

# MD PROGRAM

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## Overview

Penn State College of Medicine offers a complete medical education program leading to the MD degree. Its central campus is located in Hershey, PA adjacent to Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, which is a part of Penn State Health's multi-hospital health system.

In addition to the program's central curriculum in Hershey, there are two parallel options within the overall medical education program. Our Accelerated Pathways are located on the central campus in Hershey, and our University Park Curriculum is located in University Park, PA.

All students will be expected to meet our 10 competencies (<https://students.med.psu.edu/md-students/medical-student-competencies-and-subcompetencies-for-graduation/>) and minimum essential standards ([https://students.med.psu.edu/md-students/handbook/#question\\_minimumessentialstandardsformatriculationpromotionandgraduation](https://students.med.psu.edu/md-students/handbook/#question_minimumessentialstandardsformatriculationpromotionandgraduation)) before graduating with an MD degree.

## Our Vision

Our goal is to train humanistic, systems-ready physicians who are adaptive, critical-thinking, collaborative, and scholarly.

Traditionally, medical education has focused on two pillars: medical science and clinical care. As health care delivery rapidly shifts from physician-centric to patient-centric, and patient care involves both the care of the individual and the care of populations, a more comprehensive model is needed.

At Penn State College of Medicine, the two pillars have transformed to four:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Health Humanities
- Clinical Science
- Health Systems Sciences

## Educational Options

Our curriculum options are open to all enrolled MD students. Once you're accepted for admission to Penn State College of Medicine, you will be able to apply for the specific curriculum option you want. For combined degrees (<https://med.psu.edu/combined-programs/>), you will need to meet the requirements and gain acceptance into the other program independent of the MD program.