

Statement on General Education

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

General education is the cornerstone for lifelong learning.

An understanding of history is necessary to effectively change the future of healthcare.

An understanding of culture is necessary to communicate medical information to a diverse community.

An understanding of logic is necessary to know what questions to ask a patient.

An understanding of humanities is necessary to better humanity.

A broad-based education provides students with the essential background to problem solve, analyze information, interact effectively with a diverse community, and promote creative and innovative thinking. Applicants to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science are expected to have a broad educational background. They should have both a *depth* of scientific knowledge and a wide *breadth* of general knowledge.

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is primarily a graduate-level health science institution. As such, the majority of applicants to the University have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. While most graduate programs at Rosalind Franklin University require a bachelor's degree, the MD and DPM programs accept applications without a completed bachelor's degree. Such applications are less than one percent of the entire applicant pool. Transcripts are carefully reviewed to ensure that matriculants without a bachelor's degree have obtained a satisfactory general education foundation.

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science also offers a two year completion Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology. Specific general education coursework is required for admission, including coursework in English, Mathematics, Computers, and Behavioral Science.

While classroom education at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science is largely focused on the student's program of specialty, a broader education is encouraged through:

- **Ethics Coursework and Interprofessional Studies**
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science instills in every student the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that will allow them to become a valued member of their professional environment. This is accomplished through an innovative curriculum that provides students with the foundation of leadership, ethics, and scientific knowledge.
- **Community Service Projects**
Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science fosters a community of healthcare students dedicated to providing service to their community through the following:



“Inspire” mentoring program for Zion-Benton High School, Kids 1st Health Fair, LeadAmerica, Out of the Darkness Overnight, New Life Volunteering Society, Student Sight Savers, Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention.

- **Student Organizations and Interest Groups**

Through a network of interprofessional student groups and organizations, students have an opportunity to gain leadership skills, self-governance, explore personal interest and take an active role in the University community. Eighty student organizations and interest groups currently exist providing leadership opportunities for over two hundred students.

