



# Welcome to the Residence Halls

At Downstate, we believe that living in university-owned and operated apartments help you better achieve your academic goals. We offer an unparalleled opportunity to live in a close community, while being supported by a dedicated staff.

The Residence Halls at Downstate Medical Center serve as the vital link between learning inside the classroom and outside the classroom.

- Conveniently located close to classes and the hospital
- Build community with your fellow students living as neighbors and friends
- Learn valuable life skills about independent living

Our halls are clean, safe, affordable and convenient. For the student looking for the ultimate medical school experience, the residence halls are your best choice.

## 811 Front Desk

Our front desk offers services including mail pickup, lock-out service, sports and recreation equipment check out and general information. The desk is fully staffed from 8am to midnight, 7 days a week and can assist with room changes, check in and check outs and maintenance concerns.

## Community

Students living in the residence halls form a bond not unlike those living in a house together. Resident Assistants and Resident Directors help facilitate this community building with programs designed to get residents meeting and greeting one another. The Residence Hall Council is an internal organization that also works to create an inclusive community for all residents.



## Safety and Security

Stationed at the entrance to the residence halls is a security desk that is staffed 24 hours with fully trained security guards. In the residence halls there are also numerous surveillance cameras. The residence halls are also locked 24 hours a day, with access granted by swiping an authorized ID card given only to residents. Finally, the residence halls are serviced by a door to door shuttle service to and from the subway stops provided by the Downstate Police Department.

## Living Options

### Standard Rooms

- Feature a bed, desk, chair, lamp, closet and dresser for each student
- Single or double occupancy
- Shared toilet and shower facilities

### Studio Apartments

- Feature a bed, desk, lamp, closet and dresser for each student and shared table and chairs for room
- Single or double occupancy
- In room kitchenette with mini-stove, oven, microwave, sink and full size refrigerator
- Toilet and shower facilities in room

### One Bedroom Apartments\*

- Double Occupancy, with each resident having separate bedroom and shared kitchen and restroom facility
- In room kitchenette with mini-stove, oven, microwave, sink and full size refrigerator
- In room shower and toilet facilities
- Feature a bed, dresser, desk, chair, lamp and closet for each student with shared table and chairs for common area.

\*One Bedroom Apartments are not available to first year students.

## Rates

Students are charged on a daily rate for their stay in the residence halls. The rates listed below are approximations based on an average semester length, this is because of the nature of the medical school (academic programs begin and end at different times). Please use the dollar amounts below as estimates of your housing costs.

Cost Estimate	Standard Single	Standard Double	Studio Single	Studio Double	One Bedroom
Fall 9/1-	\$3600	\$1900	\$5600	\$2800	\$4000
Spring 1/1-5/31	\$4400	\$2200	\$7000	\$3500	\$4900



## It's All Included in the Rate:

More than just a room, our residence halls offer a number of amenities to those choosing to live with us. Some of these include:

- All utilities, including heat, water and electricity
- Cable TV with 73 channels
- High speed internet access, including wireless managed and regulated by SUNY Downstate, Department of Information and Technology
- Free storage space
- Fully furnished rooms, lounges and study spaces
- Phone and voicemail services
- Mail and parcel delivery
- Laundry facilities located in each building
- Online work order system for maintenance requests
- Daily cleaning of all common areas
- Curbside move-in assistance on opening day (for first year medical students only)
- Specifically tailored contract length to your program of study
- Study carrels available on alternate floors
- Outdoor courtyard with tables
- Fans and vacuums to check out

## F.A.Q

### **Q: Is it cheaper to live on campus?**

A: Our rates are extremely competitive with local housing. Main benefits of living here include all utilities are included, the rooms are furnished and there is virtually no commute!

### **Q: How do I receive my mail?**

A: Simply change your address and all your mail will be sent to the residence halls. You will receive an individual mail box key for all mail and will be notified when you receive packages.

### **Q: Is there storage space?**

A: We do offer free storage space to our residents, including over the summer. Simply come to the front desk and fill out a contract. There is a \$75 a month charge if you use storage over the summer and do not return to the residence halls in the fall.

### **Q: Where do I do my laundry?**

A: We maintain 24 hour laundry facilities in each building that run either on quarters or money you add to your Downstate ID card.

### **Q: Is there internet, phone and TV?**

A: We offer high speed internet, premium cable and local phone service.

### **Q: I'm married/have a domestic partner; can we live together in the residence halls?**

A: We can provide housing to partners who provide documentation of either a marriage license or domestic partnership agreement.

### **Q: Who can I contact for more information?**

A: The Office of Residential Life and Services at 718-270-1466, come to our office at 811 New York Avenue or e-mail [residentiallife@downstate.edu](mailto:residentiallife@downstate.edu)



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## Facilities & Services

