

Doctor of Medicine

Plan Description

The mission of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV is to prepare a diverse student body for the delivery of patient-centered care and meaningful careers in clinical practice, research, and community service. The program integrates foundational science and primary care clinical experiences with community-based service learning that addresses population health and social disparities, incorporates independent research projects that contribute to the growth of scientific knowledge and community health resources, and develops strong commitments to public service and lifelong learning. The curriculum is community-based, and includes instruction in biomedical ethics, ethical decision-making, patient safety, population health, as well as training in interprofessionalism, professionalism, cultural competence, bias recognition and reduction, and non-traditional medical needs; such as, hospitality, legal, and business facets of medicine.

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) program emphasizes the basics of medicine: communication, physical exam and diagnosis, clinical skills, advanced clinical reasoning and interpretation, professionalism, and ethics using technologically advanced tools and genomic data to foster medical student learning. Overall, the curriculum is community-focused, but places great importance on relationships through faculty to student mentorship, extensive experience with health care professionals in the delivery of primary care and longitudinal patient-centered care, in addition to immersion in community service projects and initiatives. Students will directly apply their learning in the service of others, providing compassionate care in collaboration with many other health professionals including: physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentists, physical therapists, social workers, occupational therapists, and other community practitioners in the pursuit of providing the best patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Please refer to the [Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV](#) for more information about the requirements for the MD.