What is FMAT?
FMAT 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 purpose of FMAT is to prepare primary care physicians more efficiently and with less cost.

The FMAT program offers students a seamless transition between their predoctoral and residency training settings and curricula.

How is the FMAT Curriculum Different?
The regular 4-year curriculum at Texas Tech School of Medicine covers 160 weeks of instruction, whereas the FMAT curriculum covers the equivalent of 149 weeks. The MS1 year for both programs is identical. FMAT students begin the program during the summer after their first year of medical school, and complete 3 special FMAT courses:

- FMAT1 is an 8-week FMAT1 course, taken in June and July between the MS1 and MS2 years.
- FMAT2 is a longitudinal Family Medicine clerkship, taken in the MS2 year, concurrent with the regular coursework.
- FMAT3 is a capstone experience covering inpatient family medicine and ICU, taken following completion of regular MS3 clerkships.

FMAT students graduate at the end of June of their MS3 year.

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 FMAT Reduce Student Costs?
FMAT students complete medical school in 3 years rather than 4, saving a full year of tuition and fees, and entering the workforce 1 year sooner. In addition, the Texas Tech School of Medicine provides scholarship support equivalent to 1 year of tuition and fees.

Can FMAT Students Opt Out?
Yes, students may choose to return to the regular 4-year curriculum at any time prior to graduation. However, any FMAT scholarship support will revert to loan status and must be repaid.

How do students apply for FMAT?
Students applying to the TTUHSC School of Medicine may apply to the FMAT program by indicating interest on the TMDSAS application and completing the on-line FMAT application. First-year medical students at TTUHSC may also apply during the fall semester.

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

For more information about FMAT: www.ttuhsc.edu/fammed