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.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine is to improve the health of the people of the state of South Carolina through the development and implementation of programs for medical education, research and the delivery of health 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.

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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 healthcare as a primary care physician with an emphasis on rural populations.

Professional Leadership Tract

Living and training in Florence allows for some specialized educational opportunities. Students will meet monthly with local leaders in healthcare, business, education, and government to learn first-hand how to be physician leaders and to develop a community service project to improve the lives of the citizens of Florence and better understand their community.

Health Sciences Complex

A 50,000 square foot Health Sciences Complex is currently under construction in downtown Florence. In addition to housing the education programs for nurse practitioner and physician assistant students from Francis Marion University, the building will also be utilized by third and fourth year USCSOM students. It is in close proximity of and will allow easy access to the major healthcare facilities in Florence as well as provide the opportunity for unique interprofessional educational experiences. In addition to instructional space the facility will have simulation and computer testing labs along with a café and student lounge space. The building is expected to open in 2016.

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 recommendations 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 sizes allows for individualized supervision from the faculty and residents.