A Different School of Thought
There’s a unique medical school in the Upstate of South Carolina, a place where hands-on, real-world experience isn’t a mere promise for the future, but a way of life. Where clinical training alongside physicians and other members of the interdisciplinary health care team starts on day one of the first year.

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville is a four-year medical school located in the heart of Greenville Health System, the region’s largest care provider, and backed by two decades of partnership in providing comprehensive medical education to students from the state’s largest public university, the University of South Carolina.

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“The USC School of Medicine Greenville is the result of a dream that began in the 1960s when leaders of Greenville Health System and the University of South Carolina began a conversation with ‘What if?’ A half century later, we have a medical school that is hailed as a gift to the Upstate and the people of South Carolina for preparing the next generation of physician leaders.”

JERRY R. YOUKEY, MD, DEAN UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE
MD PROGRAM

The USC School of Medicine Greenville’s mission is to create a forward-thinking physician, and our program effectively serves that purpose.

Basic sciences are taught during the first two years of school along with the skills needed to perform in the hospital during the third and fourth years. A few highlights of our curriculum include lifestyle medicine (exercise, diet and wellness), population health (socio-economic factors, healthcare disparities and interpersonal relationships), and EMT training early in your education. Students are given the opportunity to see and treat patients in the community and in their homes. Through early hands-on patient interaction, our medical students learn where our patients come from – both before and after they leave the hospital.

A STRONG FOUNDATION OF REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL TEACHING

An essential part of the USC School of Medicine Greenville’s curriculum focuses on clinical teaching in conjunction with Greenville Health System (GHS), whose vast network gives medical students unprecedented access to broad clinical expertise, an array of medical and surgical cases and research projects like clinical trials. GHS is home to 1,100 physicians and more than 200 residents and fellows. As active members of the health care team, students will develop an understanding of the complexities that surround today’s practice of medicine, from teamwork and patient safety to cultural and psychosocial issues and use of electronic medical records. Clinical training occurs progressively throughout all four years, both in Greenville Health System’s hospitals and practices and in the medical school’s clinical skills and simulation labs.
A GROUNDBREAKING APPROACH

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING

Students are introduced to the world of medicine and learn relevant patient care skills during the first weeks of medical school by participating in an emergency medical technician (EMT) certification course. They continue to hone their skills and immerse themselves in the community by working with professional EMTs, and by following patients from pick-up in the field to the emergency department, to the hospital, and to discharge and follow-up.

LIFESTYLE MEDICINE

The USC School of Medicine Greenville implements lifestyle medicine into its curriculum, the reasons for which are two-fold: to promote self-care among the student body as they persevere through school, and for students to impart this knowledge to their future patients. A variety of lifestyle medicine-related activities are available at the medical school, including yoga and community gardening. Greenville and the surrounding Upstate offer an array of outlets for outdoor activity and healthy living, like the Swamp Rabbit Trail, the many hiking trails at the local state parks, the multiple farmers markets, and more.

All students receive free membership to GHS’ Life Center Health & Conditioning Club, located across the street from the USC School of Medicine Greenville campus. The Life Center provides extensive fitness equipment, wellness programs, an indoor pool, an outdoor running track and group fitness classes. In addition to Life Center access, students receive free membership to Greenville YMCAs.

GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM AT A GLANCE

• South Carolina’s largest health care system with seven medical campuses, six acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals and eight outpatient facilities
• Deliver more than 7,000 babies annually
• The region’s only 24-hour Children’s Emergency Center with Bryan Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
• The only Level I Emergency Trauma Center in Greenville, one of three in the state
• More than 350 active clinical trials annually in areas such as oncology, pediatrics and women’s health
MED SCHOOL LIFE

Students can take advantage of the many social, educational and community outreach outlets to enrich their lives while supporting their academic, professional and personal growth. Interest groups and organizations welcome students to explore academic and social interests through workshops, lectures, lunch-and-learn sessions, volunteer opportunities and other activities.

A pivotal part of student life, the Colleges program at the medical school promotes camaraderie, community, wellness and mentorship through activities related to team building, civic engagement and medical student well-being. All students are divided into five colleges, which have two faculty mentors and an academic coach each. Throughout the year, students participate in various activities and events, like blood drives, penny wars and volunteering opportunities. Annually, the colleges participate in a spirit week competition that concludes with the College Cup.

Located on the Greenville Memorial Medical Campus, the 90,000-square-foot USC School of Medicine Greenville is equipped with the latest wireless and mobile technology, digital touch screens, electronic resources and media, and a state-of-the-art simulation center and anatomy lab.

INTEREST GROUPS
Anesthesiology
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Ear, Nose & Throat
Family Medicine
Global Health
Hematology-Oncology
Infectious Disease
Integrative Medicine
Internal Medicine
Med-Peds
Medical Military
Neurology
ObGyn
Ophthalmology
Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine
Pediatrics
Psychiatry
Radiology
Supporting Women in Medicine (SWiM)
Surgery
Wilderness Medicine

ORGANIZATIONS
Academic Medicine
Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society
AMA/SCMA
AMSA
Benjamin Rush Society
The Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA Upstate)
Community Outreach
John Snow Society
LGBT
Medical Roots Garden
Medical Student Association
Student National Medical Association (SNMA)
Spanish Club
Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI)
Student Grand Rounds
Transforming Medical School (Student Blog)
Wellness Committee
ASSEMBLING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PHYSICIANS

Applicants are selected by an admissions committee composed of members of the biomedical science and clinical science faculties at the USC School of Medicine Greenville and Greenville Health System’s Offices of Diversity, Academic Services and Research. The committee considers all aspects of an applicant with the goal of assembling a class of medical students that exhibits diversity commensurate with the Upstate community. In short, we look for individuals who exhibit exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, integrity, honesty, empathy, a propensity for teamwork, maturity, emotional stability, leadership, a strong work ethic, self-direction, a passion for becoming a physician and academic accomplishment.

The admissions committee recommends that applicants complete more than the minimum requirements in the area of natural sciences. However, the committee welcomes applicants with preparation in the humanities and liberal arts who have completed the required coursework.

All applicants are required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and submit their application through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Visit greenvillemed.sc.edu/apply for more information regarding the admissions process.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK
- 2 semesters biology with lab
- 2 semesters general inorganic chemistry with lab
- 1 semester organic chemistry with lab
- 1 semester physics with lab
- 3 semesters humanities, social and behavioral sciences (including at least 1 semester English composition/literature)

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- Biochemistry

RECOMMENDED
- Cell Biology
- Genetics

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE IS THE FIRST MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY TO:

Require all first-year medical students to become certified EMTs. Fully incorporate exercise physiology and nutrition into all four years of its undergraduate medical education curriculum.
READY FOR A FULLY INTEGRATED MEDICAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE ROOTED IN THE REAL WORLD OF PATIENT CARE?

Contact the Office of Admissions to schedule a visit and for more information.

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