

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Baylor College of Medicine

THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE



BAYLOR BY THE NUMBERS

1ST

LEAST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE U.S.

5TH

HIGHEST RANKED MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY CARE IN THE NATION BY *U.S.NEWS & WORLD REPORT*

16TH

HIGHEST RANKED MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR RESEARCH IN THE NATION BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

21ST NATIONALLY * 1ST IN TEXAS

IN FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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AFFILIATED HOSPITALS



OUR MISSION

Baylor College of Medicine is a health sciences university that creates knowledge and applies science and discoveries to further education, healthcare and community service locally and globally.

OUR VISION

Improving health through science, scholarship and innovation.

OUR VALUES

Respect

- We promote and support diversity, inclusion and equity
- We value our colleagues and ourselves as the College's most valuable assets
- We earn the loyalty of those we serve through our commitment

Integrity

- Honesty, ethics and openness guide our interactions
- We encourage transparent analysis of our policies, process, procedures and decisions
- We are accountable for our actions

Innovation

- We lead through visionary innovation and creativity
- We foster a healthy culture of change
- We turn vision into action

Teamwork

- We form mutually beneficial partnerships to achieve results
- We look past ourselves to focus on the impact of our actions
- We recognize all who contribute to our work

Excellence

- We focus on quality and value
- We commit to continuous quality improvement for outstanding outcomes
- We are effective and efficient



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TOGETHER WE WILL TRANSFORM YOUR DREAMS INTO YOUR FUTURE.

As educators, our mission is to prepare our learners to become the next generation of leaders in the biomedical and health sciences with competencies founded in inquiry, service and innovation to promote health and transform healthcare locally and globally.

Baylor College of Medicine is a top-ranked school with access to the resources of the world's largest health science center, in an exciting and affordable city, with diverse faculty and students who are supportive and serviceoriented...and all at a cost that will leave you in less debt than other schools.

We provide the curriculum, services, resources and support to help you succeed—as demonstrated by our students' record of surpassing national averages in testing, placement of our graduates in outstanding residency programs and the success of our alumni in providing patient-centered care and serving as local, national and international leaders. You provide the passion, effort and commitment. Together we will transform your dreams into your future.

If after reading this booklet and perusing our website, you still have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@bcm.edu.

On behalf of all the faculty, staff and trainees at Baylor College of Medicine, we extend our best wishes as you prepare for the admissions process and pursue your goals.



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OUR SCHOOLS

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Ranked 16th for research and fifth for primary care in the nation and first in Texas by *U.S. News & World Report*, Baylor College of Medicine's School of Medicine is the least expensive private medical school in the U.S. Exceptionally diverse clinical affiliates and a collaborative, supportive culture set Baylor apart as a leader among the world's best medical schools.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

One of the top 25 graduate schools of biomedical sciences in the nation, the graduate school gives medical students interested in research a wide array of choices for short-term projects or indepth dual degree programs. Baylor ranks 21st in the nation and first in Texas in funding to medical schools from the National Institutes of Health.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

At Baylor, health professions include nurse anesthesia (ranked second in the nation), physician assistant (ranked 13th in the nation) genetic counseling and orthotics and prosthetics. Medical students gain valuable interprofessional experience in shared learning opportunities with students from these programs and affiliated programs in Houston.

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Baylor is home to one of the few of its kind schools in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict "the bottom billion," the world's poorest people. Medical students have opportunities to take classes and conduct research in tropical medicine as well as the option to pursue a Diploma in Tropical Medicine as part of the Global Health Track.

When I came here for the interview I was very impressed with the beautiful sense of community. Baylor provided more than the superior academics you look for in medical school. I wanted somewhere I could fit in; I could feel loved and cared for. Baylor provided that.

> VANESSA CHINWEOTITO UMA THIRD-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

THE BAYLOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Your clinical experiences are critical to getting the training and, ultimately, the residency and career you want. Your goal is to learn all you can. To achieve that, you need exposure to many patients.

At Baylor, you train in some of the country's best hospitals. The facilities of the Texas Medical Center and our opportunities for international rotations represent a variety of settings and patient populations, preparing you to succeed in any situation your career presents.

With no dominant ethnicity in Houston, the city's diversity is reflected in the patient populations at our clinical facilities. Rich exposure to patients and families from many cultures and ethnic groups will prepare you to work anywhere in the world. Students have the opportunity to learn firsthand how health beliefs and practices are influenced by culture.



BAYLOR ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

is jointly owned by Baylor College of Medicine and Catholic Health Initiatives and is part of the CHI St. Luke's Health System. In addition to the current Texas Medical Center facility, an 850-bed hospital that offers a range of specialties, planning is currently under way for a new facility on the McNair Campus in the Texas Medical Center. In the 2018 U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Baylor St. Luke's ranked in the top nationally in three adult specialties and received a High Performing rating in 10 adult specialties, procedures or conditions.

HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM (HHS)

is the public healthcare system providing primary, specialty and hospital care to the residents of Harris County, Texas, the third most populous county in the U.S. Ben Taub Hospital, the central clinical care facility of HHS, is contiguous with the Baylor campus and serves as a teaching hospital for Baylor students for all specialties and their subspecialties. Ben Taub includes a Level I Trauma Center, an award-winning cardiac program and a Comprehensive Stroke Center. Medical students may also have rotations at Harris Health's Thomas Street Health Center, the nation's first HIV/AIDS treatment facility.

MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER (MEDVAMC)

is one of the VA's largest hospitals, serving Harris County and 27 surrounding counties. MEDVAMC serves as the primary healthcare provider for almost 130,000 veterans in southeast Texas. Veterans from around the country are referred to the MEDVAMC for specialized diagnostic care, radiation therapy, surgery and medical treatment including cardiovascular surgery, gastrointestinal endoscopy, nuclear medicine, ophthalmology and treatment of spinal cord injury and diseases.

TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

is the primary pediatric training site for Baylor students. The largest pediatric hospital in the nation, Texas Children's is ranked in all 10 subspecialties in *U.S. News & World Report*'s list of America's Best Children's Hospitals, where it is also ranked the best in Texas and the fourth best pediatric hospital in the nation. The Texas Children's Women's Pavilion is a state-of-the-art center for obstetrics and gynecology.

TIRR MEMORIAL HERMANN

is ranked third among the nation's rehabilitation facilities according to *U.S. News & World Report.* TIRR focuses on providing care to individuals who have experienced catastrophic injuries or illnesses. TIRR is home to the Baylor College of Medicine/University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Alliance.



MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

is one of the world's most respected centers devoted exclusively to cancer patient care, research, education and prevention. MD Anderson has ranked among the nation's top two cancer hospitals in *U.S. News & World Report*'s "America's Best Hospitals" survey since the survey's inception.

THE MENNINGER CLINIC

partnered with Baylor and Houston Methodist in 2002. Menninger is considered one of the top centers for psychiatric care in the world and ranks in the top five in *U.S. News & World Report* listing of best psychiatric hospitals.



GLOBAL HEALTH: Through the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Global Health Learning Opportunities, our students have access to approximately 1,400 rotations in 30 countries. Students also have opportunities for rotations through the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative at Texas Children's Hospital.

Student participants in Baylor's Global Health Hackathon work in multidisciplinary teams to find creative solutions to a variety of health problems.

THE BAYLOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Students also have the opportunity to complete clinical rotations at Baylor College of Medicine and in private practices throughout Houston as well as in community health centers around the city. Baylor's affiliation with the Children's Hospital of San Antonio offers additional elective opportunities outside of Houston.

66 I think the TMC is invaluable. I did not realize how spoiled I was by it until I went on away rotations. Any research or speciality you could ever be interested in is within a 10 minute walk.

> KATHERINE MARIE RODRIGUEZ FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT



TMC FACTS

9,200 8th **10M** 180K+ SURGERIES ANNUALLY \$3**B** 106K+

PATIENT BEDS

LARGEST BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE U.S.

PATIENT VISITS PER YEAR

IN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

EMPLOYEES

BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IS THE ACADEMIC CENTER AROUND WHICH THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, THE WORLD'S LARGEST HEALTH CENTER, EVOLVED.

THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE

Even before you arrive on campus, you will feel welcome because you will receive letters from current students who form your Peer Resource Network (PRN). Baylor divides the first-year students into small groups that also include upper level students and faculty advisors. Your PRN provides support, mentoring and a built-in social life.

You will start building your support network in your first few days at Baylor during the offcampus orientation retreat. The bonds you make in this first encounter will strengthen as you start taking classes together and work in small groups. Students truly become like family here and go out of their way to help and support each other.

The first part of the curriculum is where you learn the science of medicine. In addition to lectures and laboratories, our students work in smallgroup settings with faculty to apply information from the classroom and to develop skills necessary to becoming a physician.

MOST ENTERING MEDICAL STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT TO START SEEING PATIENTS. AT BAYLOR, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT. My PRN group immediately made me feel at home at Baylor and helped me navigate the stressful yet exciting first year of medical school. The program had such a positive impact on me that I dedicated much of my time as an upperclassman to acting as a mentor for subsequent classes.

> GEORGENE HERGENROEDER, M.D. ALUMNA AND CURRENT RESIDENT AT BAYLOR

We think medical students benefit from interacting one-on-one with physicians and patients right away, so we teach our students skills they start putting into practice within the first few weeks—such as taking patient histories, performing physicals and collaborating with physician mentors.



THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

In addition to a solid foundation in the science of medicine, our curriculum focuses on other aspects important to being an effective physician, physicianscientist or medical educator. Here, you'll learn how to keep up with, understand and take advantage of ever-changing information, work in multidisciplinary teams and interact effectively and compassionately with diverse populations.

INTEGRATED, 18 MONTH FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM

During your first 18 months at Baylor you will master basic science concepts while also learning how to research medical problems and function on a medical team. With our integrated approach, first you learn the core scientific concepts that underlie medicine and apply these to each of the body's organ systems in their healthy state. Then you learn about pathology and pharmacology and carry these themes through each of their organ systems in their disease states.

PROVEN RECORD OF SUCCESS

Baylor has used an 18-month pre-clerkship curriculum for more than 30 years. The success of our approach is clear from the success of our students. The USMLE Step 1 exam assesses if the student understands and can apply important concepts of the sciences to the practice of medicine. In 2017, 100 percent of Baylor students passed the first time they took the exam (compared to 96 percent first-time pass rate for all students taking the exam).

> While the Step 1 national average score was 229, Baylor students scored an average of 245.

We have a lot of opportunities as medical students to volunteer in the community. My extracurricular activities with kids in areas throughout Houston helped me realize that teaching is a really big part of what I want to do and that pediatrics is the right fit for me. SALVADORE MAFFEI FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT BAYLOR 245 NATIONAL 229 **STEP 1 SCORE**



INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Research has demonstrated that students who train alongside other healthcare professionals report a greater understanding of collaborative care and significantly higher levels of satisfaction with their medical training.

At Baylor interprofessional training opportunities are woven throughout the foundational sciences and clinical curriculum. For example, fourth-year medical students work with nursing and pharmacy students on a crisis management simulation in which students manage a patient who presents to the emergency room in extremis.

SIMULATION

Baylor College of Medicine has been using simulation for nearly 25 years to help students learn the skills needed in the practice of medicine, to train in a safe, reproducible environment.

Simulation curriculum using standardized patients (healthy people trained to accurately simulate an actual patient) hones diagnostic and communication knowledge and skills. Hightech simulation equipment provides a safe environment in which students can work with faculty to master skills. It was beneficial and enjoyable having anatomy class with the physician assistant and nurse anesthesia students. These interactions built a team-oriented mentality that continued to grow during our second-year rotations and throughout the remainder of our training.

> PATRICK HUNT M.D./PH.D. STUDENT

THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

RESEARCH

We believe the best doctors are those who can think like a scientific investigator: think critically, generate hypotheses, analyze information, problem-solve and make sound decisions based on data. Students who select to do research may choose to work in a laboratory or to pursue any topic that relates to medicine, including clinical studies, the humanities, health policy and ethics.

Baylor is a major center of scientific innovation. We are ranked 21st among all U.S. medical schools for National Institutes of Health funding and first in Texas. Baylor's Department of Human and Molecular Genetics is ranked first in the nation and seven other departments rank in the top 20 in NIH funding. Baylor faculty have either led or contributed to many of the major advances in biomedical sciences over the past century including, but not limited to, pioneering the fields of cardiovascular surgery, epigenetics, and molecular endocrinology. Wherever your interest lies, Baylor has a mentor for you.



As future physicians we will be leaders. Look around you, at the students interviewing you and the co-chairs telling you about the curriculum and Houston. As students here, we are given opportunities and encouraged to take on positions of leadership; just one more aspect of the excellent medical education at Baylor.

> CARLY DUNN FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

STUDENT SERVICES

To support your success, Baylor provides a wide range of services including review sessions, tutoring, services for students with disabilities, veterans affairs services and counseling.

Students have access to the **Texas Medical Center Library** and **Academic Success Center**, which offer various electronic and nonelectronic resources, as well as quiet places to study and rooms to meet in small groups.

The **Career Development Center** works with students across the College, providing the necessary training, resources and connections to achieve their professional goals and develop meaningful careers.

Student Wellness Services ensures students have access to resources to maintain good physical and mental health. These include discounts to the campus gym, access to Baylor Clinic's Family Medicine Express Care Center and confidential counseling services available both on campus and through WellConnect, which includes a 24/7 crisis counseling hotline.

Student participants in the **Student Services Committee** provide feedback to and work closely with College leadership to facilitate development of services to meet student needs. The **Medical Student Council**, the official representative body of all medical students, as well as a variety of other institutional committees provides additional opportunities for students to engage with leadership and give input on many aspects of student services and student life.



FOR A FULL LISTING OF ACADEMIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES, VISIT www.bcm.edu/student-services

SERVICE

At the 2018 Baylor College of Medicine Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Paul Klotman, president, CEO and executive dean said, "Being an active part of your community means building relationships, and it is those relationships that ultimately help bridge the gaps in cultural diversity, access to healthcare, limited educational opportunities and other social justice issues that exist today in rural and urban areas nationwide. Baylor College of Medicine graduates are defined as those with great intellect, but also with great compassion and vision for making a difference in the world."

Students have many opportunities to build relationships through both College-run and student-initiated programs. Explore www.bcm.edu/community for information about educational, healthcare and global outreach programs as well as community education initiatives.

> Baylor students volunteer across Houston as part of the Matthew Carter Service Day, which has been organized annually by students for more than a decade.

THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

At Baylor you learn from the best. Our faculty members are not only internationally renowned clinicians and researchers, they are dedicated teachers.

Our faculty members have the time and support necessary to dedicate to developing extraordinary teaching skills, making your education their priority. What does this mean to you? We are able to attract and retain faculty who are passionate about teaching.

YOUR TEACHERS

Your patients will be among your greatest teachers. The reputation of our faculty and our clinical affiliates draws patients from across the country and around the world.

After your patients, our faculty members are your next most important teachers. The Baylor faculty is composed of more than 1,600 full-time members, and another 2,000 serve on a part--time or voluntary basis. As part of one of the nation's leading research institutions, our faculty pursues tomorrow's medicine through a wide range of research endeavors—all of which represent exceptional learning opportunities.

All of this means you will be impressive in your residency interviews.

YOUR MENTORS

The Learning Community is a network of clinical faculty advisers for medical students. Your adviser will follow you longitudinally as a first-year medical student through your final year and graduation. During your first year, your adviser will serve as your Patient, Physician, and Society course facilitator to introduce you to patient history and physical exam skills. Additionally, you will receive individual academic and professional guidance through one-on-one sessions with your adviser twice a year throughout medical school. These meetings will provide an opportunity to shape and review your individualized education plan and discuss personal and professional challenges and goals. As you progress in your education and identify your desired specialty, your adviser will help you identify other Baylor faculty members who can provide focused mentorship to help you progress toward your career goals.

The diversity of conditions and cultures you will encounter during your clinical rotations will prepare you for your future, regardless of where it takes you.

The first time I came to Texas was when I came to interview at Baylor. I was really overwhelmed by how nice everyone was; how inviting they were; how much collaboration the students had; how much they seemed to enjoy the school and the medical center.

> JENNA BATES FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT



YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS

You will also rely on your fellow students as teachers, mentors and advisers. Therefore, the composition and culture of the student body are critical components of your education. While it is impossible to capture all aspects of the student body, a few of the attributes include diverse, service-oriented and supportive.

We believe that diversity:

- Advances the skills of physicians to provide healthcare to diverse populations
- Improves outreach to the medically underserved
- Broadens the scope of medical research

We are committed to promoting equal opportunity for all who are interested in a medical career, including groups that are underrepresented in medicine regionally or nationally due to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, unique personal experiences or other factors.

At Baylor, diversity encompasses other factors as well. For example, the ages of our student body span from 21 to 37. And, our students are not all science majors: students in this year's entering class had 30 different majors. One way that Baylor supports the diversity of our student body is through the large number of student organizations that bring together students with shared interests.

2018 ENTERING CLASS

7,619 839 186

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

NUMBER OF APPLICANTS INTERVIEWED

3.9 AVERAGE GPA **518** AVERAGE NEW

AVERAGE NEW 2015 MCAT

CLASS SIZE

THE BAYLOR EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

SPECIALIZED TRACKS

Baylor College of Medicine has developed specialized tracks to help you explore your interests and customize your education to match your career goals.

MEDICAL SCHOOL RESEARCH

This is a five-year program encompassing four years of the traditional M.D. training and one year of intensive research training with a Baylor faculty member. A tuition scholarship and stipend are provided to all accepted participants.

GLOBAL HEALTH

In partnership with the Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine, this track includes a one-month clinical elective abroad. Graduates acquire sufficient class hours and knowledge level to sit for the examination leading to the Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health, sponsored by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

CARE OF THE UNDERSERVED

Curriculum is organized across all four years to provide students with the specific knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to care for underserved patients.

HEALTHCARE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Throughout the four-year curriculum, this track provides a foundation in the fundamental principles of business and management.

MEDICAL ETHICS

Students receive in-depth exposure to bioethics and its clinical applications, culminating in a scholarly project and a Certificate in Biomedical Ethics.

SPACE MEDICINE

In this unique track, students complete four electives, including a research month. Faculty members are drawn from the Baylor College of Medicine Center for Space Medicine, Johnson Space Center and the Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH).

GENETICS

Students have experience in didactic genetics courses, interact with patients and families in educational and service settings, train in both pediatric and adult genetics, and learn about the laboratory aspects of genetics testing, genomics of complex disorders and personalized genetic medicine.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Baylor partners with outstanding institutions to allow our students to earn an additional degree while they are in medical school. Information on dual degree programs is available at www.bcm.edu/dual-degrees.

M.D./PH.D.

Partner Institution: Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, which is ranked among the top 10 percent of graduate schools in the biomedical sciences by *U.S. News* & World Report.

M.D./M.B.A.

Partner Institution: Rice University, which is ranked among the top 25 business schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report.*

M.D./M.P.H.

Partner Institution: The University of Texas School of Public Health, which is ranked among the top 25 schools of public health by *U.S. News & World Report.*

M.D./J.D.

Partner Institution: University of Houston Law Center, which is ranked among the top 50 law schools by *U.S. News & World Report.*

> I came into medical school considering a career in primary care pediatrics. Clinical rotations at Texas Children's and my involvement in the Care of the Underserved Track have solidified that pediatrics is a great fit for me.

> > JESSICA CECILIA CARILLO FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

IT'S A FACT THAT YOU HAVE TO BE SMART TO EARN AN M.D.

But, if you think it all comes down to your GPA and MCAT scores, you're wrong.

At Baylor, we understand that intelligence is reflected in ways beyond these two measures. To us, exceptional students are much more than numbers—they are individuals with many facets that make them special.

Every effort is made in each step of the admissions process to assess all characteristics of each applicant, cognitive as well as noncognitive.



FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.bcm.edu/admissions

IMPORTANT DATES ENTERING CLASS OF 2019



BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE NATION.

Most people would consider a Baylor medical education quite a deal. You get a first-rate, private school education at a cost that is less than many public schools charge for instate residents. That's quite a value.

In 1969, Baylor and the State of Texas entered into an agreement that allows Baylor to offer legal residents of Texas the same tuition rate as state-supported medical schools. Interviewed applicants claiming Texas as their legal residence are required to complete a Residence Questionnaire.

To help students with the cost of medical education, Baylor offers financial assistance through federal and institutional loan, scholarship and work-study programs. The Office of Student Financial Aid assists students with the application process and determines their eligibility for these programs.

GRADUATE WITH LESS DEBT

\$181,179* PUBLIC MEDICAL SCHOOL AVERAGE DEBT

\$206,204* PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL **\$108,136** BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

*Source: AAMC Debt, Costs and Loan Repayment Fact Card 2017

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, CALL THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AT 713.798.4603.

TUITION & FEES	Texas Resident	Non- Resident
TUITION	\$16,800	\$29,900
FEES	\$ 2,923	\$ 2,923
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 4,843	\$ 4,843
BOOKS & SUPPLIES	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800
TOTAL	\$30,366	\$43,466



STUDENT LIFE

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A LIFE OUTSIDE OF STUDYING DURING MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The College sponsors many activities for students that range from formal ceremonies and award programs to social events, community service events and special activities. The College also has an athletic facility and intramural leagues for those interested in sports.

All students are assigned to a quad at the beginning of their first year and they participate in activities, including social and community service opportunities, with their quad throughout their years at Baylor. Quads foster connections between students and contribute to Baylor's mission of service.

Our location provides many opportunities to pursue outside interests. Right next door to the Texas Medical Center is Hermann Park's trails, public golf course, the Houston Zoo,and outdoor amphitheater. To the west are Rice University and the Rice Village Shopping Center. Directly north is the Museum District's 18 art organizations, and just five miles further north is downtown, the hub of Houston's restaurants, clubs, theaters and sports stadiums. One tip I got on the application trail is that you not only need to enjoy your school but also its surroundings. Sometimes you need to be able to escape medicine and just enjoy life, and there is definitely always something to do in Houston. Almost all sports, art forms and recreational activities can be found in Houston. Living in Houston has been great!

> SONIA GOMEZ PARRA M.D./PH.D. STUDENT

THE CITY OF HOUSTON

We've discovered that many people who have never been to Houston have some preconceived notions about the city that are, well, just plain wrong.

HOUSTON FACTS & FIGURES

1st	among nation's 10 most populous cities in total acreage of park land
2nd	LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF FORTUNE 500 companies in the u.s.
4th	LARGEST CITY IN U.S.: 2.3 MILLION RESIDENTS
23%	BELOW THE AVERAGE COST OF LIVING IN THE 20 most populous u.s. cities
60	DEGREE GRANTING COLLEGE, UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
145+	LANGUAGES SPOKEN
	INSTITUTIONS DEVOTED TO PERFORMING

AND VISUAL ARTS, HISTORY AND SCIENCE

I am from Kentucky and Houston is by far the biggest city I have ever lived in. I love that Houston never stops surprising you with new experiences. Most importantly, people from the most diverse backgrounds you can imagine will be excited to share these experiences with you. It's the people that make Houston feel like home.

> LEANNE LITTLE ALUMNA AND CURRENT RESIDENT AT THE CLEVELAND CLINIC



HOUSTON IS THE MOST DIVERSE LARGE METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE U.S.

PLENTY OF OPTIONS TO OCCUPY YOUR FREE TIME:

- Professional, collegiate and recreational sports leagues
- Theater, ballet, concerts, opera and museums
- Nightlife options around town
- Shopping galore

500+

- 350 parks; 95 miles of nature, hiking and bike trails and three state parks nearby
- More than 10,000 restaurants representing 70 countries and U.S. regions
- Water recreation within a short drive (Galveston beaches, Clear Lake, Lake Conroe and Lake Livingston)

BOTTOM LINE:

IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, LEARN, WORK, PLAY & RAISE A FAMILY.

BAYLOR TIMELINE

1900 University of Dallas medical department opened to improve the practice of medicine in North Texas.

1903 The young medical school formed an alliance with Baylor University in Waco and the name changed to Baylor University College of Medicine. 1969 By mutual agreement, the College separated from Baylor University to become one of the few independent medical schools in the U.S. and the name was changed to Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, widely regarded as the father of modern cardiovascular surgery, became the first president of the College.

1943 The MD Anderson Foundation invited Baylor University College of Medicine to join the newly formed Texas Medical Center. The College opened in Houston July 12, 1943.

1947 The College moved into its present site in the Roy and Lillie Cullen Building, the first building completed in the new Texas Medical Center. The building was designated a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark in 2015.

1949 The Baylor College of Medicine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences was established. 1983 Тһе

Harris Health certificate program for nurse anesthetists moved under the auspices of the College and became a Master of Science program. This was elevated to a doctoral level program in 2012.

2013 The Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics program welcomed its first students.

2015 The Baylor College of Medicine Dan L Duncan Center earned Comprehensive Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute. 2011 The Baylor College of Medicine National School of Tropical Medicine was founded. It is one of the first of its kind in North America devoted to the neglected diseases that disproportionately afflict "the bottom billion," the world's poorest people who live below the World Bank poverty level.

2014 Baylor College of Medicine and Catholic Health Initiatives entered a joint venture partnership to co-own the Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center, formerly St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

2018 The Genetics Counseling program welcomed its first students.

1971 The Physician Assistant Program began as a certificate program. It was elevated to Bachelor of Science status in 1975 and then Master of Science in 1989.

1972 The Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions, the first high school in the country to specialize in medical professions, opened as a partnership between the Houston Independent School District and Baylor College of Medicine. Today, the Baylor Magnet School Network includes six additional high schools and three middle schools. 2005 In the wake of the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina, University of Tulane School of Medicine temporarily moved to Baylor College of Medicine, allowing all students to complete their academic year on time.

2006 The first Human Genome Project effort at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center was completed, with chromosomes 3, 12, and 30 Mb of X (~10 percent of the genome).

THE NEXT STEP

The next step after medical school is residency in a particular specialty. Graduates are placed into their residency programs through a national matching system that pairs the students' choices of programs with the programs' choices of students. Baylor graduates have a proven track record of doing very well in the match.



MATCH DAY 2018 187 GRADUATES MATCHED IN 29 SPECIALTIES

- 2 CHILD NEUROLOGY
- 6 DERMATOLOGY
- 7 EMERGENCY MEDICINE
- **11** FAMILY MEDICINE
- **28** INTERNAL MEDICINE
 - **1** INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY
 - **3** MEDICINE-PEDIATRICS
 - 1 MEDICINE-PRELIMINARY
 - 5 MEDICINE-PRIMARY
 - MEDICINE-PSYCHIATRY
 - **4** NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

- 1 NEUROLOGY
- 12 OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY
 - 1 OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY-PRELIMINARY
- 14 OPHTHALMOLOGY
 - **9** ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
 - 5 OTOLARYNGOLOGY
 - 4 PATHOLOGY
- **16 PEDIATRICS**
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