FAMILY MEDICINE DOCTORS...

Advocate for patients in the health care system
Can be either MD or DO
Care for patients of all ages and genders
Are needed in Western North Carolina
Manage chronic illnesses, coordinate with specialists, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check ups, AND MORE!

MY TIMELINE

What Can I do in High School?

Take the ACT and SAT
Complete College Applications: The Common Application CFNC and Individual applications.
Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer Credit.
Participate in extracurricular activities: Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, volunteering.

What Can I do in College?

Medical schools require you to have at least a Bachelor’s Degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to public NC university and still go to medical school.
Picking a major does not effect your acceptance into medical school as long as you have the general course requirements. Generally: 1 year of Biology + labs, 1 year of General Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Organic Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Physics + labs.
Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research.

What about Medical School and Residency?

Medical schools require you to take the MCAT exam at least one year before entering medical school.
AMCAS is the application for MD (allopathic).
AACOMAS is the application for DO (osteopathic).
Applications open about one year before entering medical school. The application process includes: primary application, secondary application, and in person interviews.
Medical school is typically four years, but there are some programs that are three years.
Residency is three years but specialties may take longer such as sports medicine.

MORE INFORMATION?

US Bureau of Labor Statistics
MCAT and AMCAS Fee Assistance
Medical School Admissions Requirements
Medical School Interview Resources
My Next Move—Family Physician Fellowships within Family Medicine