MD/MBA

Overview
Applicants interested in additional information on MD degree options, contact the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs at the Medical School:

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (CST)
Phone: 504-988-5331
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For information on MBA degree options, contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at the Freeman School:

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CST)
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NOTE: Students must first be accepted into the School of Medicine before they are eligible to apply for the combined degree programs.

Future leaders in medicine must excel as clinicians as well as managers in the complex and rapidly evolving environment that now dominates health care. A growing number of medical students and physicians are complementing their medical education with MBA degrees. Holders of both degrees can operate their clinics more effectively, run a healthcare organization, manage a research project, or advocate for their patients and work to fix the healthcare system.

The School of Medicine is partnering with the internationally-recognized A. B. Freeman School of Business to offer medical students two options for completing a joint MD/MBA program. These options allow students to earn both degrees more rapidly than when done separately. Three additional options are available for those who have already completed the medical degree.

MBA Overview
In the MBA program, required courses teach business fundamentals including finance, management, operations, accounting, statistics, and marketing. Elective courses allow students to further their education in areas of strategic management and innovation, analytics, real estate, and entrepreneurship. Students develop the ability to analyze opportunities for and likelihood of success of organizations operating in various environments.

Requirements

4-Year Program for Newly-Admitted MD Students
In the accelerated business curriculum of the four-year program, students take courses at the Freeman School of Business in the summer prior to and the summer following the first year of medical school. Students then complete their business education throughout the remainder of their time at the medical school. Participants take some courses together with Freeman students in the part-time, Professional MBA (PMBA) (https://catalog.tulane.edu/business/mba/business-professional-mba/) program, benefiting from their work experience and the opportunity to collaborate on projects with non-clinicians.

5-Year Program for Current MD Students
Students in the five-year combined program save a year of training when compared to getting both degrees separately. Students apply to the combined program during the fall of their third year of medical school. Accepted students spend the fourth year of the program in the Freeman School. The fifth year is divided between the School of Medicine and the Freeman School. Unique to this MD/MBA program is a global leadership component, which includes international travel to provide real-world learning.

MBA Options for Physicians
Physicians have three options to earn the MBA from the Freeman School. For working professionals, the Professional MBA (PMBA) Program (https://catalog.tulane.edu/business/mba/business-professional-mba/) requires 54 credit hours which can be completed over a three-year span, attending classes part-time on weekday evenings. The Executive MBA (EMBA) Program (https://catalog.tulane.edu/business/mba/business-executive-mba/) is an accelerated, alternate-weekend program for experienced professionals. The 48 credit-hour, lockstep curriculum can be completed in 17 months, primarily attending full-time day classes on Fridays and Saturdays. For those between medical school and residency, an accelerated Professional MBA (PMBA) Program is available where students complete 54 credit hours in one year, attending classes full time.