What Sets Us Apart

- A leader in using patient-based learning to integrate basic and clinical sciences into patient cases
- Students are exposed to patient care beginning in their first year
- Innovative interdisciplinary teamwork training
- State-of-the-art clinical simulation training center
- Students outperform their peers on licensing exams and residency program director reviews
- Customized programs can combine clinical and research interests toward an MD/PhD degree
- Highly acclaimed rural track program
- MedZou: Students coordinate and participate in patient care at this free clinic for underserved community members
- Partnering with CoxHealth and Mercy health systems on new clinical campus in Springfield, Missouri
- MU has more than 7,700 physician alumni worldwide
- More Missouri physicians received their medical degree from MU than from any other university

Curriculum

In 1993, the University of Missouri School of Medicine implemented a curriculum that substantially reduced lectures in favor of patient-based learning. The curriculum emphasizes problem solving, self-directed learning and early clinical experiences rather than memorization. The first and second years each consist of four 10-week blocks. The third year is made up of seven core clerkships. The fourth year consists of advanced clinical selectives, advanced biomedical selectives and general electives. The curriculum’s success is illustrated in the following graph of national licensing exam scores.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded to students based on merit, financial need or both. Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement or special characteristics, skills, talents or abilities. Need-based aid is given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Estimated Costs:
- Tuition and fees: $32,340
- Books and supplies: $2,400
- Room and board: $11,520
- Personal expenses and transportation: $8,218
- Health insurance: $2,962
- Hepatitis B vaccination: $130

Total estimated expenses, Missouri resident: $57,570
Additional out-of-state tuition expense: $30,490
Total estimated expenses, nonresident: $88,060
Beyond the Basics
The MU School of Medicine offers unique opportunities for students to customize their medical education:

- **Rural Track Programs:** The Bryant Scholars Pre-Admissions Program is for students from rural communities who are interested in practicing medicine in rural Missouri. The Summer Community Program and rural clerkships are available to second- and third-year students.

- **Heyssel Senior Teacher Educator Partnership (STEP) program:** Educates students about the joys and challenges of aging by partnering them with seniors living independently in the area.

- **Students participate in mentoring, advising and teaching, including:** fourth-year students tutoring first- and second-year students; high school mini-medical school; and tutoring patient-based learning classes.

- **Legacy Teachers Program:** Students recognize patients as teachers with essays, art and an annual ceremony.

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**Admission Requirements**

**Required Coursework:**

- College English, two semesters or one year
- College-level mathematics (college algebra or above), one semester
- Biologic Sciences (e.g. biology, genetics, cell biology, animal physiology, molecular biology, histology), two semesters or one year
- General chemistry, two semesters or one year
- Organic chemistry, two semesters or one year
- General physics, two semesters or one year

*Applicants must have completed at least 90 semester hours from a U.S. college or university.*

All required courses must receive a grade of C- or better.

**MCAT:** Must be completed by September of the application year. We accept scores up to three years old.

**Letters of Reference:** Visit medicine.missouri.edu/admissions/md-program-application-requirements/

**Personal Characteristics and Tested Motivation for Medicine:**
Committee members consider academic qualifications, potential to become a patient-centered physician, and nonacademic attributes such as maturity, integrity, motivation and altruism. We expect all applicants to have experience in health care settings.

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**University of Missouri Physician Graduates Are:**

- Able to provide effective patient-centered care
- Honest with high ethical standards
- Knowledgeable in biomedical sciences, evidence-based practice, and societal and cultural issues
- Critical-thinkers and problem-solvers
- Able to communicate with patients and others
- Able to collaborate with patients and other health care team members
- Committed to improving quality and safety
- Committed to lifelong learning and professional formation

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