At UT School of Medicine, we do not keep you confined to small classrooms and stuffy lecture halls. We put you right in the middle of the action as much as possible working with real doctors on real patients to solve real problems. You will make rounds, intubate patients, secure IVs and deliver babies. If community-based medicine interests you, you will test environmental factors, volunteer at local clinics and help prevent infectious diseases at the RAHC in South Texas. Why all the focus on firsthand knowledge? Because book smarts are great, but residency programs choose medical students who have the experience to match.
At UT School of Medicine, you will go beyond replicating others' experiments to make your own discoveries. With guidance from some of the most distinguished medical researchers and access to the brand new South Texas Research Facility, you will have the resources to make any breakthrough possible. Our current students are investigating nontraditional diabetes treatments, regrowing human tissue and preventing age-related diseases, so who knows what you will uncover. Whatever it is, we will help you get the added experience of presenting and publishing it on your way to an M.D. with Distinction in Research degree.

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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A PRACTICAL, SYSTEMS-BASED CURRICULUM

Emerging are the days of subject-based learning. Today's most innovative medical schools are adopting the systems-based approach because it is more practical and applicable in the real world. At the UT School of Medicine, you will benefit from the integration of the basic sciences with the body systems. Instead of studying the anatomy of the heart in Anatomy class and the physiology of the heart in Physiology class, you will learn both—and everything else specific to cardiology—as you immerse yourself in your Cardiovascular module. This approach also gets you thinking clinically, which will help you on the wards during third year, and you may even be able to start narrowing which specialties interest you most early on your path toward selecting a residency.

TEST YOUR OWN HYPOTHESES WITH REAL-WORLD RESEARCH

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EXPERIENCE A WHOLE OTHER WORLD OF MEDICINE AT THE RAHC

The Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Harlingen, Texas, offers a unique medical school experience based in community support, border health and infectious disease. If you choose to study at the RAHC for your third and/or fourth year, you will get to help people at nearly the same level of depth as a practicing physician—working one-on-one with your faculty supervisor. Located in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, you will provide assistance to the residents there as they struggle with issues like diabetes and tuberculosis—and you can be part of the solution in one of the most medically underserved regions of the country.

WATCH LESS AND DO MORE WITH HANDS-ON CLINICAL STUDIES

Our H-E-B Clinical Skills Center—a dedicated state-of-the-art facility with standardized patients—as well as partnerships with six teaching hospitals, and our Regional Academic Health Center, allow us to provide some of the most immersive hands-on training experiences available in the country today. We begin your clinical skills training in year 1 and build on that to arm you with clinical competencies that will serve you through your residency and into clinical practice.

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A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION

Our school prides itself on a culture of collaboration—among the students and with the faculty. Instead of an ultra-competitive environment, you will find that your educators and your fellow students help you get the most out of your medical education. From your classmates to your professors to your attending physicians, you will find that everyone is here for one reason: to help you become the best physician you can be. The curriculum is designed with collaboration in mind, and our campus culture encourages everyone to work together for mutual benefit. You will find study groups, note sharing, and a very-supportive culture of teamwork.