



ANNOUNCEMENT Q&A

Why do we need an MD school in Fort Worth?

An MD school will help provide a solution in our community to the cost, quality and quantity challenges of health care. It will place Fort Worth on the cutting edge of the movement to instruct medical students in the team model of care, which places the patient at the center of attention and enhances communication among caregivers. Additionally, an MD school is expected to bring jobs and investment to our community.

What opportunities will an MD school bring to the rest of the UNTHSC and TCU campuses?

An MD school is anticipated to bring more publicly and privately funded research, more educational resources and more intellectual capital to both campuses.

What are some of the distinguishing features of this MD school?

The academic collaboration blending a health science center and a liberal arts-focused university helps to create a well-rounded environment for medical students. Blending a medical education with a liberal arts perspective will prepare our MD students to be skilled communicators and to be ethical and principled leaders who are patient-focused.

When will the new school open?

Pending SACSCOC approval, the plan is for the MD school to begin accepting applications in Fall 2017 and for the first class to begin in Fall 2018.

How big will the MD school be?

The first class is planned to consist of 60 students. Total MD enrollment is expected to be 240 students by the academic year 2021-22.

Where will the MD school be located?

The MD school will share campuses with TCU and UNTHSC.

How will the MD school affect the current awarding of Graduate Medical Education residency positions to TCOM students?

We expect an increased likelihood that graduates of both the DO and the MD programs will have more opportunities for residency programs in the Fort Worth/North Texas area, thus providing more, and much-needed, practicing physicians as an outcome.

Will the MD school be affiliated with any hospitals or clinics?

Such affiliations have yet to be arranged. But TCU and UNTHSC will secure sufficient affiliated rotation sites to support the MD students. These clinical affiliations will not affect the rotation sites of existing programs.

Where will the startup funding come from?

By using existing educational and research facilities and strong full-time and adjunct faculty from both TCU and UNTHSC, the initial cost of development for an MD school will be minimized. Monetary support will come from private sources, including donors who have committed financial support for the creation of an MD school in Fort Worth.

How will the MD school be funded long term?

As currently planned, funding for the ongoing operation of the MD school will come from tuition, fees and private support.

Will current tuition rates at either university increase as a result of the new MD school?

The tuition for current UNTHSC and TCU students will not be raised as a result of the MD school. The tuition of MD students will be jointly determined by TCU and UNTHSC at the appropriate time.

Will there be any new state funding for this collaboration?

State appropriations to support the MD school start-up will not be necessary, given that all costs of the MD school, including those associated with physical infrastructure, faculty and staff, will be paid for from MD school tuition, fees, endowment and private gifts.

Does the MD school have an administrative leader yet?

No one has been hired for this position. The dean of the MD school will be jointly hired by TCU and UNTHSC and report to the provosts at both institutions. The dean will have an office on both campuses.

Will an entirely new faculty be hired?

We plan to utilize our current strong full-time and adjunct faculty at both institutions as much as possible. The curriculum, when it is developed, may require new faculty hires. The dean will be in charge of these hires.

Will faculty be employed by TCU or UNTHSC?

Existing faculty will be employed by the original university at which they accepted employment. UNTHSC and TCU will determine jointly, as the MD school develops, who will employ new faculty.

Will students be considered students of TCU or UNTHSC?

MD school students will be students of both TCU and UNTHSC. The privileges and services offered at both campuses will be available to MD students.

Where will classes be held?

The MD school will provide courses on the TCU and UNTHSC campuses. Because of the specific facilities needed for an MD school, many classes will be at UNTHSC.

Will MD students be in classes with TCU and UNTHSC students who are not enrolled in the MD school?

Yes. The MD school will strategically teach a team approach to the provision of care, which promises to be the future of health care. Exposing students to different types of health care disciplines will better prepare them to thrive in this type of work environment.

Who will award the degrees?

The MD school will be managed, branded, and supported jointly by both institutions. While the school's initial name will include both TCU and UNTHSC, the degrees awarded will not contain the name of the UNTHSC until such time as state law permits.

Is the application process for admission to the MD school the same as that for TCOM?

At this time, a separate application is required specifically for the MD school. At the appropriate time, an admissions committee will be formed that consists of both TCU and UNTHSC faculty.

How will curriculum be decided?

Leaders from TCU and UNTHSC will be involved in the selection of a new dean, who will be responsible for development of the MD curriculum.