GENERAL SURGERY

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). ACOMAS 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 four years. Residency is five years but sub specialties may take longer such as Hand Surgery.

GENERAL SURGEONS...

- Advocate for patients in the health care system
- See patients inside and outside of hospitals
- Care for patients of all ages and genders
- Are needed in Western North Carolina
- Use cutting-edge technology, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check ups, AND MORE!

MORE INFORMATION?

- US Bureau of Labor Statistics
- MCAT and AMCAS Fee Assistance
- Medical School Admissions Requirements
- Medical School Interview Resources
- A Career in General Surgery