Enrollment (2021):
Total students: 1,599
892 MD students
707 Basic science students
41% of SOM grads enter residencies in North Carolina

Total Allied Health students: 465
90 Undergraduate students
245 Graduate students
130 Professional students
0 Certificate students

Residents/clinical fellows: 933
Postdoctoral researchers: 361

MD Tuition:
Among the lowest average debt for graduates thanks to public and philanthropic support
$34,932 (full-time, in state)
$62,325 (full-time, out of state)

Faculty and Staff:
Full-time faculty: 1,912
Full-time staff: 2345

Research by the numbers (2021):
Total funding: $584 million
NIH funding: $357 million

Ranked 17th nationally
Ranked 5th among public universities
All basic science departments in the top 10 for NIH funding
12 clinical departments in the top 30

US News and World Report rankings:
3rd in Primary care
24th in Research

UNC Health Foundation:
Over the past three years, UNC Health Foundation has facilitated more than $360M in support of programs throughout the UNC School of Medicine and UNC Medical Center to facilitate the highest quality clinical care, life-changing research, and innovative education.

The Mission:
Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of North Carolinians and everyone we serve. We accomplish this by providing leadership and excellence in the interrelated areas of patient care, education, and research. We optimize our partnership with UNC Health, as well as the UNC College of Arts and Sciences and the various schools across campus through close collaboration and a commitment to service.

We provide superb clinical care while maintaining our strong tradition of reaching underserved populations and reducing health disparities across North Carolina and beyond. Through NC Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), and other outreach programs, our trainees serve communities across the entire state, caring for patients and improving access to and delivery of outstanding health care.

The UNC School of Medicine is also home to the NC Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute (NC TraCS), a $50-million-plus NIH-funded endeavor to accelerate research to benefit the people of North Carolina and beyond.

Facts of the Matter:
39.5% of UNC SOM grads practice in NC (above national average).
UNC SOM ranks in the 93rd percentile for number of African American graduates and women faculty members.
For in-state students, it costs $48,000 less to attend UNC than the national average.
On average, UNC medical students graduate with $64,000 less debt than other American medical students.

Leadership and Administration
A. Wesley Burks, MD,
Dean of the UNC School of Medicine / CEO of UNC Health
Cristy Page, MD, MPH, Executive Dean

Vice Deans
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: E. Nate Thomas III, PhD
Research: Blossom A. Damania, PhD
Faculty Affairs and Chief Education Officer: Jennifer Wu, MD, MPH
Strategic Initiatives: Cam Enarson, MD

Area Health Education Centers
Director of AHEC: Hugh Tilson, JD, MPH

Nobel Prize laureates
Oliver Smithies, DPhil, Weatherspoon Eminent Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
Aziz Sancar, MD, PhD, Sarah Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics, 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

National Academy of Medicine
23 UNC SOM faculty members have been inducted to the prestigious National Academy of Medicine.

In 2019, Adaora Adimora, MD, MPH, the Sarah Graham Kenan Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the UNC School of Medicine and professor of epidemiology at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, was elected to the academy.

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