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M1 – Phase A

Event	Start Date	End Date
Orientation – M1	07/23/2026	07/24/2026
White Coat Ceremony – M1	TBD	
Fall Semester: 07/27/2026 – 12/18/2026		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 501: Foundations of Clinical Medicine	07/27/2026	09/18/2026
COM 526: Hematology	09/21/2026	10/23/2026
COM 511: Integumentary and Musculoskeletal Systems	10/26/2026	12/18/2026
Spring Semester: 01/04/2027 – 05/28/2027		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 551: Neuroscience	01/04/2027	03/05/2027
COM 541: Renal System	03/15/2027	04/16/2027
COM 531 CV: Cardiovascular	04/19/2027	05/28/2027

M2 – Phase A

Event	Start Date	End Date
Refresher Orientation – M2	07/27/2026	07/27/2026
Fall Semester: 07/27/2026 – 12/18/2026		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 531 P: Pulmonary	07/27/2026	08/31/2026
COM 561: Behavioral Medicine	09/02/2026	09/23/2026
COM 521: Gastrointestinal System	09/24/2026	11/09/2026
COM 571: Endocrine System	11/11/2026	12/18/2026
Spring Semester: 01/04/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Preparing for Residency *(Required)*	01/04/2027	05/07/2027
COM 581: Reproductive System	01/04/2027	02/19/2027

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Longitudinal Courses – M1 & M2

Course	FALL 2026 Start Date	FALL 2026 End Date	SPRING 2027 Start Date	SPRING 2027 End Date
Medical Skills – M1	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	05/28/2027
Medical Skills – M2	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	03/19/2027
The Colloquium – M1	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	05/28/2027
The Colloquium – M2	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	03/19/2027

SDSSP - *will start in Fall Semester for the M1 students and continue through Fall Semester of the M2 year.*

M3 – Phase B – Clinical Clerkships

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall Semester: 05/11/2026 – 12/31/2026		
Pathway to Residency *(Required)*	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Clerkship Symposium – M3 Preparation	05/04/2026	05/08/2026
Clinical Clerkships – M3	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Event	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Spring Semester: 01/01/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Preparing for Residency *(Required)*	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
Clinical Clerkships – M3	01/01/2027	05/07/2027

M4 – Phase B – Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall Semester: 05/11/2026 – 12/31/2026		
Pathway to Residency *(Required)*	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
*Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations – M4	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Event	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Spring Semester: 01/01/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Pathway to Residency (*Required*)	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
*Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations – M4	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
Graduation Clearance Day – M4	05/14/2027	05/14/2027
Graduation Ceremony – M4	05/15/2027	05/15/2027

*Add/Drop deadline for Elective courses is 5 days from the start of instruction.

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Exams/Review/Research Day Schedule

Event	Start Date	End Date	EXAMS	Start Date
M2- Step 1 Workshop (Mandatory)	TBD	TBD	CBSE #1: CBSE #2: CBSE #3: CBSE #4:	TBD TBD TBD
CNU Research Day	TBD	TBD		
Kaplan Review Course	TBD	TBD		
M3- Step 2 Virtual Workshop (Mandatory)	TBD	TBD	CCSE #1: CCSE #2: CCSE #3: CCSE #4:	TBD TBD TBD TBD
Kaplan Assessment Exam	TBD	TBD		

University Holidays

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
Independence Day	07/04/2026	New Year's Day	01/01/2027
Labor Day	09/07/2026	Martin Luther King	01/18/2027
Thanksgiving	11/26/2026 - 11/27/2026	President's Day	02/15/2027
Christmas	12/25/2026	Memorial Day	05/31/2027
		Juneteenth	06/19/2027