The Class of Medicine 2024  
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry  
Western University  
London ON.

On behalf of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, I extend our congratulations on your acceptance for entry to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program in our London and Windsor Campuses as you launch your future professional career.

Our MD Program curriculum is developed for you as a learner, including the innovations and standards in Canadian medical education. The focus is on you – as a future physician leader, decision maker, team collaborator, scholar and educator for Canadian and international health care. Our four-year curriculum forms the foundation of your professional and career development. Our Program proudly welcomes all who may come from many diverse backgrounds to our inclusive learning environment.

Medicine is continually evolving to meet the health care challenges in our society and this is especially true in meeting the uncertainty of the new normal of our COVID 19 society and education. You will be entering medical education in a period of great change and opportunity. Our school will support you to achieve the foundational activities of being a physician with the knowledge necessary for quality patient care in this rapidly evolving time. All aspects of student learning in our renewed MD Curriculum and adaptive hybrid learning model for the upcoming academic year will offer opportunities to advance your competence through experiential learning, individual clinical and scholarly experiences, small and large group interactive learning, team-based projects and a final two years of clinical immersion. This will involve a combination of sessions using technology and face-to-face learning for both small and large group learning. All educational experiences will respect the guidelines and policies of Western University and Canadian Public Health for safe and effective learning as a student.

We commit to offering you the best student experience over your four years of MD Program learning in a time of innovation, expanding knowledge, as well as national and global collaboration in health care. Competency based education means you do not progress on grades or time spent. You will instead demonstrate achieving success in all assessments of the MD Program stages of learning. The MD Program graduation curricular competencies, along with achievement of entrustability for each of the twelve AFMC Entrustable Professional Activities, will direct your progression across the Program. Your competency-based, socially accountable curriculum is designed to provide each graduate with the skills of a generalist physician and prepare you for residency.

In our MD Program, you have responsibility and accountability for your learning. The Program will support you with a one-on-one academic faculty coach. Our goal is to nurture your success in acquiring the skills, knowledge and abilities needed to deliver safe, quality patient care as a generalist physician.

We welcome you as a member of one MD Program class and one academic community distributed between two campuses – London and Windsor. You will learn from and with patients, families, peers, residents, faculty, and other health professionals in these sites, and across our Distributed Education sites in Southwestern Ontario.
Medical school is more than the acquisition of knowledge, abilities and skills. Successful clinicians and scientists establish personal and professional relationships that influence career satisfaction and success. Developing resiliency through personal wellness and a close network of family and friends translates into success in our profession. Our school is proud of the rich tradition in student led learning, support and activities. We encourage you to be involved in activities outside of the academic requirements.

We are committed to ensuring your success. Our Program faculty and staff, the Learner Equity & Wellness Office and Western University Student Support Services, are here to support your success throughout your four-year journey. Feel free to reach out. We are here for you. Your success is our goal.

Welcome to our MD Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry of Western University and to the start of your career as a future physician and leader.

Sincerely,

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