

Prospective Student

You are applying to the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine (FEHSOM) at an exciting time in its history! We are redesigning our curriculum with the theme of “Molecules to Military Medicine.” The new design rests on three conceptual pillars: 1) integration of basic and clinical sciences across the four-year curriculum; (2) early patient contact; and (3) adaptability to unique learning styles and advances in education technology. As a member of the class of 2015, you will work in a clinical setting early in your studies, while maintaining a strong emphasis on the basic science curriculum that is the underpinning of all medical education.

We are shifting from discipline-based courses to integrated, system-based units for learning science in the context of clinical problems. In fact, a primary goal of curricular redesign is to give students real clinical experiences with real responsibility for patients as early as possible in the curriculum. The curriculum will continue to be divided into three periods: pre-clerkship, core clerkships and advanced clerkships, but the content and timing of each phase meshes the basic sciences and the clinical sciences throughout the four years of study.



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Curriculum Reform

“Learning to Care for Those in Harm’s Way”



New & Exciting Changes

Some details of the three periods of the new curriculum are as follows:

➤ **Pre-Clerkship Period (first 17 months)**

- Begins with a 2-month period of instruction that will emphasize fundamental principles of basic and clinical sciences, and help students of diverse backgrounds be ready for what follows.
- Curriculum is delivered in integrated disease/system-based units. Physical diagnosis skills will be matched to the contents of these science units.
- Teaching methods will include lectures, small group case-based discussions, and self-directed learning. All units of instruction will have clinical, case-based themes and utilize concurrent methods such as case discussions, simulations and hospital/clinical activities.

➤ **Core Clerkships Period (12 months)**

- Rotations will be in inpatient medicine, outpatient medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, family medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, subspecialty surgery, and an elective block.
- Rotations will be chosen at military teaching hospitals and medical facilities around the U.S. This is our long-standing practice, that allows for training in the context of eventual practice.
- Clinical and basic science topics will be presented as “threads” throughout the clerkships. Dedicated seminars will be held on the topics of patient safety, electronic health records, patient and family communication, nutrition, clinical and translational research, cultural competency, and medical humanities.
- The latest training will be provided through the use of technology in such areas as simulation and medical imaging.

➤ **Advanced Clerkships Period (last 17 months)**

- Includes clerkships in emergency medicine, anesthesiology, neurology, medical and surgical sub-internships, and electives. Research opportunities will also be available.
- The Bushmaster advanced field-training exercise will continue to give students practice in teamwork, triage, and resuscitation .

We hope you share our excitement about the new curriculum, and we look forward to receiving your application. Our website is updated on a regular basis with the latest information on classes and scheduling under the new program. Please bookmark the site and check back for the most current information: <http://www.usuhs.mil/curriculumreform/index.html>

If you have any further questions about the application procedure, please contact our Admissions Office – 301 295-3101 or admissions@usuhs.mil.

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