

Medical School Information Page
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School
Dallas, Texas

UT Southwestern's activities are directed toward four goals:

1. To improve health care in our community, Texas, our nation, and the world through innovation and education.
2. To educate the next generation of leaders in patient care, biomedical science, and disease prevention.
3. To conduct high-impact, internationally recognized research.
4. To deliver patient care that brings UT Southwestern's scientific advances to the bedside – focusing on quality, safety, and service.

The school is dedicated to the education of physicians who are thoroughly grounded in the scientific basis of modern medicine, who are inspired to maintain lifelong medical scholarship and who will care for patients in a responsible and compassionate manner.

Average length of enrollment: **38-48 weeks per academic year**

Class of 2026: Preclerkship courses are graded on a pass/fail basis and do not contribute to the student's GPA. The GPA is calculated from core clerkships only on the following 4-point scale: Honors=4 points; Near Honors=3.5 points; High Pass=3 points; and Pass=2 points. Selectives (sub-I and ICU/ER type rotations) are graded either "Honors", "High Pass", "Pass," or "Fail," and do not contribute to the GPA. Students must receive a passing grade ("Pass" or above) in all courses required for graduation. Students who have remediated a deficiency in a course will receive a final grade of "Pass."

Students returning from leave of absence or who started the curriculum under the prior format will be mentioned in the MSPE as an exception.

Medical school requirements for successful completion of USMLE Step 1, 2:

Required for graduation

Medical school requirements for successful completion of Objective/Observed Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) at medical school. OSCEs are used for:

- Completion of course**
- Completion of third year**

Utilization of the course, clerkship, or elective director's narrative comments in composition of the MSPE. The narrative comments contained in the attached MSPE can best be described as (check one):

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Utilization by the medical school of the AAMC "Guidelines for Medical Schools Regarding Academic Transcripts." This medical school is:

Completely in compliance with the Guidelines' recommendations

Each MSPE from UT Southwestern is written by one of the four associate deans for student affairs. Please note that UT Southwestern's MSPE provides a detailed and unbiased report of each student's strengths and weaknesses, which is believed to be the best way to allow residency programs to recognize students who best match that program's goals. Because different residency programs value different qualities in applicants, a recommendation that suggests how to rank each student is believed to be too presumptuous. Our summary statements do not provide such a general recommendation.

Students are permitted to review the MSPE prior to its transmission.

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