



D SUNY
DOWNSTATE
Medical Center

College of Medicine
**INFORMATION FOR
TRANSFER MEDICAL SCHOOL
APPLICANTS**
2009-2010

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Medicine of the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center (SUNY Downstate) traces its roots to the founding in 1860 of the Long Island College Hospital, the first hospital-based medical school in the United States, and the prototype of many subsequent medical centers. In 1950, the College of Medicine joined the State University of New York system and developed into a major center for health sciences.

Located on a 13-acre urban campus in Brooklyn, SUNY Downstate includes a School of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, College of Health Related Professions, Graduate Program in Public Health and College of Medicine; for a total enrollment of approximately 1500 students, pursuing Certificate, Bachelor of Science, Masters, Doctorate, and M.D. degrees. SUNY Downstate also includes University Hospital, a 376-bed teaching hospital.

During the third and fourth years of medical school, students complete their clinical education at University Hospital-Kings County Hospital Center and nearby affiliated hospitals. Kings County Hospital Center is one of the largest general acute-care hospitals in the country and the largest municipal hospital in New York City. Among the major affiliates used in the clinical years include: Brooklyn Veterans Administration Medical Center, Long Island College Hospital, Brookdale Medical Center, Maimonides Medical Center, Lenox Hill Hospital (Manhattan), Long Island Jewish Hospital (Queens), Lutheran Medical Center, North Shore University Hospital (Long Island), Brooklyn Hospital, Methodist Hospital, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center and Staten Island University Hospital. For a current listing of clinical sites, see our website at: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/medicine/curriculum/third-fourth-year.html

CURRICULUM

Educationally, SUNY Downstate provides opportunities for each medical student to pursue his/her academic interests. During the clinical years, our students have excellent hands-on experience in a variety of settings, which provide superior preparation for any residency program. For additional information about the curriculum, see our website: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/medicine/curriculum/third-fourth-year.html

Third Year and Fourth Year Curriculum

Clerkship descriptions and sites are linked from the Office of Admissions website.

Clerkships	# Of Weeks In Rotation
Transition to Clerkships	2 days to 1 week
Medicine	10
Surgery	8
Anesthesia	2
Pediatrics	6
Women's Health	6
Psychiatry	6
Neurology	4
Primary Care I (Family Practice or General)	6
Primary Care II (Geriatrics/Palliative Care)	4
Emergency Medicine	2
Subinternship	4
Emerging Concepts in Medicine	2
Transition to Residency	1
# Required Clerkship/Sub Internship Weeks	62
# Required Elective Weeks	20
Total Clinical Requirement	82
Number Of "Unscheduled" Weeks (estimated)	16

In addition to the above clinical requirements:

- Students are required to take the USMLE Step 2 CK and CS examinations no later than January 31st of their senior year.
- Students are also required to successfully pass a mandatory standardized patient experience, which is scheduled in the spring of the third year.

FACILITIES

The Health Science Education Building (HSEB) opened in 1992. The building houses classrooms, laboratories, a 500-seat auditorium, and the medical library. The Library occupies three floors and is one of the largest medical libraries in the United States. The nucleus of the holding was formed when the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn and SUNY Downstate combined in the 1960's, forming what is today known as the Medical Research Library of Brooklyn. Reference staff is available to provide consultation and help in using the Bibliographic Retrieval Services' 150 databases. The library's expanded Learning Resources Center is equipped with computers in single carrel and group configurations. All machines are networked to data lines, a capability that provides support for the computer based and computer assisted programs. Additional features include video-cassettes, slides, audio-cassettes and multimedia.

Complementing the academic facilities is a campus environment, which includes two residence halls (sls.downstate.edu/residential_life/accommodations/oncampus.html) with apartment style accommodations and a Campus Center with recreational facilities and extracurricular programming of events (sls.downstate.edu/student_center).

FINANCIAL AID

SUNY Downstate Medical Center is committed to helping students meet their educational expenses through various types of financial assistance. Grants are offered on the basis of need, determined in accordance with federal and institutional regulations. Some scholarships based on academic achievement are available.

The major portion of our assistance is derived from federal and state funding. We offer grants, scholarships, loans and Federal College Work Study. Loans are the most common form of assistance. The amount of assistance you may receive is determined by the cost of attendance. Although, the primary responsibility for financing graduate education rests with you, we are able to provide assistance to most students.

To apply for aid, you must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1st. As a Graduate Health Professions student, *you must submit parental information on the FAFSA (per federal requirements) in order to be considered for certain federal grants.* We highly recommend you visit our website for further information regarding financial aid. If you are accepted to the College of Medicine, instructions for applying and the institutional application for aid will be mailed to you, but they are also available on the website.

Costs of Education

As of January 2009, the 2009-2010 tuition for the College of Medicine is expected to be \$21,470 per year for New York State residents, and \$40,640 per year for out of state residents. Required fees are approximately \$570 per year. All charges are subject to change. Estimated budgets for each of the four years are posted on the financial aid section of the website under costs. Go to: sls.downstate.edu/financial_aid/costs/cost_com.html

Living expenses will vary depending upon the type of living accommodations and lifestyle selected by you; however, aid will be based only on your cost of attendance as determined by the Office of Financial Aid, not your lifestyle choices. You should always try to live as frugally as possible so as to prevent unnecessary indebtedness.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, private medical schools reported an average indebtedness level of their 2008 graduating students of \$173,304. For 2008, the average indebtedness of our medical school graduates was only \$112,159.

Additional information about the cost of education may be found at the following URL's

Bursar: sls.downstate.edu/bursar

Financial Aid: sls.downstate.edu/financial_aid

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admission to advanced standing at this College of Medicine is limited to United States citizens or permanent residents who are currently registered, matriculated, in good standing and in attendance as second year medical students in a LCME (Liaison Commission on Medical Education) accredited College of Medicine in the United States. Individuals who have earned the M.D. degree are not considered for transfer. *Applications are accepted to the third year class only.* The Admissions Committee takes into consideration as much information as possible regarding an applicant's total qualifications for the study and practice of medicine. Decisions regarding admission are based on a number of factors including prior academic performance, particularly in medical school; letters of recommendation; Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) scores; Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE); communication skills, character, personal skills and motivation for medicine, as demonstrated through letters of recommendation and the personal interview.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Premedical Education

Only applicants who can qualify for admission to the first year class, in terms of premedical education, will be considered for admission to the third year class. You must have a minimum of 90 semester hours of satisfactory college course work and a bachelor's degree, which includes the following courses:

English*	6 semester credits
General Biology or Zoology including labs	8 semester credits
General Physics including labs	8 semester credits
Inorganic Chemistry (Gen.) including labs	8 semester credits
Organic Chemistry including labs	8 semester credits

If you were educated abroad, you must have completed at least one year of full time study in an accredited college or university in the U.S. For accepted transfer applicants, a course-by-course educational evaluation is required if any premedical science course requirements were completed abroad.

Medical Education

In addition to meeting all premedical requirements, applicants for admission to the third year class must have satisfactorily completed all first and second year courses in their LCME medical school curriculum.

* *In general, the Committee does not accept English courses taken abroad to fulfill the English admissions requirement. Courses which have the English department prefix are accepted to fulfill the English requirement. If you have an interdisciplinary course or if your college or university accepts other courses to fulfill writing or English requirements, please include a letter from your college stating this information with the Supplemental Application (secondary) form. The Committee on Admissions looks favorably on a program of study that includes at least one year of college mathematics and advanced science subjects. A course in biochemistry is strongly recommended. Other desirable courses include anatomy, physiology, histology, cell biology or neuroscience. The Admissions Committee also seeks individuals who have a demonstrated commitment to community/social service outreach activities.*

MCAT

Results of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) must be submitted as part of the transfer application. If you have taken the MCAT previously, you may request that your scores be forwarded to our office. Additional information about obtaining an official score report from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) may be found at the following URL: aamc.org/students/mcat/sendscores/start.htm. Admissions preference will be given to applicants who have scores within five years of the date of transfer application.

Transcripts

Official transcripts of all academic work, premedical, graduate, and medical school, are required.

Letters of Recommendation

A letter from the premedical college's Health Professions Advisory Committee must be forwarded to us. If your premedical college does not have a committee, then letters from faculty in two different premedical science (biology, chemistry, or physics) departments in which you have taken courses will be acceptable. A letter of recommendation from the Dean's Office of the medical school which you are attending is also required and must include certification that you are matriculated, in good standing, and eligible for promotion.

Personal Interview

Interviews are ordinarily conducted by one interviewer. The interview provides a means for both the school and the applicant to learn more about each other. It also provides an opportunity for discussion and clarification of information submitted on the application form. In addition, the interviewer endeavors to appraise such personal qualifications as communication skills and motivation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Submit a SUNY Downstate Transfer Application form prior to May 1st. Applications are available on our website at: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/medicine/transfer/index.html
A non-refundable application fee of \$80 must be submitted with the application. Make your check or money order payable to "SUNY".
2. Forward official transcripts from all colleges attended: undergraduate, graduate and medical.
3. Forward a letter of recommendation from your Health Professions Advisory Committee. In the absence of such a committee, letters from faculty in two different premedical science (biology, chemistry or physics) departments in which you have taken courses will be acceptable.
4. Forward a letter of recommendation from your medical school's Dean's Office (Student Affairs or Academic Affairs).
5. Forward official scores from your MCAT.
6. Forward proof of registration to take Step 1, USMLE prior to July 1st.

The deadline for completed applications (except for Step 1 scores) to be on file in the Medical School Admissions Office is **May 1st**. If you decide to withdraw your application, notify the Admissions Office immediately to avoid further processing and to benefit fellow applicants. The review of transfer applications begins in June. All applicants are notified of their final status, in writing, by late June. We will not know the exact number until mid-May.

The third year begins with a mandatory course entitled "Transition to Clerkship," which will be held the week of July 1. *Matriculation is conditional pending our receipt of passing scores on Step 1*, generally in August. Therefore, clerkship rotations for accepted transfer students will generally begin August.

OTHER INFORMATION

Research & Student Research Opportunities: www.downstate.edu/grad/

See “History of Research,” “Research Overview,” and “Faculty Research Interests”

Residence Life & On-Campus Living: sls.downstate.edu/residential_life/

Residency Placement: http://sls.downstate.edu/student_affairs/residency/index.html

Student Life & Services: sls.downstate.edu

Outside the Classroom:

Student Organizations: sls.downstate.edu/student_orgs

Student Center: sls.downstate.edu/student_center

University Police & Campus Safety Statistics: www.downstate.edu/police/

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Send ALL correspondence to:

College of Medicine Transfer Admissions

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 60
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Email: admissions@downstate.edu
Website: sls.downstate.edu/admissions/medicine
Telephone: (718) 270-2446
Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

Office of Financial Aid

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Website: sls.downstate.edu/financial_aid
Email: financialaid@downstate.edu

Office of Residential Life

SUNY Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 115
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Telephone: 718 270-1466
Website: sls.downstate.edu/residential_life
Email: residentiallife@downstate.edu

Office of Minority Affairs

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center
450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 1186
Brooklyn, New York 11203-2098
Telephone: 718 270-3033
Website: sls.downstate.edu/minority_affairs
Email: oma@downstate.edu

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