Mission Statement
The University of South Carolina School of Medicine serves the people of South Carolina and beyond through exemplary medical and health education, transformative research, and compassionate patient care.

Plan a Visit
The Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services provides various services for prospective students and applicants including a shadowing opportunity, "A Day in the Life of a Medical Student." All shadowing opportunities and visits should be scheduled in advance.

Contact Us
School of Medicine Columbia
Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services
6311 Garners Ferry Road, Building 3
Columbia, SC 29209
Phone: 803-216-3625

Office of Medical Student Education-Florence
324 West Evans Street
Florence, SC 29501
Phone: 843-665-3156
Email: admissions@uscmed.sc.edu

www.med.sc.edu

Providing medical care within underserved communities has always been my dream.
The Florence campus provides a vast amount of opportunities for training medical students and residents.

Lateef Harper, M.D.,
USC SOM Class of 2014
Resident, McLeod Health Family Medicine

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetics, sexual orientation or veteran status.
Choose to train where patient care is provided under the individualized supervision of a fully trained physician

**School of Medicine - Florence**
Beginning in July 2015, the School of Medicine Columbia opened its regional campus in Florence, South Carolina. Located 80 miles east of Columbia in the Pee Dee region of the state, Florence is the newest clinical training site for our third and fourth year medical students. With state-of-the-art clinical training facilities at McLeod Regional Medical Center and Carolinas Hospital System, and in partnership with Francis Marion University, the School of Medicine is set to make Florence a model for regional medical education and to help address the shortage of health care professionals in the area while continuing to meet our mission to improve the health of the citizens of South Carolina.

**The Community**
Florence, SC is conveniently located at the intersections of I-95 and I-20 and is just one hour away from Myrtle Beach. A mid-sized city with a metropolitan population of over 200,000, Florence has both a small-town character and a rich history. Home to a world class performing arts center, state parks, and Francis Marion University, Florence has all the advantages of a growing metropolis with the charm of Southern hospitality.

**Focus on Primary Care**
Working in conjunction with the resident and attending physicians at the McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program, students will gain the knowledge base and clinical skills necessary to provide quality health care as a primary care physician with an emphasis on rural populations.

**Professional Leadership Track**
Living and training in Florence allows for some specialized educational opportunities. Students will hone their leadership skills by meeting regularly with local health care, business, education, and government leaders. Together they will develop and complete a community service project that will improve the lives of the citizens of Florence, and help the students better understand the local community.

**Health Sciences Complex**
The newly constructed 50,000 square foot Luther F. Carter Center for Health Sciences Complex in downtown Florence houses the education programs for Francis Marion University nurse practitioner and physician assistant students, and is also utilized by third and fourth year USCSOM students. It is in close proximity of and allows easy access to the major health care facilities in Florence, and provides the opportunity for unique interprofessional educational experiences. In addition to instructional space, the facility boasts state-of-the-art simulation and computer testing labs along with a café and student lounge.

**Admissions**
As one of three allopathic medical schools in South Carolina, admission to the School of Medicine is highly competitive. The admissions process is designed to select applicants who possess the individual and personal characteristics required for both the study and practice of medicine. The selection criteria include:

- MCAT and GPA
- Letters of recommendation and work/volunteer experience
- Interviews and personal attributes

The School of Medicine participates in the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). Interviews are at the invitation of the Admissions Committee and are a required part of the admissions process for applicants.

Small class size allows for individualized supervision from the faculty and residents.