

# FAST FACTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Medicine – Phoenix



The University of Arizona  
Health Sciences



## MISSION:

*Inspiring and training exemplary physicians, scientists and leaders to optimize health and health care in Arizona and beyond. We are uniquely positioned to accelerate the biomedical and economic engines in Phoenix and the State by leveraging our vital relationships with key clinical and community partners.*

- Four pillars empower the College's mission and vision for the future. The Education Pillar, Research Pillar, Clinical Pillar and Community Service Pillar converge in many areas and synergistically form the foundation of the College.
- The College received full reaccreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in 2022 for the maximum term of eight years.
- Phoenix is home to world-class medical institutions and hospitals. The College is partnered with nine clinical affiliates, anchored by Banner Health, our primary clinical partner since 2015.
- The College is the institutional sponsor of 29 residency and fellowship programs in partnership with Banner Health, training more than 340 specialty-trained physicians. Planned expansion of these programs will add 229 positions by 2027 to meet the health care needs of communities across Arizona.
- Students are mentored by approximately 1,200 full-time faculty, with nearly 120 on campus, and more than 1,500 part-time and community faculty in partnership with Banner–University Medical Center Phoenix, Abrazo Central Campus, Phoenix Children's, Valleywise Health, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, HonorHealth, Mayo Clinic, Hospice of the Valley and the Phoenix VA Health Care System.
- Dual-degree programs in MD-PhD and MD-MPH are offered.
- Faculty at the College conduct research focused on improving the health and well-being of residents of Arizona and beyond. The College garnered more than \$32M in research grants in FY23.
- The Phoenix Children's Research Institute at the University of Arizona College of Medicine– Phoenix launched in May 2023. A collaboration between Phoenix Children's, one of the nation's fastest-growing pediatric healthcare systems, and the University of Arizona College of Medicine–Phoenix, the institute will be a premier center for scientific discovery and the development of new therapeutics for previously untreatable diseases in children.
- The Health Sciences Education Building is a 268,000 square foot, six-story facility with lecture halls, the Center for Simulation and Innovation, clinical education suites, an anatomy lab, offices and flex rooms to support medical education.

**Established:**  
2007

**Current Medical Students:** 469

Graduates: 819

**New Medical Students Each Year:** 120

**Residents and Fellows:**  
343

## Research Focus Areas:

- Applied NanoBioscience and Medicine
- Basic Medical Sciences
- Cancer
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Mental Health
- Precision Medicine
- Toxicology and Pharmacology
- Traumatic Brain Injury



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# College of Medicine – Phoenix Fast Facts

- The Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building is a 10-story, 245,000 square foot research facility that opened in February 2017. The facility brings together leading scientists and researchers to help discover innovative solutions for today's leading health concerns.
- The Phoenix VA Health Care System Research Space is an innovative partnership offering researchers and collaborators access to the richest medical genetic database in the world, the Million Veterans Program, leading to better personalized treatments for veterans.
- The Pathway Scholars Program prepares Arizona students to become competitive applicants to medical school. The program emphasizes academic support and personalized learning strategies, culminating in a Master of Medical Studies degree.
- The College is a vibrant community resource, offering workshops and community engagement programs like Saturday Scrubs and Summer Scrubs that are designed to inspire youth about careers in health care. Medical students serve at community health clinics, including Wesley Community Center, and are mentors for students at Bioscience High School.
- Training medical students in rural and underserved populations through the Rural Health Professions and Certificate of Distinction Programs, the College strives to improve the health and well-being of Arizonans. Students train at more than 60 sites, including Douglas, Ft. Defiance, Globe, Lake Havasu, Page, Prescott, San Luis, Snowflake and Yuma, in an effort to encourage students to consider rural medical practice.
- The Phoenix Bioscience Core is also home to the UArizona R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy, UArizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, UArizona Eller College of Management, Arizona Biomedical Collaborative, Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), Northern Arizona University's College of Health and Human Services and Arizona State University.

## DIVERSITY STATEMENT

*We believe in fostering a culture of Inclusive Excellence, where all identities and differences including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender identity/ expression, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, language, abilities/ disabilities, socioeconomic status, educational backgrounds and geographic region are embraced and valued. A culture of Inclusive Excellence creates role models, broadens perspectives, combats negative stereotyping and optimizes our ability to provide world-class health care for all.*

*The College is part of the University of Arizona Health Sciences, one of the top-ranked academic medical centers in the southwestern United States. UArizona Health Sciences includes the College of Health Sciences, College of Medicine – Phoenix, College of Medicine – Tucson, College of Nursing, R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy, and Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. In addition, 15 UArizona Health Sciences centers and programs focus on cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, pain and addiction, and respiratory diseases; biomedical informatics, health technology innovation and simulation training; and precision health care and health disparities.*



## Centers of Excellence:

- Center for Applied NanoBioscience and Medicine
- Translational Cardiovascular Research Center
- Phoenix Children's Research Institute
- Center for Simulation and Innovation