Education

The College of Medicine is the largest of six colleges at the University of Florida Health Science Center and acknowledged as having one of the strongest medical education programs in North America. Its mission is to improve health care in Florida, our nation and the world through excellence and leadership in education, clinical care, education, discovery and service.

The college offers a variety of educational opportunities in addition to the medical degree, including the Interdisciplinary Program in Biomedical Sciences, which leads to a Ph.D. or an M.S. degree, and joint programs for both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees. Also part of the College of Medicine is the School of Physician Assistant Studies. The college plays an important role in the continuing education of resident physicians and fellows through its collaboration with the UF Faculty Group Practice Clinics and Shands HealthCare. Located in Gainesville and Jacksonville, the college comprises 24 clinical and basic science departments. The Jacksonville campus is home to more than 350 physicians and scientists delivering medical care in an urban setting.

Patient care is provided by the UF Physicians Group Practice, a close collaboration with Shands at UF, the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center and several community health-care sites and other affiliated hospitals in Florida.

top 50


The College of Medicine has ranked in the top 50 medical schools for the past eight years.
Research

College of Medicine faculty have attained national leadership in patient care, research and education related to the brain and spine, cancer, diabetes, drug design, genetics and organ transplantation. The college was responsible for 45.7 percent of UF’s total extramural research awards for FY 2010.

UF was awarded the competitive $26 million Clinical and Translational Science Award from the National Institutes of Health in July 2009, joining a prestigious consortium of medical research institutions. As the only university in Florida to receive the award, UF is in position to accelerate the transformation of scientific discovery into medical advances for patients.

In 2006, UF opened the 280,000-square-foot Cancer & Genetics Research Complex, one of the largest research buildings in Florida. The facility offers cancer researchers an opportunity to work in close proximity to colleagues in genetics, biotechnology, biomedical engineering and other fields. In May 2010, the university opened the Biomedical Sciences Building, resulting in 163,000 square feet of new research space, and also opened the Emerging Pathogens Institute building, fusing key disciplines for outreach, education and research to help preserve Florida’s health and economy.

UF ranks among the top 10 U.S. universities in licensing income and averages more than 50 issued patents each year.

Patient Care

Patient care occurs at two principal locations — Gainesville and Jacksonville — and at more than 40 clinical practices. Clinical strengths are in cancer, neurosciences, aging, gene therapy, psychiatry and addiction medicine, transplantation and children’s services. UF faculty account for approximately 550,000 physician visits and 43,900 discharges annually.

The Shands Cancer Hospital, a 192-bed hospital designed to meet the area’s growing need for cancer services, opened its doors to patients in November 2009. The hospital serves a variety of inpatients, including those receiving diagnostic and therapeutic oncology care. It also houses the Shands Critical Care Center for emergency and trauma services.

The Florida Proton Therapy Institute, located next to Shands Jacksonville, is one of only 10 proton therapy treatment centers in the U.S., delivering a highly precise and effective form of radiation to destroy tumors with little or no damage to adjacent healthy tissues.