

Academic Advising

Six major resource areas provide academic and personal advising for medical students. These are the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Course and/or Clerkship Directors, Veritas Career Advising Groups, Office of Academic Enhancement, and the Health Science Center [Counseling Service](#).

Each entering student is assigned to a Veritas Group. Veritas Groups provide continuity of faculty advising throughout the [School of Medicine](#) experience. For students who encounter academic difficulty, the course director or clerkship director is the first line of consultation. Both the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs monitor students' progress through interaction with faculty in an effort to identify problems early and intervene if necessary.

The Office of Academic Enhancement's mission is to promote the retention and advancement of medical students throughout the four-year curriculum. It does this by providing group and individual tutoring, large-group review sessions for pre-clinical courses, a pre-matriculation program for incoming medical students, a tutoring elective for those interested in academic medicine, a USMLE preparation course and consultation services for study skills, time management issues, and test-taking assistance.9901BThe Health Science Center Counseling Service may be helpful to some students encountering academic difficulties, especially in helping the student to review study skills and learning style. This office and the other resources listed above may also be helpful if students encounter issues of personal concern. The [Office of Student Life](#) may also be helpful in this latter regard.