply through American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS).

- After review of the completed AMCAS applications, selected applicants will receive a supplemental application from the UK College of Medicine.
- On the supplemental application, the applicant designates campus choice.

Lexington Campus

Bowling Green Campus

Morehead Campus – Rural Physician Leadership Program

Northern Kentucky Campus

- Applicants meeting screening criteria will be invited to interview at their desired campus.
- Interviews and admissions are offered on a rolling basis.



Check [medicine.uky.edu/sites/meded/how-apply](https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/meded/how-apply) for detailed information or scan the QR code.

### Checklist for Currently Enrolled Undergraduate Students

- Freshman Year / Fall:** Meet with premedical advisor to plan curriculum.
- Freshman and Sophomore Years:** Seek out volunteering, shadowing, and research opportunities.
- Junior Year Fall/Spring:** Take the MCAT.
- Junior Year:** Complete prerequisite courses and take the MCAT.
- June Before Senior Year:** Submit AMCAS application.

A blue-tinted photograph of three medical professionals walking down a hallway. On the left is a woman with long dark hair wearing a white lab coat over a dark top and boots. In the center is a man with glasses wearing a white lab coat over a shirt and tie. On the right is a man wearing a white lab coat over a checkered shirt. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame.

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