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Our mission:
To lead Georgia and the nation to better health through excellence in biomedical education, discovery, patient care, and service
Please let me congratulate you on your decision to become a physician. While it is not a profession for the faint of heart, it is without question among the highest callings.

I wanted to be a doctor as far back as I can remember, the first in my family. I also remember being sprawled out on the floor as a child with terrible ear infections and my pediatrician rescuing me from those painful days.

People sometimes ask if I could go back, what I would be. I would choose medicine again and again because of what it has permitted me to experience and to find. Because it has opened doors into the lives of so many brave individuals who we call our patients and because each day it is a challenge worth taking.

I am very glad that you are considering taking on this great challenge and privilege right here, at Georgia’s public medical school. While I realize there are limited history enthusiasts among us, please know that the Medical College of Georgia has a near 200-year-old legacy of educating exceptional physicians.

I came to MCG to study neurology and stroke after finishing my undergraduate medical education at the University of Maryland School Of Medicine. I found here a professional home that I will never leave.

MCG is a dynamic and storied place that offers the best of many worlds. We have the eighth largest enrollment of the nation’s medical schools but still a very personal approach to medical education. While we recruit great educators, scientists and clinicians from all over, we tend to attract faculty who really do love to teach medical students; who understand that learning in reality is a two-way street and that we learn as you learn.

We have a true statewide educational presence that offers tremendous variety as well, from clinical experiences in complex care facilities like our own teaching hospitals to small town solo practices. In fact we have a huge network of volunteer faculty across Georgia, many of whom are MCG graduates, who enable us to provide such a diverse and intense learning environment.

By the time you graduate from MCG, you will have sufficient experience to decide what type of medicine you want to practice, and you will be prepared for and competitive in whatever you choose. I believe, you also will have a permanent home, not necessarily where you will stay, as I have, but a medical school to which you will remain connected and of which you will be proud.

I wish you the best as you make these important decisions about your future and promise that MCG will be here to help you fulfill your goals and your dreams.

Most respectfully yours,

David C. Hess, MD
Dean, Medical College of Georgia
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Augusta University
Presidential Distinguished Chair
Thank you for your interest in The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) at Augusta University. You are joining an aspirational cohort of students who seek admission to one of the world’s 2,600 plus medical schools. There is only one MCG, and we’re excited that you’re considering making us your choice for your medical education.

When students consider a career in medicine, it is often as a result of being inspired by another in the profession – a relative, personal physician, or a friend of the family. Some applicants have dealt with serious, acute, or ongoing illness and found such an experience transformative in their decision to become a physician. Others may have none of these connectors, but believe deeply that service and dedication to the health of others is the noblest of callings. Whatever your source of inspiration is, MCG is the place where you’ll find a program designed to support your academic abilities and career goal of becoming a caring physician.

The medical school admission process was once comprised of submitting a high GPA and a well-balanced personal resume. Since the 1970’s, the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) has become an important metric for medical school admission. And while some medical schools are utilizing other measures than MCAT in their evaluation process, this factor remains important to most medical schools. Many North American medical schools including MCG use multiple-mini-interviews (MMI’s) as a way to assess candidates’ soft skills in a dynamic quick-fire Q&A setting. Our medical school has recently adopted the validated situational judgment test, CASPer, as another admissions requirement. The trend away from scores and numbers (i.e., intelligence quotient) towards adaptability and awareness (i.e., emotional intelligence) is designed to identify medical students who will become well-rounded and resilient future physicians.

While not all data are valid, and not all facts are true; a modern medical education features large and complex sets of information to master in highly diverse settings. This knowledge transfer and skill acquisition challenge is shared by both educators and learners. Our faculty at MCG are dedicated to making the learning process effective and efficient, and to utilizing educational technologies such as hi-fidelity simulation and point-of-care ultrasound to bring basic science and clinical concepts into sharper focus.

We are very glad that you are considering the medical profession and MCG. We are renowned for graduating the type of great doctors that inspired you to consider a career in medicine. Our students are making a difference to the health of Georgians, across America, and in many other places worldwide.

Good luck in the pursuit of your dream career in medicine!

D. Douglas Miller, MD, CM, MBA
Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
Thank you for your interest in the Medical College of Georgia. Founded in 1828 as the nation’s 5th public medical school, we have a rich and long standing tradition of educating excellent physicians. Whether the focus is patient care, academics, or research, our graduates have a proven track record of success and leadership in our community, in our state, and across our nation.

Our uniquely distributed campus model allows us to offer experiences to fit your individual learning style. We offer two 4 year campus options: our flagship campus in Augusta houses 190 students while our Medical Partnership campus in Athens houses 50 students.

Students receive a wide variety of clinical experiences provided by our two main campuses, as well as, three regional clinical campuses located in Savannah, Rome and Albany. In addition, there are more than 200 clinical training sites across the State of Georgia. These diverse and expansive opportunities ensure that our students are exceptionally prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing healthcare environment. No matter your chosen field of medicine, the Medical College of Georgia will have you ready for practice.

Each year, our mission is to seat the best possible class of future physicians to meet the growing healthcare needs of every man, woman, and child in Georgia and beyond. We conduct a holistic review of each candidate and seek students who are academically strong, compassionate, demonstrate intellectual curiosity, are willing to serve an underserved population and uphold the highest ethical and moral standards. We expect each and every graduate to serve as a leader in healthcare and an ambassador for the University and the nearly 9,000 living alumni.

As a Georgia native and graduate of the Medical College of Georgia for both my medical education and residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology, I am proud to call the Medical College of Georgia home. It is our hope that you too will find a home at the Medical College of Georgia.

All the best,

Kelli M. Braun, ’04, MD, FACOG
Associate Dean for Admissions
Associate Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology
Augusta University, home of the Medical College of Georgia, is one of only four public comprehensive research institutions in the state of Georgia. It’s also the newest research university in Georgia, emerging from the 2012 consolidation of Georgia Health Sciences University and Augusta State University by the University System of Georgia.

AU includes 10 colleges and schools with nearly 9,000 students, 1,000 full-time faculty, 5,000 staff, and 159 educational programs. AU is also home to the state’s only dental school, an aligned and integrated health system, a growing intercollegiate athletics program, and the highly respected Hull College of Business, among other units. Augusta University is the area’s foremost proponent of cyber security, committed to making it an important part of everyone’s dialogue through a variety of programs and partnerships. The Augusta University Cyber Institute works to engage and inspire our current and future generations of cyber professionals.

With 423 acres of campus and 130 buildings, the university is a $1 billion-plus enterprise with statewide and national reach.
History and Legacy

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University was founded in 1828 as Georgia’s public flagship medical college making it the 13th oldest medical college in the United States. In 1829, MCG began classes with seven students and three faculty members who met in the city hospital. Almost two hundred years later, MCG has grown to 240 medical students with 3,212 total faculty across 23 academic departments thus becoming the state’s leading provider of physicians of the four Georgia-based medical schools. About 50 percent of MCG graduates remain in the state to practice, well above the average retention rate of 39 percent. In fact, Georgia ranks 14th in the nation in the percentage of physicians retained in the state from public undergraduate medical education and 1 in 5 physicians in the state graduate from, or completed their residency, at MCG.
As the state’s only public medical school, statewide growth of medical education is a priority at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG). Our expansive and largely rural state is among the top 10 states in the nation for population size and growth; yet, according to the 2017 State Physician Data Book of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the state of Georgia ranks 39th in the number of active physicians per 100,000 population. The physician shortage is exacerbated by the reality that, like the general population, Georgia’s physicians are aging with the state ranking 35th in the percentage of active physicians age 60 and older.

To help address the need for more doctors, in 2006 the AAMC called for a 30 percent increase in medical school enrollment. In January 2008, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents accepted a medical education expansion plan which included opening the four-year Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership campus in Athens, GA which focuses on small group learning approaches. The first 40 freshman students started at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership in fall 2010. This enabled growth of MCG’s class size from 190 to 230 students. In fall 2020, the AU/UGA Medical Partnership will once again see growth as the class size increases to 50 students.

Expanding partnerships with physicians and hospitals throughout Georgia ensures that students from both the main campus in Augusta and the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus in Athens, experience the full spectrum of medicine, from urban tertiary care hospitals to small-town primary care practices.

In 2005, MCG opened its first regional campus in Southwest Georgia. The Southwest Campus is based at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany and is strategically located in a relatively rural area of the state where physician shortages are most acute. In 2007, MCG announced the Southeast Campus, which is now based at St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah and the Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. Later in 2010, officials from Rome, GA, and Augusta University announced establishment of the Northwest Campus, which became operational in 2013. Today, we are one MCG with diverse educational and clinical experiences in more than 350 urban and rural sites across the state of Georgia.
Years 1 & 2: Pre-Clinical

Overview

The Medical College of Georgia curriculum is undergoing review and evolutionary change as MCG continues to graduate well-educated physicians in the era of health care reform. The curriculum is broad-based and designed to foster the attitudes, behaviors, knowledge, and skills necessary to succeed in any field of medicine.

The curriculum includes early clinical experiences to emphasize self-motivated learning, and strives to further integrate the basic and clinical sciences.

Students at the Medical College of Georgia have access to the latest and greatest technology in medical education. Point-of-care ultrasound has been incorporated throughout all four years of medical school to ensure that students are ready to use this technology that may one day be as common as a stethoscope.

Main Campus-Augusta

The Medical College of Georgia has 190 students per class at its main campus in Augusta.

During the two pre-clinical years, students acquire the building blocks of the foundational sciences that underlie medical practice and the skills required for clinical decision-making and patient interaction. The modular content of the curriculum is taught in lectures, labs with integrated clinical conferences, team-based learning, small-group activities, and preceptor relationships. The first year of the curriculum is a yearlong module divided into seven systems-based blocks that run in parallel with the essentials of clinical medicine course. The modules introduce students to gross anatomy, biochemistry, development, genetics, histology, neuroscience, physiology and psychiatry.

The Essentials of Clinical Medicine (ECM) is a four-semester program designed to equip students with the necessary knowledge, skills, behaviors, and attitudes to perform successfully in the Phase 3 clerkships. ECM is organized into two “courses” (ECM1 and ECM2) with five components (The Art of Doctoring, Population and Public Health, Evidence-based Practice, Problem-based Learning and Physical Diagnosis), which build sequentially on one another, and are interwoven wherever possible with core foundational science modules.

ECM is designed to ensure a continuity of training for the student across the Phase 1 and 2 years in the areas of professionalism, clinical skills development, cultural competency, public health, evidence-based practice, clinical content, interdisciplinary collaborative teaching and self-evaluation of performance.

In the second year, cellular and systems disease states is a yearlong module divided into seven systems-based blocks that run in parallel with the essentials of clinical medicine course. In these modules, students are exposed to the topics of medical microbiology, pathology, and pharmacology in the context of clinical medicine.

Teaching strategies include interactive small groups, team-based learning, preceptor relationships, and lectures that are linked to course objectives. On average, students are in scheduled activities for 26 hours per week.

“My time at MCG has far-exceeded my expectations. After my first year, I was proud to see that every faculty member was dedicated to the full student experience inside and outside of the classroom. Whether it was tutoring after hours or making weekend trips to the anatomy lab, our professors were always ready to go the extra mile to ensure we knew the material. They also made sure we invested in the areas of our life that make us whole.”

Christian Cullen
President, Class of 2022

Harrison Education Commons
Years 1 & 2: Pre-Clinical

during the first two years. Classes are held in the state-of-the-art J. Harold Harrison, MD Education Commons Building. Each student is required to purchase a computer capable of using relevant educational software.

The Greenblatt Library maintains current journal subscriptions, electronic resources, online books, and provides access to many external databases. The library provides a mobile application for catalog and database searching, building access hours, as well as the full library website. Audiovisual learning aids are used in class and are available in the library. Grading is pass/fail in the first year. In years two through four, grading is A-F with a C constituting a passing grade. Passing the USMLE Step 1 is a requirement for promotion to the third year.

“The small class size of 50 at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership enables one-on-one relationships with professors and close relationships with all of your classmates. The curriculum is the same as Augusta, but instead of large lectures, smaller groups enable us to intermix real clinical cases with the material we are covering in lecture. I am glad you are considering MCG. I already know that the friends and connections that I am making will last a lifetime and I could not be happier with my decision.”

Andrew Block
Class of 2021, AU/UGA Medical Partnership
Class President
# Academic Calendar 2019-20

## Phase I - Fall Semester 2019
- August 1-2, 2019: Orientation
- August 5, 2019: First Day of Classes
- September 2, 2019: Labor Day
- November 27-29, 2019: Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 20, 2019: Last Day of Classes

## Phase I - Spring Semester 2020
- January 6, 2020: First Day of Classes
- January 20, 2020: MLK Holiday
- March 9-13, 2020: Spring Break (Athens campus only)
- April 6-10, 2020: Spring Break (Augusta campus only)
- May 15, 2020: Last Day of Classes
- June 26, 2020: Last day of Spring Semester

## Phase II - Fall Semester 2019
- August 2, 2019: Registration Deadline
- August 5, 2019: First Day of Classes
- September 2, 2019: Labor Day
- November 27-29, 2019: Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 20, 2019: Last Day of Classes

## Phase II - Spring Semester 2020
- January 6, 2020: First Day of Classes
- January 20, 2020: MLK Holiday
- March 9-13, 2020: Spring Break (Athens campus only)
- April 6-10, 2020: Spring Break (Augusta campus only)
- May 15, 2020: Last Day of Classes
- June 26, 2020: Last day of Spring Semester

## Phase I - Fall Semester 2020
- August 3-4, 2020: Orientation
- August 5, 2020: First Day of Classes
- September 7, 2020: Labor Day
- November 25-27, 2020: Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 18, 2020: Last Day of Classes

## Phase I - Spring Semester 2021
- January 4, 2021: First Day of Classes
- January 18, 2021: MLK Holiday
- March 8-12, 2021: Spring Break (Athens campus only)
- April 5-9, 2021: Spring Break (Augusta campus only)
- May 14, 2021: Last Day of Classes
- June 25, 2021: Last day of Spring Semester

## Phase II - Fall Semester 2020
- July 31, 2020: Registration Deadline
- August 3, 2020: First Day of Classes
- September 7, 2020: Labor Day
- November 25-27, 2020: Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 18, 2020: Last Day of Classes

## Phase II - Spring Semester 2021
- January 4, 2021: First Day of Classes
- January 18, 2021: MLK Holiday
- March 8-12, 2021: Spring Break (Athens campus only)
- April 5-9, 2021: Spring Break (Augusta campus only)
- May 14, 2021: Last Day of Classes
- June 25, 2021: Last day of Spring Semester

(This calendar is subject to change.)
Years Three

Patient contact begins during year one in the Essentials of Clinical Medicine course, which extends through year two. Year three consists of required core clerkships in:
- Family Medicine (6 weeks)
- Internal Medicine (8 weeks)
- Neurology (4 weeks)
- Obstetrics/Gynecology (6 weeks)
- Pediatrics (6 weeks)
- Psychiatry (4 weeks)
- Surgery (8 weeks)

In addition to having an opportunity to do a four-week elective in the third year, students participate in a two-week intersession or mini-clerkship on the care of the chronically and terminally ill patient.

Main Campus-Augusta

Core clerkships take place at the AU Health System, the Children’s Hospital of Georgia, the regional campuses, and various affiliated hospitals and community-based teaching sites throughout the state. Students may rotate to affiliated community hospitals for part of the core curriculum.

During year four, students must complete four-week rotations in emergency medicine, critical care, adult ambulatory medicine, and an acting internship in either family medicine, neurology, medicine, pediatrics, surgery, or obstetrics and gynecology. The remainder of the fourth year is for elective study that can include both clinical and research courses. In addition to passing USMLE Step 2 CK and CS, students must complete a total of four, four-week electives to fulfill the requirements for graduation.

AU/UGA Medical Partnership

As in Augusta, year three at the Athens campus consists of clinical clerkships, or rotations in the core disciplines of family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and surgery. In addition, each student also has a four-week elective and a two-week rotation in palliative care. In the fourth year, students complete four-week selectives in ambulatory medicine, critical care, and emergency medicine and a sub-internship, and do three, four-week electives in any discipline they choose. Fourth-year students and their advisors work to tailor the experience to optimally prepare the students for residency, while allowing the time to prepare for the USMLE Step 2 exams.

Students have the opportunity to rotate in private practices, community clinics, and hospitals in counties across northeast Georgia, including Hall, Jackson, Gwinnett, Barrow, DeKalb, Clayton, Newton, Oconee, Clarke, Madison, Elbert, Habersham, and Stephens counties. Affiliated hospitals include Piedmont Athens Regional, St. Mary’s, Northeast Georgia, Barrow Regional, Clearview, Elbert Memorial, as well as hospitals in the Greater Atlanta Area including the Shepherd Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Gwinnett Medical Center, and Eastside Medical Center.
Southwest Campus

The MCG Southwest Campus Suite is conveniently located at 1000 North Jefferson Street, Albany, GA, directly across the street from Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. The space includes offices for the campus administration and staff, student study stations, as well as a conference room and classroom for video conference links to Augusta and around the state. The UGA College of Pharmacy shares space in this education center, offering students an opportunity for formal and informal interprofessional growth. MCG students have free access to Phoebe’s state-of-the-art health and fitness center, HealthWorks, also located in the same building.

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Ga. is the main hub for clinical sites for the Southwest Campus. Established in 1911, Phoebe Putney is a 691-bed tertiary referral medical center that serves almost 400,000 people from southwest Georgia. More than 300 affiliated doctors and 4,000 staff at Phoebe Putney deliver world-class healing and prevention to the southwest region of the state. Phoebe Health System has grown to include hospitals in Americus, Sylvester, and Cuthbert.

Phoebe Family Medicine Residency serves as the backbone for primary care clinical experience in Albany.

Southwest Campus hospital partners include:
- Coffee Regional Medical Center, Douglas
- Colquitt Regional Medical Center, Moultrie
- Crisp Regional Hospital, Cordele
- Greenleaf Center, Valdosta
- John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Thomasville
- Memorial Hospital and Manor, Bainbridge
- Miller County Hospital, Colquitt
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany
- Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, Americus
- Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus
- Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation & Specialty Hospitals, Warm Springs
- St. Francis Hospital, Columbus
- Greenleaf Hospital, Valdosta
- South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta
- Tift Regional Medical Center, Tifton
- West Georgia Medical Center, LaGrange

Clinical Rotations

Students are afforded the unique opportunity to participate in the AHEC Scholars Program, a two-year interprofessional development experience shared with UGA Pharmacy students and graduate nursing students from Georgia Southwestern University. The Southwest Campus offers a comprehensive catalogue of four- to six-week clinical rotations, at one of the hospital partners or at private practices of clinical faculty, in:

- Internal Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Neurology
- Hematology/Oncology
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgical Oncology
- Dermatology
- Urology
- Anesthesiology
- Orthopaedics
- Sports Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Psychiatry
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Otolaryngology
- Cardiology
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Pulmonology
- Critical Care (Adult and Neonatal)
- Critical Care (IPE with UGA Pharmacy Faculty)
- Radiology
- Palliative Care
Flaggstone at Phoebe

Completed in Spring 2017, these beautiful and modern apartment homes for healthcare professionals-in-training feature 40 beds and 26 apartments (a mixture of studio, one bedroom, two bedroom, and three bedroom units). Tenants arrive to a gated and beautifully landscaped property and will first notice the outdoor grill, dining and seating area complete with an outdoor fireplace. Inside the common area, you’ll find a large-screen television, two private study/conference rooms and additional dining space. Each apartment is furnished with a queen bedroom set, stainless kitchen appliances, an in-room washer and dryer and living room furniture as well as a television in each living room, cable hookup in each bedroom and wireless internet throughout the building. Apartments feature a spacious closet, plenty of natural light and unique architectural touches. Flagstones is located just one block from the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital main campus and is across the street from the MCG Southwest Campus offices as well as HealthWorks – the Phoebe fitness center. Tenants at Flaggstone will feel safe and right at home in this gorgeous new facility – designed especially for the next generation of healthcare professionals.

The Community

Located on the banks of the Flint River, Albany-- dubbed “The Good Life City”-- has something for everyone. With a population of approximately 100,000, Albany is enjoying an emerging downtown revival, serving up an abundance of outdoor activities and cultural offerings including:

- Riverquarium
- Parks at Chehaw
- Providence Canyon, part of Georgia State Parks
- Kayaking the Flint River Shoals
- Hiking, biking, and running trails
- Jimmy Carter National Historic Site (Plains, GA)
- Albany Museum of Art
- Albany Civil Rights Institute
- Albany Symphony
- Theatre Albany

MCG students on the Southwest Campus can strike a healthy balance between their very busy clinical experiences and the relaxing environment provided in communities where traffic jams do not exist and healthy distractions are everywhere. Most importantly MCG students experience “real world” medicine as it is delivered by the army of volunteer physician educators who practice in small and rural communities across Southwest Georgia.
The Southeast Campus is comprised of 10 hospital systems:
- St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System – Savannah
- Southeast Georgia Health System - Brunswick
- Memorial Health System – Savannah
- Southeast Georgia Health System - St. Mary’s
- East Georgia Regional Medical Center – Statesboro
- Winn Army Medical Center – Ft. Stewart
- Carl Vinson Veterans Administration Hospital – Dublin
- Meadows Regional Medical Center – Vidalia
- Mayo/Satilla Medical Center – Waycross

Clinical Rotations

St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah and Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick serve as administrative sites where MCG students can acquire extensive hands-on experience during rotations in:
- internal medicine
- emergency medicine
- pediatrics
- psychiatry
- obstetrics and gynecology
- surgery
- family medicine
- neurology
- orthopaedics

St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System in Savannah provides an administrative hub for the Assistant Dean for Curriculum and the Clinical Rotation Coordinator so that students can receive additional academic support while completing their clinical rotations in the area.

The East Georgia Regional Medical Center in Statesboro has clinical rotations for students in obstetrics and gynecology and internal medicine/ambulatory care. Additional clinical rotations in Family Medicine are available in Waycross, Blackshear, and Jesup.

The Communities

Savannah, Brunswick, Statesboro and the surrounding rural communities that comprise the 35-county region of the Southeast Campus offer a variety of opportunities for students completing their clinical rotations in their third and fourth years of medical school. The communities are historically rich, environmentally engaged and student-friendly. Each of the hospitals support student training by offering housing in each of the communities at no cost to the students in order to minimize the financial burdens and enrich the learning experiences. Students are frequently invited to join their clinical preceptors in community functions, medical staff meetings, and professional development training.

Beaches and state parks are abundant in southeast Georgia. St. Simon’s Island and Jekyll Island are within minutes of Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick and offer public access to the beaches for swimming, biking, kayaking, and sailing as well as learning more about marine life.
Northwest Campus

Based in Rome, the Northwest Campus is unique among MCG’s regional campuses because of its use of a longitudinal integrated curriculum. In contrast to the traditional “rotation” model, students are assigned a panel of patients whom they follow during their third and fourth years, providing exposure to medicine’s core fields in the hospital, home, and outpatient settings.

Two, short intensive blocks provide “immersion” experiences in both surgery, and obstetrics and gynecology. For the rest of the year, third year students work closely with community clinical faculty in their family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, neurology, and psychiatry offices. With access to the largest per capita population of physicians in the state, the campus emphasizes interprofessional learning and a technologically-advanced team approach to health care.

The Northwest Campus is situated in the historic James D. Maddox building of Georgia Highlands College. For ambulatory patient visits, students work in private physician offices, as well as the Harbin Clinic, the largest privately owned multispecialty practice in Georgia. Inpatient teaching is centrally located between two proximal hospitals: Redmond Regional and Floyd Medical Center. Redmond is a 230-bed acute care facility with 28 ICU and 12 CCU beds and is the only provider of cardiothoracic surgery in northwest Georgia. Floyd Medical is a private, not-for-profit 304-bed Level II Trauma Center.

The Community

The northwest Georgia community includes the urban areas of Rome, Cartersville and Calhoun as well as the more rural communities of Shannon, Adairsville and Armuchee. These sites are only a short drive from downtown Rome. Rome is home to four colleges: Berry College, Georgia Highlands, Shorter College, and Georgia Northwestern Technical College. As home to minor league baseball team, Rome Braves (owned by the Atlanta Braves), NCAA football, the oldest symphony in the state, and an international film festival, Rome boasts a vibrant social, arts, and recreation scene.
### Dual Degrees

#### MD/PhD Degree

The University System of Georgia MD/PhD Program offers an integrated basic science and clinical training curriculum to provide the next generation of physician-scientists with the skills to engage compassionate patient care and lead efforts in translational and disease-oriented biomedical discovery. Students may choose to complete the PhD component at eligible PhD programs at one of four universities: Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia State University. Students complete the dual degree, on average, in 7.5 years.

#### Requirements for Admission

Applicants must follow the Medical College of Georgia application process, which includes the AMCAS application as well as CASPer, and indicate “Combined MD/PhD” as the program choice on their AMCAS application. Applicants should demonstrate academic coursework rigor and breadth and have longitudinal clinical/healthcare and research experiences that show a commitment to an academic/biomedical research career. Submitted letters of reference should also include those from research mentors.

MD/PhD Program applicants invited for interview will be notified by the Medical College of Georgia Admissions Office and will meet with members of the MD Program Admissions Committee and with members of the MD/PhD Program Admissions Committee over a two-day period. Applicants will also meet with current program students and have the opportunity to visit mentors and labs of interest. MD/PhD Program applicants not being considered for the MD/PhD program will still be considered by the MD Admissions Committee as traditional applicants to the MD Program only.

“I chose to pursue my MD/PhD training at MCG because of the impressive number of research opportunities available to students. Being able to conduct research in our world-renowned Vascular Biology Center is an incredible privilege. In addition to Augusta University, students can obtain their PhD from any of the public research universities in Georgia, including Georgia Tech, Georgia State, and the University of Georgia. Students also have the option of resuming their clinical years at any of MCG’s regional campuses located around the state of Georgia. Not all students are the same, nor are their needs, and this great flexibility and wealth of opportunity ensures that there are options available to best serve a wide range of students and interests.”

Rodney Littlejohn  
MD/PhD Student
Dual Degrees

MD/MBA, MD/MPH

Augusta University is enhancing the educational opportunities for medical students through the development of dual degree programs and areas of concentration. These educational possibilities expand the academic diversity of our physician graduates who will enter the work force. Students choosing the option of a dual degree program will receive the MD/MBA or MD/MPH degree at the conclusion of the program of study, usually in 5 years. Application to the MBA and MPH programs occurs after matriculation into the MD program.

The Athens campus also offers the opportunity to complete an MD/MBA with the UGA Terry College of Business or an MD/MPH with the UGA College of Public Health. For more information about obtaining additional degrees through the partnership with UGA, see the Medical Partnership website.

MD/MS

The new MD Biomedical Sciences MS dual degree program is a five-year program designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their medical training with biomedical science research training. Eight biomedical science majors are available depending on the research interest of the student. Students complete required courses, electives and biomedical laboratory research. In addition they will form a research advisory committee, complete a MS research proposal and write and orally defend a thesis. Students enroll full-time in the MD program for four years of study and one year (3 semesters) in The Graduate School to complete the MS course work and research. Typically the MS course work occurs between years three and four of medical school after passing USMLE Step 2 CK and CS. Students who successfully complete all requirements in the timeframe outlined are awarded both degrees at the end of five years of study. The program prepares a student to enter the physician workforce with enhanced research competencies and skills.
The mission of the Augusta University/Medical College of Georgia Professional Scholars program is to optimally prepare students for a career in medicine. This is an accelerated program where students complete coursework for their BS degree in three years and requirements for the MD degree in four years.

Students accepted into the selective Professional Scholars program will pursue a pathway for baccalaureate study in the College of Science and Mathematics with a BS in Cell and Molecular Biology through the Department of Biological Sciences.

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### Minimum Requirements

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- SAT score of 1400 (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Math sections) or ACT Composite score of 32
- Supplemental Application
- One Letter of Recommendation

### Continued Requirements

Additional requirements of students in the BS/MD program include successful completion of an interview following the first year of study, maintaining a cumulative and science + math GPA of 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 at the end of the first, second, and third year respectively, completing 40 hours of volunteer clinical service in a medical facility by October 31 of the third year, and achieving a minimum score of no less than the prior year’s national mean for medical school matriculants on the MCAT. The MCAT must be taken no later than September 30 of the third year. A valid CASPer score is also required. Due to the nature of the curriculum all courses are to be taken during the fall and spring semesters of the academic year. Students enrolled in the Professional Scholars program do not have the option to take courses out of sequence, repeat courses, or take courses at another institution during the summer.

Please note requirements are subject to change. For updated requirements, please visit: augusta.edu/admissions.
Residency & Fellowship Programs

ANESTHESIOLOGY AND PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE
Anesthesiology Critical Care Fellowship Program
Anesthesiology Residency Program
Multidisciplinary Pain Management Fellowship Program

EMERGENCY MEDICINE
Emergency Medicine Residency Program
Emergency Medical Services Fellowship Program
Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program

FAMILY MEDICINE
Family Medicine Residency Program
Family Medicine Residency Program/Satilla MCG Rural

MEDICINE
Allergy/Immunology Fellowship Program
Cardiology Fellowship Program
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship Program
Dermatology Residency Program
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolic Fellowship Program
Gastroenterology Fellowship Program
Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program
Interventional Cardiology Fellowship Program
Internal Medicine Residency Program
Nephrology Fellowship Program
Ophthalmology Residency Program
Otolaryngology Residency Program
Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program
Rheumatology Fellowship Program

NEUROLOGY
Neurology Residency Program
Child Neurology Residency Program
Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship Program
Vascular Neurology Fellowship Program

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY
Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program
Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility
Gynecologic Oncology

PATHOLOGY
Forensic Pathology
Pathology Residency Program
Pathology Blood Banking/Transfusion Fellowship

PEDIATRICS
Pediatric Allergy / Immunology Fellowship Program
Pediatrics Residency Training Program
Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship Program
Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Fellowship Program
Neonatology/Perinatology Fellowship Program

PSYCHIATRY
Psychiatry Residency Program
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Residency Program
Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program

RADIOLOGY
Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program
Vascular Interventional Radiology Fellowship Program
Neuroradiology Fellowship Program
Interventional Radiology Integrated

ONCOLOGY
Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program
Radiation Oncology

SURGERY
General Surgery Residency Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Program
Neurosurgery Residency Program
Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Program
Urology Residency Program

MCG and the AU Health System have 527 residents and fellows training in 51 ACGME approved residency training programs.

25% of MCG seniors will stay in Georgia for their first post-graduate year, 14% at an AU Health/MCG or MCG affiliated residency program, including the Medical Partnership programs in Athens and WellStar/Kennestone in Atlanta.
Student Support

Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs

 Augusta

The Office of Student & Multicultural Affairs (OSMA) touches the life of every medical student from recruitment to graduation and beyond. Its mission includes building community by offering a strong infrastructure of innovative student services, programs, and resources. The OSMA seeks to assist each student in achieving his/her highest potential and provides education, counsel, and advice to transform a diverse group of students into culturally competent, empathic, patient-centered, and ethical physicians. The office oversees the progress of students throughout their medical school years, informed by policies of the university, the Liaison Committee for Medical Education and the Association of American Medical Colleges. The office includes the Associate Dean of Student and Multicultural Affairs, an Associate Dean for each class, an Assistant Dean for Student Diversity and Inclusion, administrative personnel, and provides pipeline programs and outreach.

The office is committed to:

■ Fostering a diverse, inclusive, and student-centered community
■ Advocating for student needs, both individually and collectively
■ Respecting the individuality of each student
■ Listening to student concerns and partnering to find solutions
■ Being available, accessible, and responsive
■ Being accurate and current with programming and advising
■ Being transparent and fair about policies and expectations of students
■ Protecting confidentiality.
The OSMA values include:
- Respecting each student’s unique needs
- Promoting an inclusive and diverse environment
- Offering services in a responsive and timely manner with compassion and empathy
- Serving as a student advocate both individually and collectively
- Protecting the confidentiality and rights of every student, and providing clear explanations of policies and expectations.
White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony welcomes entering medical students and helps establish a psychological contract for the practice of medicine. The event, emphasizing compassionate patient care and scientific proficiency, includes:

- Recitation of an Oath of Service and Responsibility representing public acknowledgment of the responsibilities of the profession and students’ willingness to assume such obligations in the presence of family, friends and faculty
- Cloaking of students in their first white coats
- An address by an eminent physician role model
- A reception with students’ invited guests.

At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans and other institutional leadership who represent the value system of the school and the new profession the students are about to enter. The cloaking with the white coat – the mantle of the medical profession– is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. The coat is placed on each student’s shoulders by individuals who believe in the students’ ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence, and compassion.

Hooding

This annual rite formally acknowledges the medical students’ achievement by administering the Hippocratic Oath and presenting the academic hood, which students wear during their Commencement Ceremony.
Match Day

In 2019, 241 MCG seniors obtained residency positions in 25 specialties in 34 states. Of those students, 68 percent matched in primary care and 25 percent will stay in Georgia for their first postgraduate year. Fourteen percent will remain at MCG /Augusta University Health or MCG-affiliated residency programs, including Medical Partnership programs in Athens and Wellstar / Kennestone in Atlanta.

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25 percent of the Class of 2019 stayed in Georgia for their first year of residency.
Research in Augusta and Athens

Research

Discovery is the essence of progress in health-related science and the hope in medicine for uncovering the unknown to identify treatments and cures. The Medical Scholars Program at the Medical College of Georgia offers the opportunity for all medical students in good academic standing to engage in research under the mentorship of faculty who are nationally and internationally distinguished scientists, clinicians and academic scholars. MCG has $96 million in total grants and contracts and nearly $45 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health. Currently, eight Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholars are leading extraordinary research and development programs at the Medical College of Georgia.

One-hundred and forty-nine students, nearly 65% of the Class of 2021, spent their summer working on research projects which were presented earlier this fall at the Medical College of Georgia’s Medical Scholars Research Day and the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus’s Student & Resident Research Symposium. Students conducted research at Augusta University and the University of Georgia, in addition to outside institutions including:

- Emory University, the National Institutes of Health, Duke University, Boston Children’s Hospital and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, New York.

Approximately 75% of MCG students participate in research.
Student Opportunities

Community & Service

Student-run clinics in Augusta and Athens continue to expand and provide opportunities for clinical skill development, and service to the community. Students also participate in Teddy Bear Clinics in local elementary schools, community health fairs, and leadership opportunities through the Student Ambassador Program and the Student Government. In addition, a variety of unique interest groups exist from Emergency/Wilderness Medicine to Surgery, Family Medicine/Pediatrics, and Medical Humanities.

Student-Run Clinics include:
- 8th Street Clinic
- Asian Clinic
- Clinica Latina
- Equality Clinic
- Faith Care Clinic
- Pediatric Clinic
- Women’s Clinic
- Mercy Clinic
- ALAS Free Mental Health Clinic

Academic Houses

Academic Houses provide additional mentorship and support for students at the Augusta campus. Small groups of students in each class are placed into an Academic House with faculty advisors. Programming is designed based on the interests of the group. In addition to academic activities, Academic Houses may perform community service together like volunteering at the Master’s Table Soup Kitchen, a service of the Golden Harvest Food Bank providing a hot lunch to the local community in need. Similar opportunities are available at the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus.

Global Health Opportunities

The Medical College of Georgia has a variety of global health opportunities available throughout your medical career. Under the direction of Global Health Director Dr. Daniel Kaminstein students can engage in educational opportunities both on and off campus. These include a student-led Global Health Interest Group, the global health Area of Concentration, global health electives, and study abroad opportunities during the first year and fourth year. Students can participate in individually directed global health opportunities or join in faculty-led trips. You may visit augusta.edu/studyabroad/ist_globalhealth for more information.
The City of Augusta

Augusta’s location along the Savannah River and balmy climate offer amazing opportunities for outdoor activities including sailing, fishing, tennis, and hiking. The Augusta Canal and North Augusta Greenway feature walking and biking trails that offer miles of scenic exercise, recreation, and relaxation. The nearby Lake Thurmond Reservoir is a popular site for waterskiing, swimming, boating, and camping. And did we mention golf? Augusta is world-renowned as the home of the Masters Tournament.

A wide array of cultural and recreational events includes First Fridays in downtown Augusta, the Westabou Festival, and Arts in the Heart of Augusta. A major mall, several large shopping centers, and hundreds of restaurants offer many options for shopping and dining. Augusta is located within an easy three-hour drive of Atlanta, Charlotte, NC, the mountains, and the Atlantic Ocean, allowing for great weekend getaways.

Campus Amenities

In addition to activities and events in the greater Augusta area, MCG students have access to a wide range of on-campus amenities. The Student Center houses the Wellness Center – an indoor fitness center with personal training, intramural sports and group exercise classes - as well as the bookstore, Student Government Association Office and The Atrium Food Court. MCG students also have access to the many recreational facilities on AU’s nearby Summerville Campus.

A wide array of student organizations provide students on the Augusta campus with the opportunity to find their niche and become an integral part of the MCG and AU families and the Augusta community. Student-run clinics provide an opportunity for students to develop clinical skills while providing medical care to the underserved. Mentoring opportunities exist through organizations such as the Junior Medical League and Boys and Girls Club. The Health Equity & Access Leaders program provides first and second-year students with an opportunity to learn about health disparities and enhance their cultural competency skills through involvement with the community. Other opportunities include international medical mission trips, involvement in student government, interest groups, committees, and national medical student organizations.

All students have access to the Jaguar Express Transit System including passage on the City of Augusta transit busses. PassioGo, the AU transit app, allows students to view routes and track the Jaguar Express Transit busses.
On-Campus Housing

The Office of Residence Life strives to create a positive residential community that supports the academic mission of the university. Residence Life provides programs, services and a diverse community environment that contributes to individual learning outside the classroom, fosters growth and development and encourages respect and responsible behavior. Residence Life manages on-campus housing for approximately 750 students.

For the student who lives on campus, there are a variety of living options for both single occupancy rooms and community apartment living. Students accepted for admission receive access to an online housing application.

Campus Dining

The AU Dining program features more than 20 locations featuring a wide variety of options for eating on campus. Students may want to consider purchasing a meal plan which is accepted at most locations.

Summerville Campus: The Summerville Food Court located in the Jaguar Student Activities Center features Starbucks, Freshens Smoothies, Hissho Sushi, WOW Café Grill and Wingery, Slice of Life Pizza, and Simply to Go. The Allgood Café is located in Allgood Hall and features Simply to Go.

Health Sciences Campus: The Atrium Food Court located in the Student Center features Starbucks and a full service dining hall. Subway is located in the Faculty Office Building on Harper Street. Starbucks and Simply To Go are located in the Education Commons building. Students may also dine in Terrace Dining on the 2nd floor of the Augusta University Medical Center, The Café at the Cancer Center, or McDonalds in the Children’s Hospital of Georgia.

Meal plans may be purchased at the JagCard Office in the Health Sciences or Summerville Campus Student Center or online augusta.edu/jagcard

Student Life-Augusta Campus
Student Life-Athens Campus

The City of Athens

Home of the famed University of Georgia Bulldogs, Athens is a vibrant college town located in northeast Georgia. The AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus is housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus on the medical corridor of Prince Avenue near downtown Athens in the Normaltown district. The 56-acre campus also houses the UGA College of Public Health.

Saturdays “between the hedges” have been a Georgia Bulldogs tradition since 1929 and are a southern collegiate tailgating and football experience not to be missed. All AU/UGA Medical Partnership students are eligible to apply for Georgia Bulldog football tickets. Though football is the most popular sporting event on campus, there are plenty of other exciting NCAA athletic events to choose from including gymnastics, swimming, tennis, and basketball.

Athens has a thriving music community and a notable music history as the starting point for such groups as the REM, the B-52s, and Widespread Panic. Downtown is alive with a variety of venues that offer entertainment suited to every musical preference. It is known internationally as the home of the Twilight Criterium bike race and is a summer destination for music lovers attending AthFest Music Festival. It is also well known for its variety of good food from creative, unique, and award-winning restaurants. Athens is home to the Georgia Museum of Art, the state’s official art museum, the State Botanical Gardens of Georgia, the Classic Center, the North Oconee River Greenway, and many other attractions. Atlanta, Augusta, and the North Georgia mountains can all be reached within an easy drive of two hours or less.

Campus Amenities

Students on the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus have access to the student resources at the University of Georgia, including libraries, recreational sports facilities, cafeterias, the UGA Health Center and wellness programs. Toward enhancing student wellness an arrangement was made with UGA Counseling and Psychiatric Services to afford medical...
students priority in scheduling, elimination of short term treatment limitations and elimination of out of pocket co-pay costs.

Medical Partnership students also have access to major campus recreational facilities offering strength training equipment, exercise classes, and more. These include Pound Hall, satellite locations of the UGA Ramsey Center located on UGA’s Health Sciences Campus and the Ramsey Center on the main UGA campus. UGA boasts a wide variety of intramural sports that provide additional ways to stay active. AU/UGA Medical Partnership students have participated in soccer, basketball, flag football, and softball intramurals.

**On-Campus Housing**

Housing for medical partnership students is available on the UGA Health Sciences Campus. Each unit is a newly renovated, two-bedroom townhome that comes fully furnished, including a washer and dryer. It is a short, three-minute walk to classes at Russell Hall. Incoming students that are interested in living on campus should submit an application as soon as possible.

**Campus Dining**

UGA’s dining plan has won numerous national awards. Five dining halls, four food courts, and numerous eateries spread across campus, including the all you can eat buffet at the Niche on the Health Sciences Campus. There are a wide variety of dining options, each with a distinct flavor.
Applying to MCG

The Medical College of Georgia’s (MCG) 2019 incoming class of 230 students was selected from 1,253 in-state and 1,847 out-of-state applications. Admission is competitive and, in concert with academics, the Admissions Committee uses a holistic review process to select the applicants whom they feel are best qualified to study medicine. Legacy does not affect interview or admission decisions.

There is no separate admissions process for the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus. All applicants applying through the Early Decision or Regular Decision program will complete one application through the American Medical College Applications Service (AMCAS).

Preference is given to applicants with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited* college prior to entering the Medical College of Georgia. The minimum requirement is 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours. A limited number of highly competitive, non-degree applicants may be accepted each year. The non-degree college curriculum must be acceptable as the equivalent of the first three years leading to a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited* college or university. Applicants enrolled in a graduate degree program must complete all requirements of their graduate degree prior to matriculation.

*Accredited by the appropriate regional agency for colleges and schools, i.e., the equivalent of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Georgia Residency

As the state’s only public medical school, preference is given to Georgia residents. Applicants offered admission as a Georgia resident are expected to maintain Georgia residency status in AMCAS records. Applicants who claim Georgia residency must make claim on the AMCAS application no later than November 1. No residency changes are permitted after that date. Georgia residents who change their legal state of residence designation with AMCAS after being accepted will have their acceptance administratively withdrawn and their applications reviewed for admission as a non-resident of Georgia. Applicants may only be classified as residents of only one state.

Campus Assignment

Out of the 240 seats in the entering class, 190 students will be assigned to the MCG campus in Augusta and 50 students will be assigned to the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus in Athens. Campus assignment is based upon an interviewed applicant’s designated campus preference. Accepted applicants will be notified of their campus assignment prior to matriculation. While student preference will be considered, there is no guarantee any applicant will be assigned to his/her preferred campus. Campus preference does not affect admission decisions.
The Regular Decision Program (RDP) at the Medical College of Georgia is open to both Georgia and non-Georgia residents. RDP applicants must submit their AMCAS applications between June 2 and November 1. Applicants must list the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University on the AMCAS application by the November 1 deadline and official transcripts, from all U.S. and Canadian postsecondary institutions attended, must be received through AMCAS by November 15. Transcripts must be submitted to AMCAS directly from the college’s/university’s Registrar’s office. All MCG-specific supplemental documents, such as the secondary application, proof of lawful presence in the U.S., Georgia residency documentation, required course information and other specifically requested documents, must be submitted two weeks after the secondary application is received. All required documents must be submitted by the final file deadline of December 1.

Exam Deadlines
Applicants applying for Regular Decision must have valid MCAT and CASPer exam scores.
- The last MCAT exam date for Regular Decision applicants is: September 14, 2019.
- The last CASPer exam date for Regular Decision applicants is: September 26, 2019.

Early Decision Program

The Early Decision Program (EDP) at the Medical College of Georgia is only for Georgia residents. EDP applicants may not apply to any other institution until an admission action is made by MCG. Applicants applying through Early Decision will be notified of an admission action no later than October 1. While not guaranteed, every effort is made to notify applicants of an Early Decision admission action in early September so that applicants may apply to other institutions if not accepted by MCG. Early Decision applicants must submit their AMCAS applications between June 2 and August 1. All application materials, including official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian postsecondary institutions attended must be received through AMCAS by August 1 to be considered for Early Decision. Transcripts must be submitted to AMCAS directly from the college’s/university’s Registrar’s office.

Exam Deadlines
Applicants applying for Early Decision must have valid MCAT and CASPer exam scores.
- The last MCAT exam date for Early Decision applicants is: June 29, 2019.
- The last CASPer exam date for Early Decision applicants is: June 25, 2019.

Candidates Notified on Rolling Basis
Application Requirements

Primary & Secondary Applications

The Medical College of Georgia (MCG) participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), a centralized application service administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). Applications are processed in the AMCAS office then forwarded to the medical school(s) of the applicant’s choice. AMCAS applications for admission to the entering class of 2020 are available on the AAMC’s website (www.aamc.org), which provides application instructions and additional information regarding the application process.

Upon receipt of the student’s application from AMCAS, MCG will forward a secondary application to the applicants approved for further consideration. There is no fee associated with MCG’s secondary application. Students applying through MCG’s Early Decision Program must return their secondary application within one week of receipt. Students applying through the Regular Decision Program must submit their secondary application within two weeks of receipt.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to submit all letters of recommendation (LORs) through AMCAS. AMCAS receives letters from users of VirtualEvals, Interfolio, and the U.S. Postal Service. Letter writers can opt to upload letters directly to AMCAS through the AMCAS Letter Writer Application. Instructions can be found at: services.aamc.org/letterwriter. Please see the following AMCAS URL for details on the Letters of Recommendation (LORs) and the letter request forms: aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/amcasresources/63226/faq_amcasletters

Applicants must submit a minimum of 3 letters (maximum of 5) to be considered for an interview (a Pre-Health Advisor letter, if applicable, and two personal letters). All letters of recommendation must be current and signed no later than June 2018. The three mandatory letters of recommendation should include a letter authored by a Pre-Health committee or a Pre-Health advisor, if available. Applicants who do not have a Pre-Health committee or Pre-Health advisor should submit letters from someone knowledgeable about the applicant’s academic capabilities. If the applicant has been out of school for several years, he/she may choose to submit a reference letter from an employer. It is also strongly recommended and preferred that at least one of the personal recommendations come from a physician the applicant has observed and/or worked with in a clinic environment. Letters from relatives are not permitted.

Transcripts & Supplemental Records

Official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian post-secondary institutions attended must be received through AMCAS by August 1 for Early Decision applicants and November 15 for Regular Decision applicants. Transcripts must arrive to AMCAS directly from the college’s/university’s Registrar’s office. All student supplemental records (items required in addition to the primary AMCAS application) must be submitted within one week of receipt for the Early Decision program and two weeks of receipt for the Regular Decision Program. All required documentation must be submitted to the MCG Office of Admissions by August 15 for Early Decision applicants and December 1 for Regular Decision applicants.

CASPer Exam

Applicants applying for admission to MCG will also be required to complete an online, ninety-minute personal characteristic assessment (CASPer™). There is a $10 fee associated with this exam that is to be paid directly to CASPer. Students receiving fee assistance through the AAMC may qualify for a fee waiver. To learn more, view exam dates, or to register for the exam, you may visit: takecasper.com. Results from this exam will be used in consideration for admission. An invitation to interview will not be extended without a valid CASPer score. CASPer test results are only valid for one admissions cycle. The last CASPer exam date for Early Decision applicants is June 25, 2019 and the last test date for Regular Decision applicants is September 26, 2019. Results generally take three weeks to reach the MCG Office of Admissions.

MCAT Exam

Applicants must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preferably in the spring before applying to the Medical College of Georgia. All applicants must have taken the MCAT no earlier than January 2017. The last MCAT test date for Early Decision Program applicants in the 2019-2020 application cycle is June 29, 2019. The last test date for Regular Decision Program applicants in the 2019-2020 application cycle is September 14, 2019. Psychology and/or Social Science courses are recommended for students preparing to take the MCAT. MCAT registration packets can be requested by visiting: aamc.org

Interviews

Applicants invited to interview at the Medical College of Georgia can expect to participate in a multiple mini-interview process (MMI). Developed by McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, the MMI is a series of six to ten interviews, eight minutes in length, designed to measure an applicant’s verbal and non-verbal skills, maturity, critical thinking capabilities and readiness to enter medicine. For additional information on what it is like to participate in MMIs, please visit: students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/what-its-participate-multiple-mini-interviews-mmis. Interviews are by invitation only. Given the highly competitive nature of the applicant pool, applicants with GPAs less than 3.0 or an MCAT score of less than 496, are not considered competitive for interview.
The Admissions Committee strives to identify and accept applicants who will help meet the health care needs of a widely dispersed and highly diverse Georgia population. Applicants should have academic ability, personal attributes and interests consistent with the Medical College of Georgia’s mission of improving health and reducing the burden of illness on society. Information used to assess academic accomplishments, personal attributes and interests includes but is not limited to the applicant’s:

- responsibilities prior to application to medical school (e.g., work, providing financial support for family)
- extracurricular and community activities, volunteering in clinical setting, and experiences shadowing physicians and gaining clinical exposure

Technical Standards

Certain technical standards for physicians and medical students which must be met by all applicants and students consist of the minimum physical, cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, and communication requirements to provide reasonable assurance of completion of the entire course of study and degree requirements. Because the M.D. degree signifies that the holder is a physician prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Applicants are selected for admission based not only on their scholastic ability, but also on their intellectual, physical and emotional capacities to meet the requirements of the curriculum and a successful career in medicine.

Candidates for the M.D. degree must possess aptitude, abilities, and skills in observation; communication; motor function and coordination; intellectual abilities involving conceptualization, integration and quantitation; and behavioral and social skills, abilities and aptitude. Students must personally demonstrate these technical standards in order to fulfill the essential course requirements of a general medical education as well as eventual practice. These technical standards are pre-requisites for entrance, continuation, promotion, retention and graduation from medical school. Reasonable accommodation is available to assist with a variety of disabilities and may be permitted for disabilities in certain areas. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. Therefore, third parties cannot be used to assist students in accomplishing curricular requirements in these five areas:

- Observation
- Communication
- Motor Function and Coordination
- Intellectual Abilities including Conceptualization, Integration and Quantitation
- Behavioral and Social Attributes.

Graduates of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University must function in a broad variety of clinical situations and render a wide spectrum of patient care. These standards are guidelines and are subject to revision.

- ethnic, socioeconomic and cultural background (e.g., income, education level of family members)
- region of residence with respect to its health professional needs
- commitment to practice in an underserved area of Georgia
- letters of recommendation
- motivation and potential for serving as a physician
- multiple mini-interview results
- performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and CASPer exam, college grades including undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate.

MCG’s Acceptance & Withdrawal Procedures

It is expected that all accepted applicants be aware of, and participate in, the AMCAS “Choose Your Medical School” tool to communicate enrollment intentions. Doing so helps prevent unfilled positions in the entering class. Each institution has its own deadlines and requirements for when applicants must commit to enroll through AMCAS. Failure to adhere to these deadlines may result in an administrative withdrawal of an applicant’s acceptance.

- From February 19 – April 30, accepted applicants may select the “Plan to Enroll” option in AMCAS and should submit the $100 acceptance deposit and signed agreement.
- From April 15 – 30 accepted applicants should narrow their choices to three medical schools. The $100 acceptance deposit is only refundable up to April 30. Withdrawals received after that date are not eligible for a refund.
- From April 30 – June 30 accepted applicants may select the “Commit to Enroll” option in AMCAS. This signals that the applicant is committing to MCG and withdrawing his/her application from other medical schools. If MCG receives notification from AMCAS that an applicant has committed to enroll at another institution, it will administratively withdraw that applicant from the entering class.
- Before June 1, applicants accepted from the MCG alternate list will have five business days to affirm their acceptance to MCG and withdraw acceptances from other medical schools.
- After June 1, all accepted students must affirm their acceptance and withdraw from other medical schools within 48 hours.

All accepted students are required to commit to enroll by the July deadline provided after acceptance. Students participating in the Pre-matriculation program will be given a May commit date. Any accepted student who fails to adhere to the given deadlines may be withdrawn from the entering class.

*Dates subject to change. Please visit the MCG Admissions website for the most up-to-date schedule.
## Prerequisite Courses

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Deferment

Accepted students seeking deferment will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Deferments are not available to applicants accepted from the alternate list.

A deferment requires extenuating, unexpected personal circumstances. To be considered, the student must write a letter to the Associate Dean for Admissions explaining the reasons for deferment. Each case will be presented to and voted on by the Admissions Committee. Only one request for a one-year deferment will be considered. Deferment requests should not be made to delay a decision of which medical school to attend.

The Medical College of Georgia cannot hold scholarship offers made in the initial year of acceptance for the following year. A deferred student is eligible for scholarship offers in the following year with no guarantee. A deferred student’s campus assignment will not be guaranteed for the following year.

International Applicants

In order to be offered acceptance, you must be either a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. with a valid, Permanent Resident Card. International applicants, as well as U.S. citizens, must have completed at least the last two years of their undergraduate or graduate education in a regionally accredited* U.S. or Canadian institution.

All non-U.S. coursework must be evaluated by Josef A. Silny & Associates, a company that offers foreign credential evaluation and translation. You should have a university and post-secondary course-by-course evaluation completed and sent directly from the Silny office to the MCG Office of Admissions for review. For more information, including cost and evaluation timeline, please visit jsilny.org.

*Credentialed by the appropriate regional agency for colleges and schools, i.e., the equivalent of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Check out the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for more information.

Criminal Background Check

The Association of American Medical Colleges recommends that all US medical schools obtain a national background check on applicants upon their initial conditional acceptance to medical school to bolster the public’s continuing trust in the medical profession, enhance the safety and well-being of patients, ascertain the ability of accepted applicants and enrolled medical students to eventually become licensed as physicians, and to minimize the liability of medical schools and their affiliated clinical facilities. Students attending the AU/UGA Medical Partnership campus may be asked to complete an additional background check.

Transfer with Advanced Standing

The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University will consider requests for Transfer with Advanced Standing from students enrolled and in good standing at an LCME-accredited medical school on a case-by-case basis in situations of personal hardship or other compelling circumstances. Acceptance decisions will be made at the discretion of the MCG Admissions Committee with input as appropriate from the Curriculum Office, the Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs, and the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Transfer will only be considered into the beginning of the third year curriculum and requests must be received by April 15. If granted a transfer to MCG, you must withdraw all other applications for transfer to any other institutions.

Student Health Insurance

AU students must carry comprehensive health protection meeting the minimum benefit standards listed below. Health insurance is required for MCG students. Students may obtain coverage through the Board of Regents student group plan or maintain equivalent health care insurance through an alternative plan. Annual certification of health insurance coverage is required. The minimum benefit standards include:

- deductible $3250.00 or less
- major medical coverage (at least $500,000.00)
- hospitalization and surgery
- outpatient ambulatory benefits
- prescription drug coverage
- mental health benefits & substance abuse coverage
- all plans must be ACA compliant - No monthly, bridge, gap or “Share” type plans will be accepted

If you choose to opt out of coverage through the Board of Regents student group plan, you must complete an Insurance Premium Waiver.
The minimum immunization requirements for all University System of Georgia colleges and universities are established by the Georgia Board of Regents. Specific institutions, with the concurrence of their Presidents and the Chancellor, may require some immunizations not required for all new students by this policy. Institutions are also authorized to impose additional immunization requirements for students when, in the opinion of the President of the institution and with concurrence of the Chancellor and appropriate public health authorities, there is a substantial risk of exposure to other communicable diseases preventable by vaccination (BOR Minutes, 1990-91, p.114).

All entering Augusta University students are required to provide AU with documentation of the minimum immunization requirements set forth by the Board of Regents. Those students enrolled in a college on the Health Sciences Campus are required to provide additional documentation/proof of immunity to AU per the requirements of the college of enrollment.

All students living in any AU Residence Hall (University Village or health sciences housing units) must provide proof of immunization for the meningococcal virus that causes meningitis.

Exceptions

In cases in which compliance with this policy prior to the start of classes is not feasible for the enrolled student, Student Health may grant an extension for the student to comply.

The following list includes the only exceptions to compliance with this policy. Any exceptions must be granted jointly by the student’s college of enrollment and the Registrar’s Office.

1. If the student has a medical condition that prohibits compliance with this policy.
2. If the student is in the process of completing a specific vaccination series, the student is expected to follow the required time frames of completion associated with each requirement within the series.
3. A religious waiver can be granted with a statement of affirmation that the immunizations required by the BOR/AU are in conflict with students’ religious beliefs. Students on the Health Sciences Campus will not be granted a religious waiver if the curriculum involves physical presence at a clinical site.
4. A student who is enrolled in a distance learning program based on the requirements of the college of enrollment.

Student Health will notify each student’s school of enrollment and the office of the Vice President for Instruction & Enrollment Management of any student that is not compliant during or after the end of the approved extension.

HIV, HBV, HCV Policy

This policy only applies to Augusta University Health Sciences Students during their enrollment in Health Science Programs (e.g. Allied Health, Dentistry, Biomedical Graduate Studies, Medicine or Nursing). It provides a method to manage students who are, or become infected with a blood-borne pathogen including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), hepatitis B (HBV), and hepatitis C (HCV). It describes evidence-based procedures for managing infected students in a way that protects their privacy while providing reasonable precautions to create a safe environment in the academic health care setting.

Any Medical College of Georgia student who knows or has reason to believe that he/she has a blood-pathogen is required to report this information immediately to the Office of Student Health. Failure on the part of a student to report a known blood-borne pathogen may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
Financial Information

Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students in financing their education primarily through student loans. AU scholarships for medical students are awarded by the MCG Scholarship Committee, who meets at various times throughout the year. Applications are not required as students are selected based on defined criteria, and all who meet the criteria are considered.

Students should apply for financial aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid application at fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible after October 1 of each year. Applications will be processed when the student’s file is complete.

Acceptance Deposits

A $100 deposit from accepted applicants will be credited toward first-semester matriculation fees. The deadline for return of deposit is April 30. Accepted applicants who inform MCG they will not enroll after the April 30 deadline forfeit their acceptance deposit.

Refund Policy

Augusta University follows the Refund and Withdrawals Policies as set forth by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. Students who formally withdraw from the University may be eligible for a refund. Eligibility for refunds depends on the method of payment used for tuition and fees. Refunds are not provided for individual course withdrawals. The following are not entitled to any refund of fees paid: students suspended for disciplinary reasons, students who leave the University when disciplinary action is pending, or students who do not formally withdraw from the University. No refund for reductions in credit hours after the drop/add period has passed unless the reduction is the fault of the University. Refunds associated with Parking, Housing, Meal Plans, Bookstore purchases, and insurance (all types) must be determined by those originating offices and are not a function of refunds for withdrawals. Fines are non-refundable.

The policy for determining refunds to be made on institutional charges and other mandatory fees at USG institutions follows: For the purposes of this section, “institutional charges” are as defined in the Statutory and Regulatory Citations Section 484B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA and 34.668.22).

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