



# DISCLOSURE REGARDING PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION

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## COLLEGE

College of Medicine

## PROGRAM

Medical Doctor, MD

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing clear and accurate information to current and prospective students to help inform career planning. The UCF program identified above prepares students for state-regulated professional licensure or certification. However, specific licensure and certification requirements may vary by state or territory. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential from an institution and program that meet certain requirements in that state (e.g., specific coursework, accredited status); passing a state or national exam; and/or working in the field for a period of time or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you intend to practice.

Effective July 1, 2024, federal regulation requires the university to meet all educational requirements for state-regulated licensure or certification in every US state and territory where its eligible programs are offered. This disclosure is intended to provide you with information regarding the educational preparation you will receive in your chosen program of study<sup>i</sup>.

### UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The UCF Medical Doctor (MD) program is designed for in-person course delivery. Although some limited online options may be available, students must take a preponderance of their coursework in-person within the State of Florida.

This program's curriculum meets the educational eligibility criteria as a medical doctor in the State of Florida. For information on all requirements for this credential<sup>ii</sup>, please review the Florida Medical Board requirements here: <https://flboardofmedicine.gov/>

### UCF Program Preparation in Other US States and Territories<sup>iii</sup>

As a participant in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), UCF is authorized to offer educational programs in all states (except California), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. The State of California is not currently a member of SARA, but UCF is separately authorized to offer educational programming there as well.

At this time the UCF MD curriculum meets the educational eligibility criteria as a medical doctor in all states in the US, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the MD program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

Additional requirements for licensure in all states include postgraduate training, with the required length varying by state. Depending upon the state, candidates for licensure also have time limits for completion of the USMLE licensing examination sequence. The Federation of State Medical Boards provides information on requirements to practice as a physician in each state and includes direct contact information for each licensing jurisdiction and their legislative policies (<https://www.fsmb.org/contact-a-state-medical-board>). You are also welcome to reach out to the UCF program contact identified below with questions in this regard, and we will do our best to assist you in your career planning.

### **Additional Information**

The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is a three-step examination for medical licensure in the United States. The initial two national exams (USMLE Step 1 and 2 CK) must be taken and successfully passed while in our MD program for both graduation and entry to a medical doctor residency program within the US. The third exam (USMLE Step 3) is normally taken approximately one year after graduation from the MD program, while in residency training. This third exam is used for state licensure as a physician and provides the physician with the sanction to practice as a physician in that state.

### **Enrollment Eligibility Restrictions<sup>iv</sup>**

To comply with federal enrollment restrictions, UCF may only enroll students physically located in the states and territories where it meets all educational requirements for the credential it prepares students to achieve. Accordingly, we are generally unable to enroll students physically located in other states and territories during their first term of enrollment in the program. However, students may be eligible to enroll upon submission of a signed attestation of their intention to pursue licensure in a state or territory where UCF does meet educational eligibility requirements. Please reach out to the program contact listed below for additional guidance in this regard.

### **Programmatic Accreditation<sup>v</sup>**

The MD program is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) that maintains accreditation standards for all US educational programs that culminate in the MD degree. Recognition by LCME is specific to the program and is distinct from [UCF's institutional accreditation](#) that is required for other purposes, including UCF's authorization to award federal financial aid to students.

### **UCF Program Preparation Outside the United States**

This disclosure does not address program eligibility in countries outside the United States. We are unable to determine whether or not the above-named degree program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply for licensure or certification outside the United States. It is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you intend to practice.

### **Program Contact Information**

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<sup>i</sup> As required by UCF's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) and the regulations set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) and 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1)

<sup>ii</sup> As required by 38 CFR 21.4259(e)

<sup>iii</sup> Following 34 CFR 600.2, a state is defined as a State of the Union, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

<sup>iv</sup> To comply with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)

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