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Education

The College of Medicine is the largest college within UF Health, the university's academic health center, and one of the largest colleges within the university as a whole. Its mission is to improve health care in Florida, the nation and the world through excellence and leadership in education, clinical care, discovery and service.

Established in 1956, the college was one of the first in Florida to provide students with the opportunity to earn a medical degree. The college is consistently ranked among the nation's top research medical schools and has graduated more than 5,000 physicians.

In 2015, the college opened the George T. Harrell, M.D., Medical Education Building. Designed to support the college's innovative medical education curriculum, the building provides a dynamic environment for all learners as they develop the skills necessary to meet society's health care needs and to ensure the highest level of patient care possible.

In addition to medical training, the college offers a variety of educational opportunities, including the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, which leads to a Ph.D. or an M.S. degree, and joint programs for M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. The College of Medicine is also home to the School of Physician Assistant Studies.



The college plays an important role in the continuing education of resident physicians and fellows through its collaboration with UF Health Physicians practices, UF Health Shands Hospital and the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Located in Gainesville, the college comprises 28 clinical and foundational science departments.

Among Nation's Elite

In addition to the college's rating among the best research medical schools, UF is ranked as the #1 public university in the country by the Wall Street Journal. UF Health Shands is also ranked among the nation's best hospitals in five adult and four pediatric medical specialties.

28 research-oriented foundational science and clinical academic departments

2,000 students

1,050 residents & fellows

1,656 full-time faculty

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Research

College of Medicine faculty are national leaders in fundamental, translational and clinical research in areas pertaining to diseases of the nervous system, human aging, cancer, diabetes, infectious disease, immunology and inflammation, genetics and gene therapy. College researchers are involved in collaborative research in several institutes and centers within the university, including the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute, the Emerging Pathogens Institute, the Genetics Institute, the Institute on Aging, the UF Health Cancer Center, the Diabetes Institute, the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the Institute for Child Health Policy and the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at UF Health.

College of Medicine faculty and collaborative research teams continue to receive awards and honors that reflect their exceptional distinctions and contributions. The College of Medicine's annual grant awards from the National Institutes of Health consistently eclipse \$100 million. The college's steady increase in NIH funding over the past 10 years is reflected in the impressive rise in its national rankings in recent years and joining the upper third of U.S. colleges of medicine, according to U.S. News & World Report.

A hub for innovation, the college is leading medicine's new frontier in artificial intelligence through a long-term initiative combining world-class infrastructure, leading-edge research and a transformational approach to curriculum. AI-enabled systems are being developed to guide perioperative and acute care decision-making, data scientists are working to spur data-driven medicine and foundational scientists are advancing AI-enhanced methods for analyzing molecular data — all to answer questions that will improve health outcomes and patient care.

Patient Care

College faculty members practice at UF Health Shands Hospital, the UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, the UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital, the UF Health Heart & Vascular Hospital, the UF Health Neuromedicine Hospital, the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the UF Health Shands Rehab Hospital and the UF Health Psychiatric Hospital. In addition, physicians practice throughout Central and North Central Florida at more than 50 UF Health Physicians locations. UF Health Physicians is the largest and most complete physician group practice in Florida, seeing patients from every county in Florida and every state in the U.S.

Clinical strengths of UF physicians include cancer, heart and vascular, neuromedicine, aging, psychiatry and addiction medicine, diabetes, orthopaedics, children's health services and transplant services.

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**affiliated research
institutes and centers**

\$407 million

total research funding

\$169 million

in NIH research awards

\$1.34 billion

**contributed to
Florida economy**

10

**hospitals in which our
faculty practice**

50+

physician practices