

# MERCER UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Committed to preparing students  
for a lifetime of service and caring



**Mission:**

To educate physicians and health care professionals to meet the primary care and health care needs of rural and medically underserved areas of Georgia.



*Other Degrees*

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Family Therapy
- Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Medical Psychology
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Certificate in Preclinical Sciences

**2011–2012 academic year**

Tuition: \$41,457  
 Fees: \$300

Nearly 94% of students rely on financial assistance & about 11% opt for service commitment scholarships

“At MUSM we learned by exploring simulated medical cases. Pulling multiple disciplines together to gain understanding of the problem was an interesting and practical way to learn medicine. MUSM taught me the value of evidence based medicine and the importance of lifelong learning.” –Dara Hosch, MD '98

## Curricular Highlights

One of the first schools to adopt an all Problem-Based-Learning curriculum, there are no lectures and students take responsibility for their own learning. This open-ended nature requires and generates maturity and confidence not seen in traditional curricula. Learning must go well beyond the basic facts in that students are called upon to integrate and demonstrate verbally their basic science knowledge base to explain clinical findings. In addition, students are evaluated in the following skill areas: group participation, interpersonal relationships, problem-solving and information-gathering. Students interview and examine actual and standardized patients in their first year.

The Community Medicine program provides a continuity experience in the clinical aspects of a community-oriented primary care medical practice during the first, second and fourth years. The third year consists of required clinical rotations in internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, family medicine, and psychiatry. The fourth year includes required clerkships in two of three selectives in critical care, emergency medicine and/or geriatric medicine.

Preparing to practice

- 62% of MUSM’s graduates currently practice in the state of Georgia.
- 49% of MUSM’s graduates chose primary care as a specialty.
- 83% of MUSM’s graduates are practicing in a rural or medically underserved area of Georgia.

**Class Size:** 100

**Statistics & Competitive Qualifications:**

Average MCAT score for the 2011 entering class: 27 (VR 9, PS 9, BS 9)

Average GPA for the 2011 entering class: 3.40 (BCPM) 3.50 (cumulative)

In the Doctor of Medicine program there are 80 Colleges & Universities and 76 Majors represented.

*Admissions requirements*

The Admissions Committee looks at each application holistically with a specific focus on prospective and previous commitment to our mission.

All applicants must be legal residents of Georgia.

Pre-Med course requirements are one year lab courses in:

- General Biology
- General or Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Physics

And

- MCAT scores, no more than three years old

*Application timetable*

Early Decision Program Deadline: August 1st  
Regular Acceptance Deadline: November 1st

The School of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) and re-views only those applications initiated through that service. All primary application materials are due by the dates listed above; MUSM invites eligible applicants to submit secondary application materials.



### *Campuses & Teaching Hospitals*

The Medical School operates two four-year campuses. One on Mercer University's campus in Macon, located in Central Georgia and the other on Memorial University Medical Center's grounds in Savannah, located in Coastal Georgia. Clinical experiences for Macon students are provided by the Medical Center of Central Georgia, while in Savannah, Memorial University Health Center partners with Mercer for training and educational needs.



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