

FGCU/USF Medical Education Program

Why attend The FGCU/USF Medical Education Program?

The Department of Biological Sciences *Medical Education Program* at Florida Gulf Coast University offers eligible students a combined undergraduate and medical education degree with the University of South Florida (USF) College of Medicine. Qualified students who complete all program requirements can earn their baccalaureate degree while at FGCU and pursue their MD degree at USF after a minimum of seven years of study provided they continue to meet all program requirements. Through an interdisciplinary education at FGCU, students prepare to succeed in medical school.

3+4 Track (Accelerated)

This track requires that the first 3 years of study be completed at FGCU and the 4th year be completed in residence at USF, as part of the first year of medical school. FGCU will confer a Bachelor of Science Biology degree following successful completion of the first year of medical school at USF. Students may elect to decelerate and pursue the 4+4 track at any point prior to October 31st of the third year at FGCU.

4+4 Track (Traditional)

Students may elect to complete their baccalaureate degree following the more traditional pattern of four years of undergraduate coursework at FGCU and then enter the USF College of Medicine. Students selecting this option must complete the same requirements as in the Bachelor of Science Biology *Accelerated 3+4 Pre-Medicine* concentration, but also must complete additional requirements of the BS Biology Pre-Professional concentration. This allows for students to have an opportunity to take more advanced coursework and become involved in additional activities.

BENEFITS

FGCU's program is unique in the benefits and opportunities it offers its students, including:

- MCAT preparation
- Assistance in obtaining community and clinical volunteer experience
- Personalized faculty advising
- Research experience

Students in this program take advantage of additional benefits provided by FGCU, including:

- Small classes and close relationships with professors
- Priority registration
- Seminar course taught by USF College of Medicine faculty

REQUIREMENTS

Initial Entry Requirements

- Florida Residency
- SAT score of 1300 or ACT of 29
- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.7
- Admission to FGCU
- Completion of the FGCU/USF Medical Education Program application form with one letter of recommendation

Additional Program Requirements (once admitted to the program)

- Submission of two letters of recommendation from FGCU faculty
- Successful USF College of Medicine interview at the end of the first year
- FGCU GPA of not less than 3.5 at completion of the first year
- FGCU GPA of not less than 3.6 at completion of the second year

- FGCU GPA of not less than 3.7 at completion of third year (and fourth year if in the 4 + 4 program)
- MCAT taken in August prior to the start of the third year with a minimum score of 30, and with no individual score less than 8
- Completion of all FGCU requirements for conferral of Bachelor of Science Biology

Curriculum Requirements

In order to be admitted to the USF College of Medicine, students must complete all FGCU major requirements and USF College of Medicine requirements for the program. Please refer to the FGCU catalog.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

How to Apply

Candidates should submit their application and supplemental materials by April 1st. Please see the check-list below for required information.

You must submit the following materials to the address below:

- The completed and signed Program Application form
- One official Final High School transcript
- Two recent professional photographs approximately two inches square (passport quality) with your name and social security number printed on the reverse side.
- One personal letter of character recommendation. This letter should come from your family physician, employer, close friend, a neighbor, alumni, or a person who can attest to your interest in Medicine. Please do not submit letters from family members, relatives or faculty who have taught you in a course. This letter should be sent directly from the author of the letter to the Department of Biological Sciences at FGCU at the address noted below. This letter must be received by the stated deadline.
- If you have completed any post-secondary (college) courses prior to entering FGCU, provide official transcripts from all institutions that you have attended
- Application fee of \$30.00 in check or money order, payable to the University of South Florida.
- Completed Residency Classification Form. The Department of Biological Sciences should be informed promptly of changes in your telephone number and mailing address throughout the program.

For more information, please contact:

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