



# UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## MEDICINE

### **What does a career in medicine involve?**

Physicians are caretakers of their patients. They are responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of an array of diseases and disorders. Medicine has almost as many fields from which to choose as there are doctors. Specialties range from family medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and surgery to anesthesiology, orthopedics, medical research and many more. The average salary of all physicians is approximately \$164,000, ranging from \$130,000 to \$260,000.

### **What type of education is required?**

Medical schools require a bachelor's degree before admission to school is granted. A student's bachelor degree can be in any subject, but a minimum number of science credits are required. The application process begins a year prior to matriculation into medical school. In addition, the Medical College Aptitude Test (MCAT), which evaluates students' science, math, reading and writing skills, is a required element of the application process.

Once admitted, students attend medical school for four years followed by a minimum three-year internship and residency which can often be longer depending on the chosen specialty.

The University of Nevada School of Medicine admits 52 students each year, primarily Nevada residents. The first two years of the curriculum – the basic science years – are taught at the Reno campus. The clinical years – years three and four – are spent in hospitals and clinics throughout the state. The school gives students the opportunity to work on research projects, interact with patients, work with physicians all over the state, and experience the excitement of becoming a physician.

### **Where can I get more information?**

- ◆ MCAT information: [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)
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