

Will F-MAT students participate in the National Resident Matching Program?

Yes, they will be required to register with and participate in The Match, with the expectation that they will rank as their first choice the Family Medicine program in Amarillo, Lubbock or the Permian Basin, where they complete the F-MAT3 course.

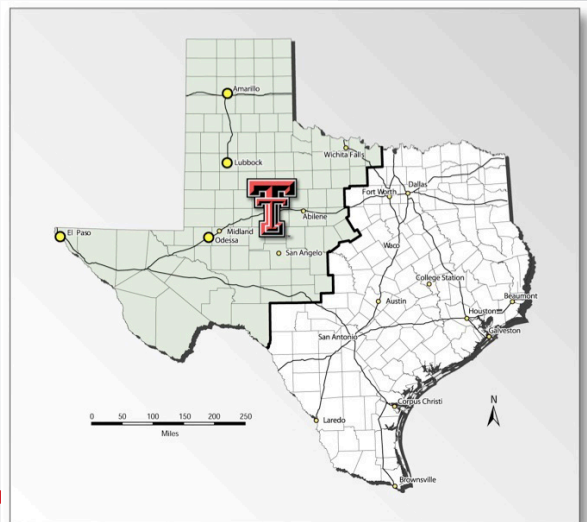
How do students apply for F-MAT?

TTUHSC currently fills F-MAT positions both during the general medical school application process and from within the first year class.

Students applying to TTUHSC School of Medicine may indicate F-MAT interest on the TMDSAS application and by completing the on-line F-MAT application. Students already enrolled apply to F-MAT during the fall semester of their first year of medical school. Students seeking F-MAT admission are asked to complete an online application that includes the following short essay questions:

- What motivates you to participate in the FMAT program?
- What experiences have you had that would prepare you for this intensive program?
- What, in your opinion, distinguishes Family Medicine from other medical specialties?

Students are selected for the F-MAT program based on academic performance, interest in Family Medicine and an interview with the F-MAT committee.



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What is F-MAT?

F-MAT is an innovative 3-year accelerated medical school curriculum that culminates in the M.D. degree and leads to a standard 3-year family medicine residency at one of three Texas Tech programs, in Lubbock, Amarillo, or the Permian Basin. The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) the accrediting body for medical education, reviewed and approved Texas Tech's request to implement the F-MAT program in February 2010.

The purpose of F-MAT is to prepare primary care physicians more efficiently and with less cost.

The F-MAT program offers students a seamless transition between their predoctoral and residency training settings and curricula, as they spend 2 years in Lubbock, followed by at least 4 years on the campus (which may include Lubbock) where they will complete both the final year of medical school and 3 years of family medicine residency training. The F-MAT program is limited to 12 students per year in each class.

How is the F-MAT Curriculum Different?

The regular 4-year curriculum at Texas Tech School of Medicine covers 160 weeks of instruction, whereas the F-MAT curriculum covers 151 weeks. The MS1 year for both programs is identical. F-MAT students begin the program during the summer after their first year of medical school, completing the F-MAT1 course. During their second year, students complete the longitudinal family medicine clerkship (the F-MAT2 course), in addition to their usual MS2 requirements. During their third year, they complete five 8-week clerkships, in addition to an 8-week capstone course (F-MAT3) prior to graduation.

F-MAT1 Course *Lubbock*

- 8-week summer concentrated course to prepare students for the Family Medicine clerkship
- Case-based didactic and small-group content across 7 themes: Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Endocrine, Musculoskeletal, OB-Gyn/Uro, & Neuropsych, each team-taught by family medicine and basic science faculty
- Clinical and pathophysiology correlations focusing on patient assessment skills

F-MAT2 Course *Lubbock*

- 7-month Family Medicine clerkship conducted during Tuesday and Thursday mornings
- Includes geriatrics and palliative care rotations, outpatient clinic and inpatient hospital service
- Increasing patient care responsibilities

F-MAT3 Course *Amarillo, Lubbock or Permian Basin*

- 8-week experience in May and June
- Subinternship and Critical Care experiences
- Includes time to prepare and take standardized exams and complete residency orientation

F-MAT FAQ

Why Family Medicine?

Nationally, more than 90% of Family Medicine residency graduates remain in primary care, and almost 40% do so in communities that are otherwise medically underserved. In contrast, only about 20% of Internal Medicine graduates and 40% of Pediatrics graduates choose primary care careers.

How Does F-MAT Reduce Student Costs?

F-MAT students complete medical school in 3 years rather than 4, saving a full year of tuition and fees. In addition, the Texas Tech School of Medicine provides scholarship support equivalent to 1 year of tuition and fees.

Can F-MAT Students Opt Out?

Yes, students may choose to return to the regular 4-year curriculum at any time prior to graduation. However, any F-MAT scholarship support will revert to loan status and must be repaid.

Family Medicine Accelerated Track (F-MAT) Curriculum						Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine							
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
Year1:		Clinically Oriented Anatomy (11wks)			Biology of Cells & Tissues (9wks)		Major Organ Systems (13weeks)			Host Defense (9wks)		F-MAT1 (8wks)	
	Early Clinical Experience 1												
Year2:	F-MAT1 (8wks)	Integrated Neurosciences (12wks)			Multisystem Disorders (8wks)		System Disorders I (9wks)		System Disorders II (8wks)		Step1 Study & Exam		
	Early Clinical Experience 2												
	Family Medicine Clerkship/ F-MAT2 including Geriatrics Rotation												
Year3:	Pediatrics		Internal Med		OB/Gyn		Surgery		Psychiatry		F-MAT3 including All-Campus OSCE		
	Integration Seminar												
Key:	New or Changed Experiences		Unchanged Courses			Unchanged Clerkships		Unchanged Longitudinal Experiences					rev. June 2011