

Baylor  
College of  
Medicine

# THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE

SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE





## BAYLOR BY THE NUMBERS

**No. 1** LEAST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE U.S.

**21<sup>ST</sup>** IN NATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**1<sup>ST</sup>** IN TEXAS FOR FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**8** AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

### ***U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKING***

#### **TEXAS**

**1<sup>ST</sup>** IN TEXAS FOR PRIMARY CARE AND RESEARCH

#### **NATIONALLY**

**4<sup>TH</sup>** FOR PRIMARY CARE

**22<sup>ND</sup>** FOR RESEARCH

**6<sup>TH</sup>** FOR PEDIATRICS

**13<sup>TH</sup>** FOR OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

**13<sup>TH</sup>** FOR SURGERY

**15<sup>TH</sup>** FOR FAMILY MEDICINE

**24<sup>TH</sup>** FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE

## OUR MISSION

Baylor College of Medicine is a health sciences university that creates knowledge and applies science and discoveries to further education, healthcare and community service locally and globally.

## OUR VISION

Improving health through science, scholarship and innovation.

## OUR VALUES

### Respect

- Value others and treat them with courtesy, politeness and kindness
- Promote and support diversity, inclusion and equity
- Encourage civil dialogue that considers diverse opinions and ideas

### Integrity

- Interact with honesty, consistency and transparency
- Operate in ways that demonstrate ethical behaviors
- Foster personal accountability to build trust

### Innovation

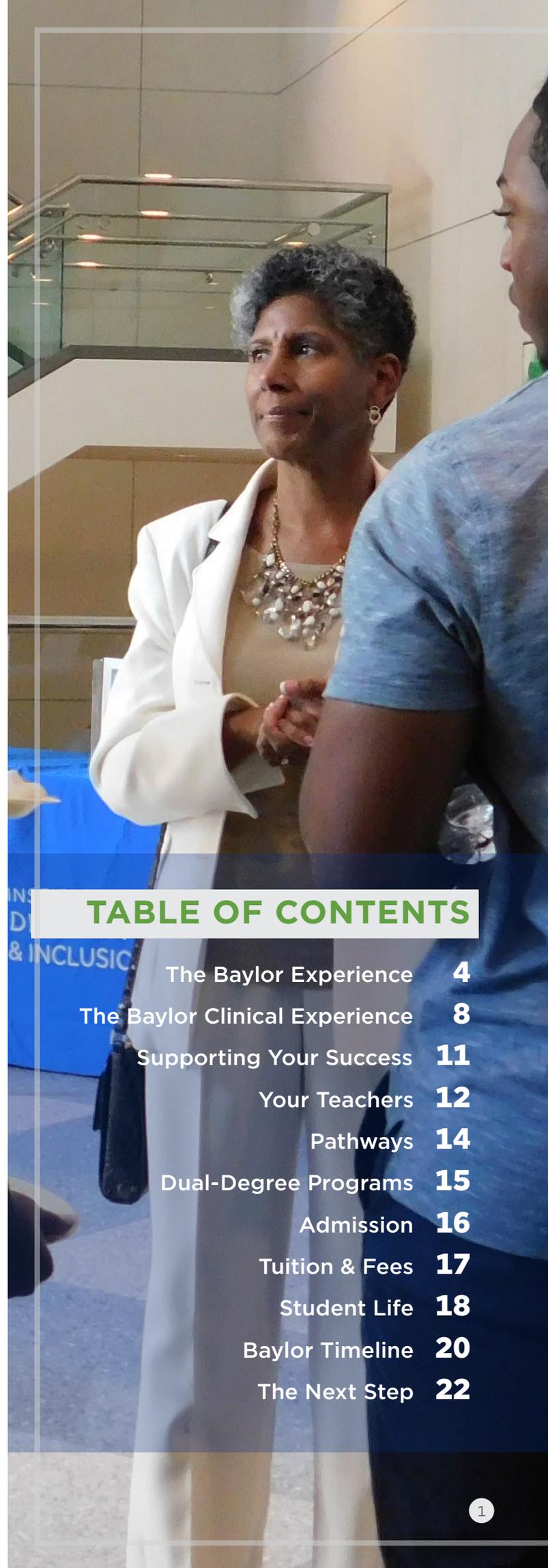
- Cultivate creative ideas and unique talents across the organization
- Embrace a culture of continuous improvement
- Inspire the creation and application of new knowledge

### Teamwork

- Sustain a culture that values collaboration
- Communicate openly to enhance understanding
- Establish effective partnerships

### Excellence

- Promote the highest standards of safety, quality and service
- Strive to excel in every aspect of our mission
- Support an environment that inspires the best from our people



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# TOGETHER WE WILL TRANSFORM YOUR DREAMS INTO YOUR FUTURE.

**The mission of the School of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine is to develop diverse, compassionate physician leaders and educators who provide expert patient-centered care to diverse populations, supported by evidence-based practice and scientific innovation.**

Baylor College of Medicine is a top-ranked institution with access to the resources of the world's largest health science center, in an exciting and affordable city, with diverse faculty and students who are supportive and service-oriented—and all at a cost that will leave you in less debt than other schools.

We provide the curriculum, services, resources and support to help you succeed. This is apparent in our students' record of surpassing national averages in testing, placement of our graduates in outstanding residency programs and the success of our alumni in providing patient-centered care and serving as local, national and international leaders. You provide the passion, effort and commitment. Together, we will transform your dreams into your future.

You are beginning your journey to becoming a physician at a time when the importance of this role is clearer than it has been at any point in recent memory. Your medical school interview process will be unique. Rather than in-person visits to campus we will be leveraging technology to give you a glimpse of the warm and supportive culture of our school. For those of you not familiar with Houston, you may have to wait to tour the city we love and partake in the exceptional culinary offerings for which the city is rightfully famous.

We recognize the challenges you are facing and pledge to do all we can to help you gather the information you require to determine if Baylor is right for you. When the pandemic started, our faculty, staff and students rapidly created and implemented new approaches so we could continue teaching, learning and serving. Our faculty evaluated our curriculum and found ways to help our students learn and master essential skills when in-person classes and clinical rotations needed to pause. Our staff developed new, virtual tactics to support our faculty and students, providing the resources and services they need to succeed. Our students not only continued to progress in their education and support each other, they also identified new needs in our community and found ways to satisfy them by collecting and distributing PPE, providing babysitting for the children of essential workers and more.



Just as we are continuing to provide the highest quality education and support to our current students in these challenging times, we are committed to helping as you decide where you will earn your medical education.

As you read this booklet and explore our website, you will see a mix of pictures. In some, you will see individuals wearing masks and observing social distancing. These are from our recent events and reflect our current reality. Others are from earlier days and will give you a sense of what our campus and community were like before the pandemic. No one can predict what the situation will be when you are ready to start medical school. However, whatever the future holds, we will continue to adapt to ensure all our students have what they need to achieve their goals.

If after reading this booklet and viewing our website, you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@bcm.edu. On behalf of all the faculty, staff and trainees at Baylor College of Medicine, we extend our best wishes as you navigate the admissions process.

“ I had heard medical school was going to have a cutthroat culture. But, what I heard from Baylor students was the opposite. They all supported each other. Since I have been here, the sense of community I have experienced is beyond my expectations. Whenever a request is made for students to volunteer to help out other students, there are always more than enough people eager to help.

DANIEL COLCHADO  
M.D. STUDENT

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*Paul Klotman*  
**Paul Klotman, M.D.**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Executive Dean



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**Alicia Monroe, M.D.**  
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**Karen E. Johnson, M.D.**  
Associate Dean of Admissions



*Jesus G. Vallejo*  
**Jesus G. Vallejo, M.D.**  
Associate Dean of Admissions, Diversity,  
Equity and Multicultural Affairs

# THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE

We will help you reach your full potential as a compassionate healthcare provider and lifelong learner with the skills necessary to lead and participate in effective teams and to analyze and apply the latest advances in biomedical research to benefit your patients.

We think medical students benefit from interacting one-on-one with physicians and patients right away, so we teach our students skills they start putting into practice within the first few weeks—such as taking patient histories, performing physicals and collaborating with physician mentors.

The track record of our students' success in the USMLE exams—consistently outperforming national averages—clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of our curriculum and our faculty in conveying the knowledge of the medical sciences required for future physicians.

## MASTERING TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

In today's ever changing healthcare landscape, we recognize that breadth of knowledge in the medical sciences is essential, but not sufficient. Tomorrow's healthcare leaders also need transferable skills, such as communication, leadership and conflict management. Effectiveness in this environment also requires critical thinking skills related to finding, evaluating, integrating and applying knowledge necessary for solving complex problems across a wide range of subject areas.

We challenge our medical students to learn and solve problems using active learning strategies, which require the transfer and application of new knowledge to unique situations in order to help build a deeper understanding, as well as content and skills mastery.

BAYLOR

244

NATIONAL

231

USMLE STEP 1 SCORE

100% of Baylor students pass the first time they take the test, compared to the 97% national rate.

Texas Medical Center (TMC) with the downtown Houston skyline in the background. ▼



## INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Effective teamwork among individuals in different professions in clinical settings leads to better outcomes for patients and increased patient satisfaction. Learning to both lead and participate as part of interprofessional teams is therefore an essential element of medical training. Interprofessional experiences begin in the first year at Baylor and include initiatives with students and faculty from Baylor's School of Health Professions, University of Houston College of Pharmacy and Texas Woman's University School of Nursing.

Medical students take courses along with students in other health professions and throughout the curriculum have opportunities for interactive learning experiences in which they work collaboratively with students from other health and science professions.

“ It was beneficial and enjoyable having anatomy class with the Physician Assistant and nurse anesthesia students. These interactions built a team-oriented mentality that continued to grow during our second-year rotations and throughout the remainder of our training.

PATRICK HUNT  
M.D./PH.D. STUDENT

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## RESEARCH

The best doctors are those who can reason like a scientific investigator: think critically, generate hypotheses, analyze information, problem-solve and make sound decisions based on data. Students who choose to do research have many opportunities at Baylor. Our students often pursue translational laboratory research, clinical research and research in the humanities, including medical education, health policy and ethics.

Baylor faculty have either led or contributed to many of the major advances in biomedical sciences over the past century including, but not limited to, pioneering the fields of cardiovascular surgery, epigenetics and molecular endocrinology. Wherever your interest lies, Baylor has a mentor for you.

▶ DISCOVER RESEARCH THAT MATCHES YOUR INTERESTS AT [www.bcm.edu/research](http://www.bcm.edu/research).

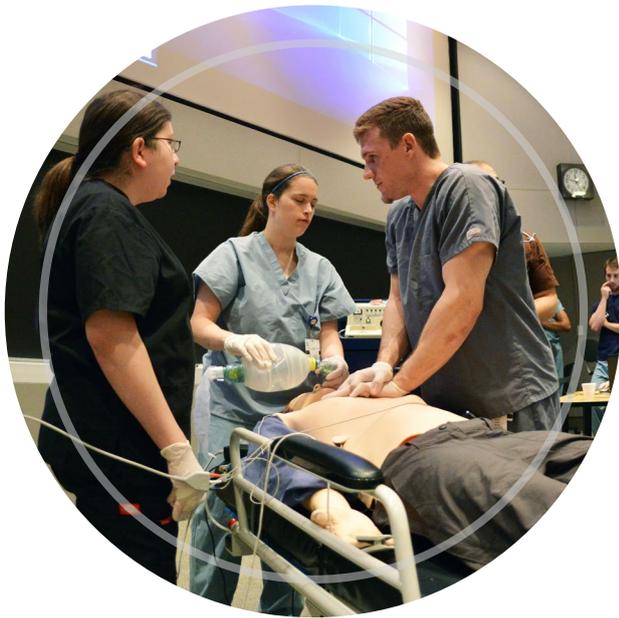


Baylor's Rank in Funding from National Institutes of Health.

# THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

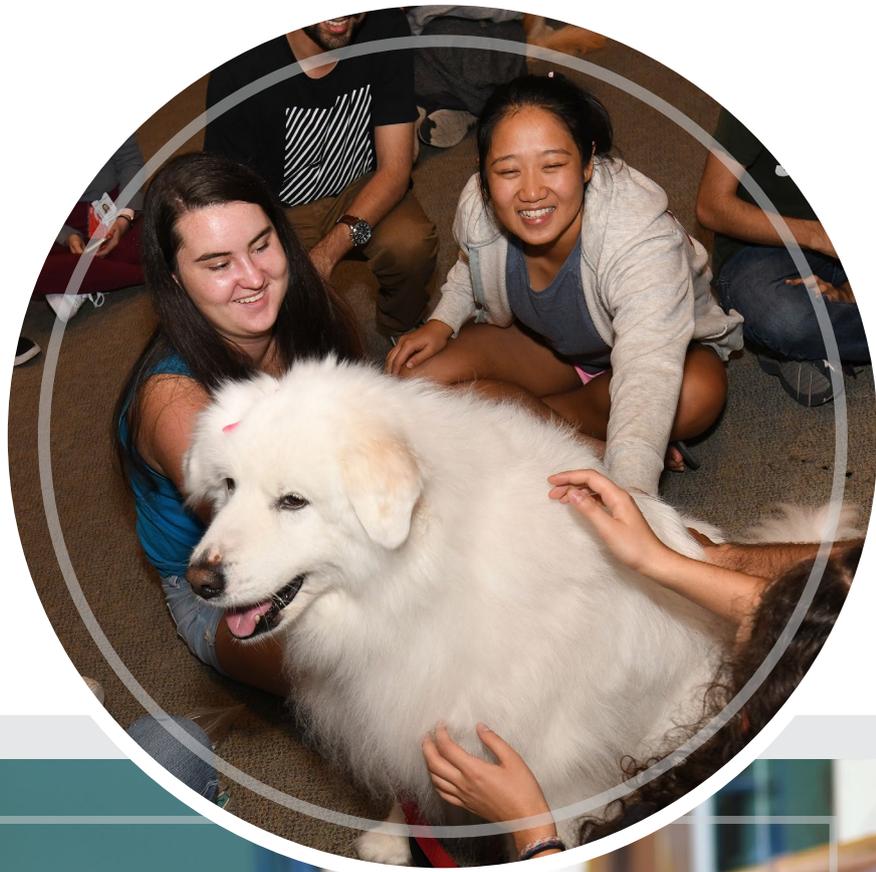
## SIMULATION

Practicing skills in simulated scenarios helps students learn the skills needed for the practice of medicine. Simulation has been woven throughout our curriculum for more than 25 years. Students interact with standardized patients (healthy individuals trained to accurately simulate an actual patient) to hone diagnostic and communication skills. We use high-tech simulation equipment to provide a safe environment in which students can work with faculty to master skills.



## WELLNESS

Taking care of yourself is a prerequisite to success during your education and throughout your career. As a healthcare provider, the self-care knowledge you acquire and the healthy habits you develop will help you better care for and counsel your patients. Therefore, wellness is integrated throughout the curriculum, student support services and extracurricular activities at Baylor.



## SERVICE

At a recent commencement ceremony, Dr. Paul Klotman, president, CEO and executive dean, said, “Being an active part of your community means building relationships, and it is those relationships that ultimately help bridge the gaps in cultural diversity, access to healthcare, limited educational opportunities and other social justice issues that exist today in rural and urban areas nationwide. Baylor College of Medicine graduates are defined as those with great intellect, but also with great compassion and vision for making a difference in the world.”

Students have many opportunities to build relationships through both College-run and student-initiated programs.

▶ EXPLORE [www.bcm.edu/community](http://www.bcm.edu/community) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

## ELECTIVE PROGRAM

Electives give you the opportunity to gain exposure and deepen your understanding of topics that align with your career and academic interests. You will be able to choose from approximately 300 elective courses to tailor your education to your needs. Throughout your time in medical school you will receive guidance on elective choices from the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, your faculty advisor and specialty advisors.



“ To me diversity is less about walking into a room and seeing different colors and more about hearing about what people with different backgrounds bring to the table. The international population at Baylor and in Houston lends itself to having bigger conversations.

MARIA VIGIL  
M.D. STUDENT



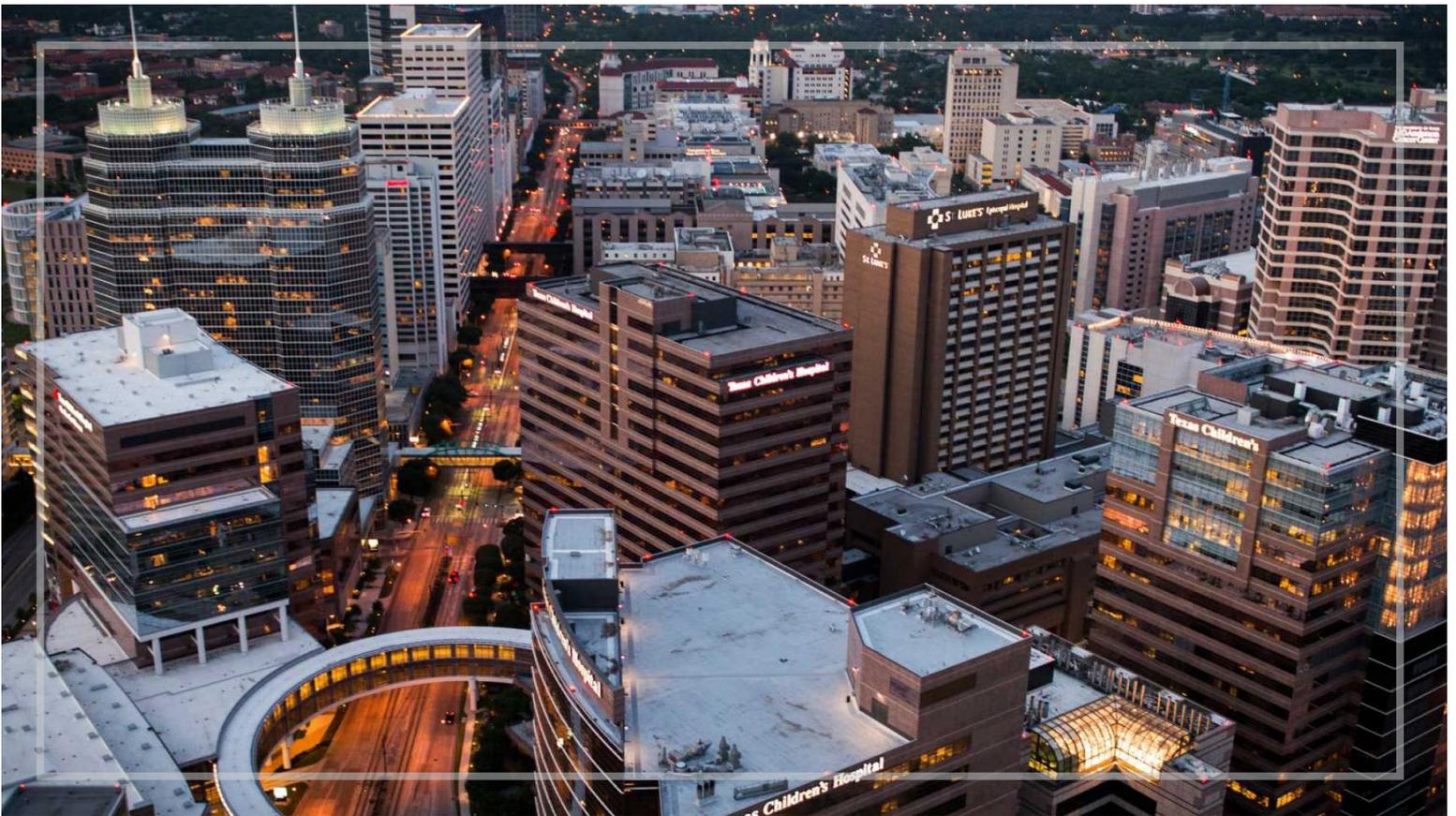
*During the COVID-19 pandemic and the national response to the murder of George Floyd, our students stepped up in countless ways — organizing babysitting services for health providers on the front lines, collecting PPE and food for those in need and joining with peers from throughout the TMC for White Coats for Black Lives events.*

# THE BAYLOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Your clinical experiences are critical to getting the training and, ultimately, the residency and career you want. Your goal is to learn all you can. To achieve that, you need exposure to many patients.

At Baylor, you train in some of the country's best hospitals. The facilities of the Texas Medical Center and our opportunities for international rotations represent a variety of settings and patient populations that will prepare you to succeed in any situation your career presents.

With no dominant ethnicity in Houston, the city's diversity is reflected in the patient populations at our clinical facilities. Rich exposure to patients and families from many cultures and ethnic groups will prepare you to work anywhere in the world. Students have the opportunity to learn firsthand how health beliefs and practices are influenced by culture.



## BAYLOR ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

is jointly owned by Baylor College of Medicine and CommonSpirit Health and is part of the CHI St. Luke's Health System. In addition to the Texas Medical Center facility, an 850-bed hospital that offers a range of specialties, a new facility is now operational on the McNair Campus in the Texas Medical Center. In the 2020 *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Hospitals" survey, Baylor St. Luke's ranked in the top nationally in four adult specialties and received a High Performing rating in six adult specialties and six procedures or conditions.

## HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM

is the public healthcare system providing primary, specialty and hospital care to residents of Harris County, Texas, the third most populous county in the U.S. Ben Taub Hospital, the central clinical care facility of Harris Health, is contiguous with the Baylor campus and serves as a teaching hospital for Baylor students for all specialties and their subspecialties. Ben Taub includes a Level I Trauma Center, an award-winning cardiac program and a Comprehensive Stroke Center. Medical students may also have rotations at Harris Health's Thomas Street Health Center, the nation's first freestanding facility dedicated to outpatient HIV/AIDS care.

## MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (MEDVAMC)

is one of the VA's largest hospitals, serving Harris County and 27 surrounding counties. MEDVAMC serves as the primary healthcare provider for almost 130,000 veterans in southeast Texas. Veterans from around the country are referred to the MEDVAMC for specialized diagnostic care, radiation therapy, surgery and medical treatment, including cardiovascular surgery, gastrointestinal endoscopy, nuclear medicine, ophthalmology and treatment of spinal cord injury and diseases.

## TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

is the primary pediatric training site for Baylor students. The largest pediatric hospital in the nation, Texas Children's is ranked in all 10 subspecialties in *U.S. News & World Report's* list of America's Best Children's Hospitals, where it is also ranked the best in Texas and the fourth best pediatric hospital in the nation. The Texas Children's Pavilion for Women is a state-of-the-art center for obstetrics and gynecology.

## TIRR MEMORIAL HERMANN

is ranked fourth among the nation's rehabilitation facilities, according to *U.S. News & World Report*. TIRR focuses on providing care to individuals who have experienced catastrophic injuries or illnesses. TIRR is home to the Baylor College of Medicine/University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Alliance.

## MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

is one of the world's most respected centers devoted exclusively to cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. MD Anderson has ranked among the nation's top two cancer hospitals in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Hospitals" survey since the survey's inception.

## THE MENNINGER CLINIC

partnered with Baylor and Houston Methodist in 2002. Menninger is considered one of the top centers for psychiatric care in the world and ranks in the top five in *U.S. News & World Report* listing of best psychiatric hospitals.

## THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF SAN ANTONIO (CHofSA)

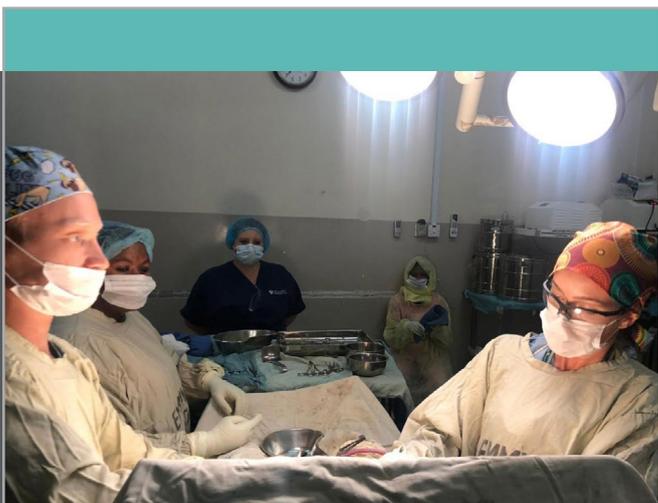
is the first freestanding children's hospital in San Antonio. Baylor College of Medicine finalized an agreement with CHofSA in 2013 to recruit, employ and oversee physicians there. This affiliation provides students with additional opportunities outside of Houston.

“The diversity of patients in the TMC is really important to me. You have people from all walks of life who live in Houston but we also have people who fly in from all over the world for treatment. I value having this exposure from the beginning of my medical training.”

FELIXNADO RUBIO  
M.D. STUDENT

**GLOBAL HEALTH:** Through the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Global Health Learning Opportunities, our students have access to approximately 1,400 rotations in 30 countries. Students also have opportunities for rotations through the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative at Texas Children's Hospital.

*A medical student in the OR in Malawi. Malawi is a Baylor International Pediatrics AIDS Initiative site.*



# THE BAYLOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

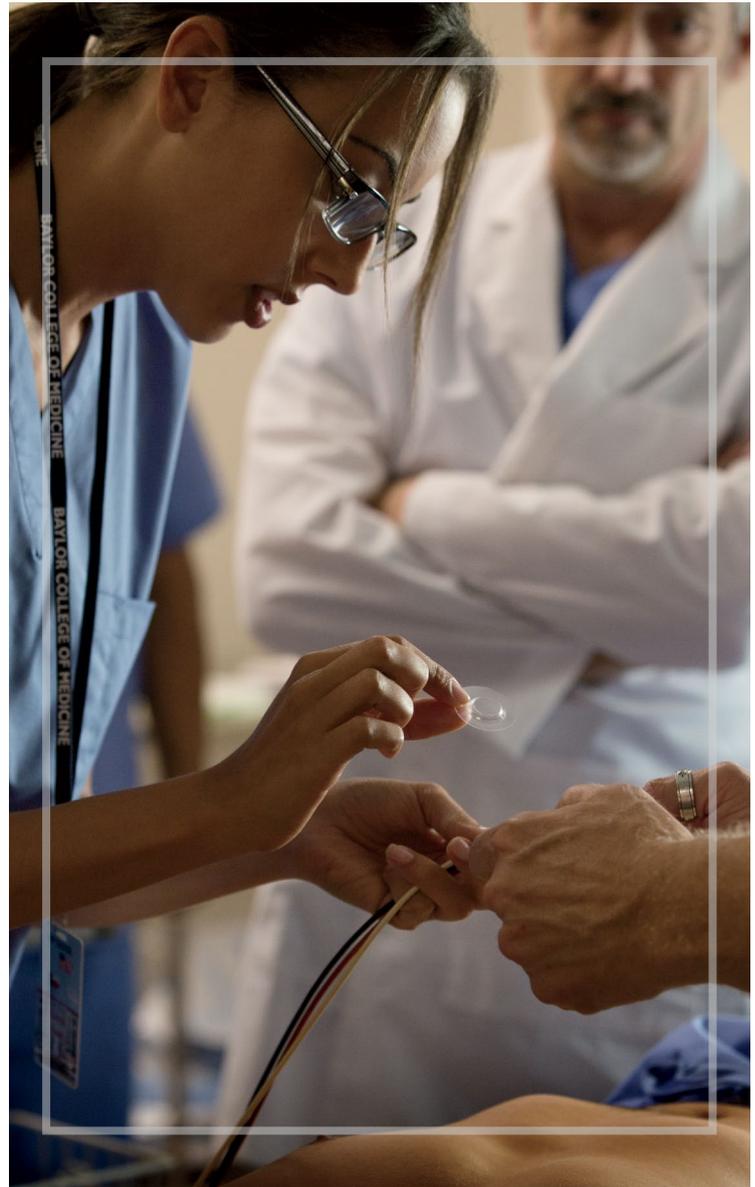
Students also have the opportunity to complete clinical rotations at additional Baylor affiliated training centers both within and outside of the Texas Medical Center.

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I moved to Texas from Mexico in high school and heard about Baylor all through high school and college. Coming here for medical school has been my ultimate dream. I am the first member of my family to go to medical school. The mentoring and guidance I am receiving is helping me be successful.

MARIANA CARRETERO MURILLO  
M.D. STUDENT

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## TMC FACTS

**9,200**

PATIENT BEDS

**8th**

LARGEST BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE U.S.

**10M**

PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR

**180K**

SURGERIES ANNUALLY

**\$3B**

IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

**106K**

EMPLOYEES

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IS THE ACADEMIC CENTER AROUND WHICH THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, THE WORLD'S LARGEST HEALTH CENTER, EVOLVED.

# SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS

## SUPPORT NETWORK

Even before you arrive on campus, you will feel welcome because you will receive letters from current students who form your Peer Resource Network (PRN). Baylor divides the first-year students into small groups that also include upper-level students and faculty advisers. Your PRN provides support, mentoring and a built-in social life.

You will start building your support network in your first few days at Baylor during orientation. The bonds you make in this first encounter will strengthen as you start taking classes together and work in small groups. Students truly become like family here and go out of their way to help and support each other.

## STUDENT SUCCESS SERVICES

Services dedicated to supporting your academic success include review sessions, tutoring, services for students with disabilities, veterans affairs services and counseling.

Students have access to the **Texas Medical Center Library** and **Academic Success Center**, which offer varied educational and information resources, study spaces and small group meeting rooms.

The **Career Development Center** works with students across the College, providing the necessary training, resources and connections to achieve their professional goals and develop meaningful careers.

**Student Wellness Services** ensures students have access to resources that help maintain good physical and mental health. These include discounts to the campus gym and confidential counseling services available both on campus and through WellConnect, which includes a 24/7 crisis counseling hotline.

Participants in the **Student Services Committee** provide feedback to and work closely with College leadership to facilitate development of services to meet student needs. Students serve together with faculty and staff on the **Inclusion and Excellence Council**, which supports Baylor's institutional diversity and inclusion goals. The **Student Senate**, the official representative body of all medical students, as well as a variety of other institutional committees provide additional opportunities for students to engage with leadership and give input on many aspects of student services and student life.



FOR A FULL LISTING OF  
ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT  
SERVICES, VISIT

[www.bcm.edu/student-services](http://www.bcm.edu/student-services)



# YOUR TEACHERS

Your patients will be among your greatest teachers. The reputation of our faculty and our clinical affiliates draws patients from across the country and around the world.

The heterogeneity of medical conditions and cultures you will encounter during your clinical rotations will prepare you for your future, regardless of where it takes you.

After your patients, our faculty members are your next most important teachers. The Baylor faculty is composed of more than 1,600 full-time members and 2,000 part-time or voluntary faculty. As part of one of the nation's leading research institutions, our faculty pursues tomorrow's medicine through a wide range of research endeavors—all of which represent exceptional learning opportunities.

We ensure that every faculty member has the time, resources and support necessary to dedicate to developing extraordinary teaching skills.

Residents and fellows also serve as impactful teachers. They receive dedicated training to develop and enhance their teaching skills through the Office of Graduate Medical Education.

## YOUR MENTORS

The **Learning Community** is a network of clinical faculty advisers for medical students. Your adviser will follow you longitudinally as a first-year medical student through your final year and graduation.

During your first year, your adviser will serve as your Patient, Physician, and Society course facilitator to introduce you to patient history and physical exam skills. Additionally, you will receive individual academic and professional guidance through one-on-one sessions with your adviser twice a year throughout medical school. These meetings will provide an opportunity to shape and review your individualized education plan and discuss personal and professional challenges and goals. As you progress in your education and identify your desired specialty, your adviser will help you identify other Baylor faculty members who can provide focused mentorship to help you progress toward your career goals.

The best surprise for me was how welcoming the student body and faculty are. The PRN system gives us a community of students to connect with right away and contacts with students in other classes who we can feel comfortable going to for guidance. The faculty are very open to student input and respect our opinions.

MARY CAROLINE ROBICHAUX  
M.D. STUDENT





The most important factor that led me to choose Baylor was that I felt the faculty and students were really supportive. I have great faculty mentors, but the class-to-class mentoring with my fellow students has been truly invaluable.

AMANDA BRODERICK  
M.D. STUDENT

## YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS

You will also rely on your fellow students as teachers, mentors and advisers. Therefore, the composition and culture of the student body are critical components of your education. While it is impossible to capture all aspects of the student body, a few of the attributes include diverse, service-oriented and supportive.

We believe that diversity:

- Advances the skills of physicians to provide healthcare to diverse populations
- Improves outreach to the medically underserved
- Broadens the scope of medical research

We are committed to promoting equal opportunity for all who are interested in a medical career, including groups that are under-represented in medicine regionally or nationally due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, unique personal experiences or other factors.

At Baylor, diversity encompasses other factors as well. For example, the ages of our student body span from 20 to 30. And, our students are not all science majors: students in this year’s entering class had 34 different majors. One way that Baylor supports the diversity of our student body is through the large number of student organizations that bring together students with shared interests.

## 2020 ENTERING CLASS

6,251

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

840

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED

186

CLASS SIZE

3.89

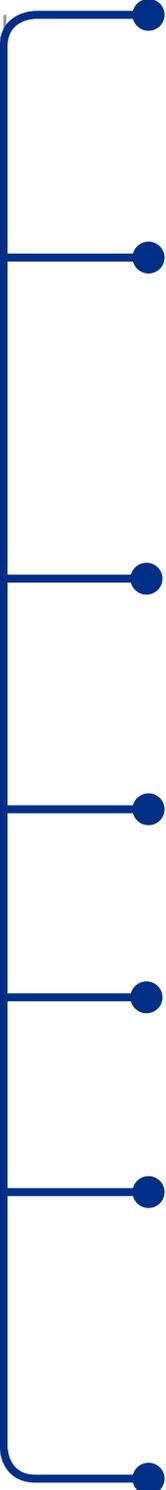
AVERAGE GPA

516.9

AVERAGE MCAT

# PATHWAYS

Baylor College of Medicine has developed specialized pathways to help you explore your interests and customize your education to match your career goals.



## MEDICAL RESEARCH

This is a five-year program encompassing four years of the traditional M.D. training and one year of intensive research training with a Baylor faculty member. A tuition scholarship and stipend are provided to all accepted participants.

## GLOBAL HEALTH

In partnership with the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, this pathway includes a one-month clinical elective abroad. Graduates acquire sufficient class hours and knowledge level to sit for the examination leading to the Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health, sponsored by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

## CARE OF THE UNDERSERVED

Curriculum is organized across all four years to provide students with the specific knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to care for underserved patients.

## HEALTH POLICY

Throughout the four-year curriculum, this pathway provides a foundation in the fundamental principles of business and management.

## MEDICAL ETHICS

Students receive in-depth exposure to bioethics and its clinical applications, culminating in a scholarly project and a Certificate in Biomedical Ethics.

## SPACE MEDICINE

In this unique pathway, students complete four electives, including a research month. Faculty members are drawn from the Baylor College of Medicine Center for Space Medicine, Johnson Space Center and the Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH).

## GENETICS AND GENOMICS

Students have experience in didactic genetics courses, interact with patients and families in educational and service settings, train in both pediatric and adult genetics, and learn about the laboratory aspects of genetics testing, genomics of complex disorders and personalized genetic medicine.

## DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Baylor partners with outstanding institutions to allow our students to earn an additional degree while they are in medical school. Information on dual-degree programs is available at [www.bcm.edu/dual-degrees](http://www.bcm.edu/dual-degrees).

### M.D./PH.D.

Partner Institutions: Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, which is ranked among the top 10 percent of graduate schools in the biomedical sciences by *U.S. News & World Report*, and Rice University.

### M.D./M.B.A.

Partner Institution: Rice University, which is ranked among the top 25 business schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

### M.D./M.P.H.

Partner Institution: The University of Texas School of Public Health, which is ranked among the top 25 schools of public health by *U.S. News & World Report*.

### M.D./J.D.

Partner Institution: University of Houston Law Center, which is ranked among the top 60 law schools by *U.S. News & World Report*.



I am earning an M.B.A. because I do not know for sure how I am going to practice. If I end up owning my own practice, it will be helpful in managing the business side. If I go with the current trend and practice in a larger organization, it will help me have the flexibility to advance into leadership. Additionally, entrepreneurship has always been a passion of mine and I believe an M.B.A. will give me valuable skills.

ZACHARY WILEY  
M.D., M.B.A. STUDENT



*On Medical Student Day at the Capitol medical students met with lawmakers to share the most accurate picture of issues facing physicians and medical students and how this affects the patients of Texas.*

## IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE NUMBERS.

At Baylor, we understand that intelligence and preparation for medical school go beyond GPA and MCAT scores. To us, exceptional students are much more than numbers—they are individuals with many facets that make them special.

Through a holistic review process, every effort is made in each step of the admissions process to assess all characteristics of each applicant, cognitive as well as noncognitive.



FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.bcm.edu/admissions](http://www.bcm.edu/admissions)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR CLASS ENTERING 2021

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ACCEPTABLE DATES OF MCAT          | JANUARY 2017 - DECEMBER 2020   |
| AMCAS APPLICATION DEADLINE        | NOVEMBER 2, 2020               |
| SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DEADLINE | DECEMBER 1, 2020               |
| INTERVIEWS                        | SEPTEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021 |
| NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE        | OCTOBER 2020 - JUNE 2021       |
| DEPOSIT OF \$300 DUE              | APRIL 30, 2021                 |
| MEDICAL SCHOOL STARTS             | JULY 2021                      |

# GRADUATE WITH LESS DEBT

Most people would consider a Baylor medical education quite a deal. You get a first-rate, private school education at a cost that is less than many public schools charge for in-state residents. That's quite a value.

In 1969, Baylor and the State of Texas entered into an agreement that allows Baylor to offer legal residents of Texas the same tuition rate as state-supported medical schools. Interviewed applicants claiming Texas as their legal residence are required to complete a Residence Questionnaire.

To help students with the cost of medical education, Baylor offers financial assistance through federal and institutional loan, scholarship and work-study programs. The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students with the application process and determines their eligibility for these programs.



**FOR FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE, CALL THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AT 713.798.4603.**

## AVERAGE DEBT

**\$188,730\***

PUBLIC MEDICAL SCHOOL

**\$209,367\***

PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL

**\$106,344**

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2019

*\*Source: AAMC Debt, Costs and Loan Repayment Fact Card 2018*

## TUITION & FEES

Texas Resident

Non-Resident

TUITION

**\$19,425**

**\$32,525**

FEES

**\$ 2,824**

**\$ 2,824**

HEALTH INSURANCE

**\$ 5,607**

**\$ 5,607**

TOTAL

**\$27,856**

**\$40,956**



# STUDENT LIFE



YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDYING DURING MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The College sponsors many activities for students that range from formal ceremonies and award programs to social events, community service events and special activities. The College also has an athletic facility and intramural leagues for those interested in sports.



All students are assigned to a squad at the beginning of their first year and they participate in activities, including social and community service opportunities, with their squad throughout their years at Baylor. Squads foster connections between students and contribute to Baylor's mission of service.

Our location provides many opportunities to pursue outside interests. Right next door to the Texas Medical Center are Hermann Park's trails, public golf course, the Houston Zoo and outdoor amphitheater. To the west are Rice University and the Rice Village Shopping Center. Directly north are the Museum District's 18 art organizations, and just five miles further north is downtown.



“ One tip I got on the application trail is that you not only need to enjoy your school but also its surroundings. Sometimes you need to be able to escape medicine and just enjoy life, and there is definitely always something to do in Houston. Almost all sports, art forms and recreational activities can be found in Houston. Living in Houston has been great!

SONIA GOMEZ PARRA  
M.D./PH.D. STUDENT

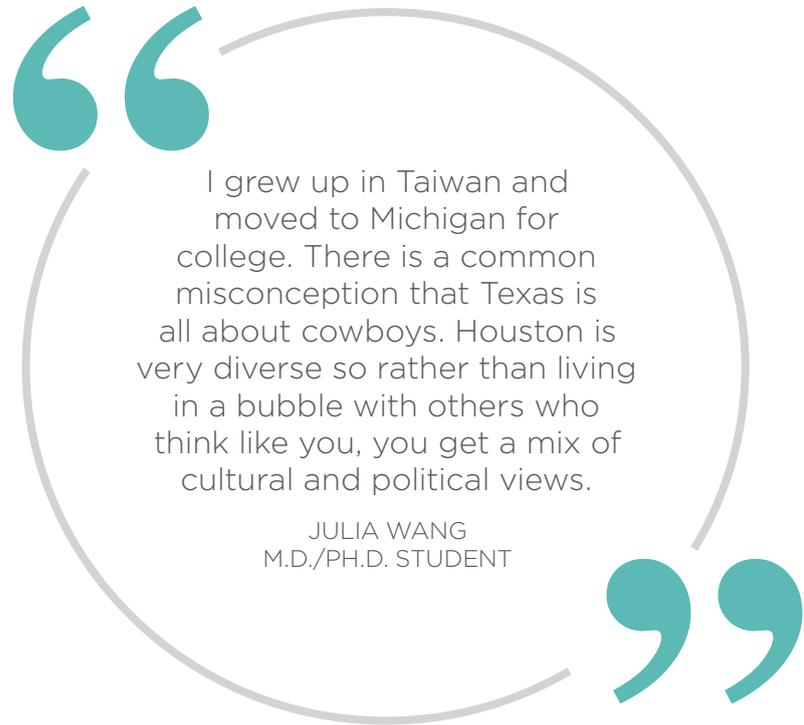


# THE CITY OF HOUSTON

We've discovered that many people who have never been to Houston have some preconceived notions about the city that are, well, just plain wrong.

## HOUSTON FACTS & FIGURES

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|------------|---|
| <b>1st</b> | IN TOTAL ACREAGE OF PARK LAND AMONG NATION'S 10 MOST POPULOUS CITIES    |
| <b>2nd</b> | LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES IN THE U.S.              |
| <b>4th</b> | LARGEST CITY IN U.S.: 2.3 MILLION RESIDENTS                             |
| <b>23%</b> | BELOW THE AVERAGE COST OF LIVING IN THE 20 MOST POPULOUS U.S. CITIES    |
| <b>60</b>  | DEGREE GRANTING COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS            |
| <b>145</b> | LANGUAGES SPOKEN  |
| <b>500</b> | INSTITUTIONS DEVOTED TO PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, HISTORY AND SCIENCE |



HOUSTON IS THE MOST DIVERSE LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE U.S.

## PLENTY OF OPTIONS TO OCCUPY YOUR FREE TIME:

- Professional, collegiate and recreational sports leagues
- Theater, ballet, concerts, opera and museums
- Nightlife options around town
- Shopping galore
- 350 parks; 95 miles of nature, hiking and bike trails and three state parks nearby

- More than 10,000 restaurants representing 70 countries and U.S. regions
- Water recreation within a short drive (Galveston beaches, Clear Lake, Lake Conroe and Lake Livingston)

## BOTTOM LINE:

IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK, PLAY & RAISE A FAMILY.

# BAYLOR TIMELINE

● **1900** University of Dallas medical department opened to improve the practice of medicine in North Texas.

● **1903** The young medical school formed an alliance with Baylor University in Waco and the name changed to Baylor University College of Medicine.

● **1969** By mutual agreement, the College separated from Baylor University to become one of the few independent medical schools in the U.S. and the name was changed to Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, widely regarded as the father of modern cardiovascular surgery, became the first president of the College.

● **1943** The MD Anderson Foundation invited Baylor University College of Medicine to join the newly formed Texas Medical Center. The College opened in Houston July 12, 1943.

● **1947** The College moved into its present site in the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building, the first building completed in the new Texas Medical Center. The building was designated a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark in 2015.

● **1949** The Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was established.

● **1971** The Physician Assistant Program began as a certificate program. It was elevated to Bachelor of Science status in 1975 and then Master of Science in 1989.

● **1972** The Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions, the first high school in the country to specialize in medical professions, opened as a partnership between the Houston Independent School District and Baylor College of Medicine. Today, the Baylor Magnet School Network includes six additional high schools and three middle schools.

**1983** The Harris Health certificate program for nurse anesthetists moved under the auspices of the College and became a Master of Science program. This was elevated to a doctoral level program in 2012.

**2011** The Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine was founded. It is one of the first of its kind in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict “the bottom billion,” the world’s poorest people who live below the World Bank poverty level.

**2013** The Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics program welcomed its first students.

**2014** Baylor College of Medicine and Catholic Health Initiatives entered a joint venture partnership to co-own the Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center, formerly St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital.

**2005** In the wake of the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina, Tulane University School of Medicine temporarily moved to Baylor College of Medicine, allowing all students to complete their academic year on time.

**2006** The first Human Genome Project effort at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center was completed, with chromosomes 3, 12, and 30 Mb of X (~10 percent of the genome).

**2015** The Baylor College of Medicine Dan L Duncan Center earned Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute.

**2018** The Genetics Counseling program welcomed its first students.

## THE NEXT STEP

The next step after medical school is residency in a particular specialty. Graduates are placed into their residency programs through a national matching system that pairs the students' choices of programs with the programs' choices of students.

The Class of 2020 had a Match Day like no other. Instead of the crowds of family and friends on campus anxiously awaiting the big reveal when each student tears open an envelope with their Match results, this year students received email notification of their Match and celebrated while sheltering at home.

Despite the unique circumstances and the prospect of beginning residency in a pandemic, our students rejoiced in the discovery that, like the Baylor students who came before them, they had successfully matched into outstanding programs around the country.



### MATCH DAY 2020

**184** GRADUATES MATCHED IN **29** SPECIALTIES

|           |                                       |           |                                    |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| <b>10</b> | ANESTHESIOLOGY                        | <b>11</b> | OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY              |
| <b>2</b>  | CHILD NEUROLOGY                       | <b>15</b> | OPHTHALMOLOGY                      |
| <b>10</b> | DERMATOLOGY                           | <b>9</b>  | ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY                |
| <b>12</b> | EMERGENCY MEDICINE                    | <b>4</b>  | OTOLARYNGOLOGY                     |
| <b>3</b>  | FAMILY MEDICINE                       | <b>3</b>  | PATHOLOGY                          |
| <b>12</b> | GENERAL SURGERY                       | <b>23</b> | PEDIATRICS                         |
| <b>33</b> | INTERNAL MEDICINE                     | <b>1</b>  | PEDIATRICS-MEDICAL GENETICS        |
| <b>2</b>  | INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY              | <b>2</b>  | PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION |
| <b>1</b>  | MEDICINE-MEDICAL GENETICS             | <b>1</b>  | PLASTIC SURGERY (INTEGRATED)       |
| <b>2</b>  | MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS                   | <b>13</b> | PSYCHIATRY                         |
| <b>2</b>  | MEDICINE-PRIMARY SOCIAL INT. MEDICINE | <b>1</b>  | RADIATION ONCOLOGY                 |
| <b>1</b>  | MEDICINE-PRELIMINARY                  | <b>4</b>  | RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC               |
| <b>1</b>  | NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY                  | <b>1</b>  | RADIOLOGY-DIAGNOSTIC/ESIR          |
| <b>5</b>  | NEUROLOGY                             | <b>1</b>  | SURGERY-PRELIMINARY                |
|           |                                       | <b>4</b>  | UROLOGY                            |

“

I matched into my No. 1 choice  
and I was just over the moon.

AISHWARYA VENKATARAMAN,, ALUMNA  
RESIDENT IN CHILD NEUROLOGY AT BAYLOR

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**MATCHED IN TEXAS,  
INCLUDING**

**33**

**CONTINUING  
THEIR TRAINING  
AT BAYLOR**

**SOME OF THE LOCATIONS AT WHICH OUR  
GRADUATES MATCHED INCLUDED:**

- Cleveland Clinic Foundation-OH
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania-PA
- Johns Hopkins Hospital-MD
- Madigan Army Medical Center-WA
- Massachusetts General Hospital-MA
- Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science-MN
- NYU Grossman School of Medicine-NY

- Rhode Island Hospital/Brown University-RI
- Stanford University Programs-CA
- Tulane University School of Medicine-LA
- UCLA Medical Center-CA
- University of Colorado School of Medicine-CO
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-TX
- Yale-New Haven Hospital-CT

# OUR SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Ranked first in Texas and among the top in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, Baylor College of Medicine's School of Medicine is the least expensive private medical school in the U.S. Exceptionally diverse clinical affiliates and a collaborative, supportive culture set Baylor apart as a leader among the world's best medical schools.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

One of the top 25 graduate schools of biomedical sciences in the nation, the graduate school gives medical students interested in research a wide array of choices for short-term projects or in-depth dual-degree programs. Baylor ranks first in the nation and first in Texas in funding to medical schools from the National Institutes of Health.



### LEARN MORE

#### BAYLOR SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

[www.bcm.edu/medschool](http://www.bcm.edu/medschool)

#### TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

[www.texasmedicalcenter.org](http://www.texasmedicalcenter.org)

#### CITY OF HOUSTON

[www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)

#### AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGE APPLICATION SERVICE

[www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/](http://www.aamc.org/students/applying/amcas/)

#### MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (MCAT)

<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

At Baylor, health professions include nurse anesthesia (ranked second in the nation), physician assistant (ranked third in the nation) genetic counseling and orthotics and prosthetics. Medical students gain valuable interprofessional experience in shared learning opportunities with students from these programs and affiliated programs in Houston.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Baylor is home to one of the few of its kind schools in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict "the bottom billion," the world's poorest people. Medical students have opportunities to take classes and conduct research in tropical medicine as well as the option to pursue a Diploma in Tropical Medicine as part of the Global Health Pathway.



### GET IN TOUCH

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## ACCREDITATION

Baylor College of Medicine is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award masters and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Baylor College of Medicine.

Baylor College of Medicine is also accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (a joint committee representing the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges).

Students may review all accreditation, state approval, and licensure documents upon request.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The Texas Medical Center Police/Security Department provides the medical center campus with security patrol. Baylor College of Medicine's Security Office is responsible for security within Baylor. In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), Baylor issues an Annual Security Report that reflects campus crime statistics, policies, and safety information. All prospective students, faculty, or staff may view this report online at <https://www.bcm.edu/about-us/our-campus/safety-and-security> or by contacting a Baylor security administrator at 713.798.3000.

## BAYLOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY

Baylor College of Medicine fosters diversity among its students, trainees, faculty and staff as a prerequisite to accomplishing our institutional mission, and setting standards for excellence in training healthcare providers and biomedical scientists, promoting scientific innovation, and providing patient-centered care.

Diversity, respect, and inclusiveness create an environment that is conducive to academic excellence, and strengthens our institution by increasing talent, encouraging creativity, and ensuring a broader perspective.

Diversity helps position Baylor to reduce disparities in health and healthcare access and to better address the needs of the community we serve.

Baylor is committed to recruiting and retaining outstanding students, trainees, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds by providing a welcoming, supportive learning environment for all members of the Baylor community.

## NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Baylor College of Medicine is committed to a safe and supportive learning and working environment for its learners, faculty and staff. College policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, disability or genetic information. Harassment based on any of these classifications is a form of discrimination and also violates College policy (O2.2.25, O2.2.26) and will not be tolerated. In some circumstances, such discriminatory harassment also may violate federal, state or local law.

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