

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 to practice in a field with professional licensure or certification available. However, specific licensure and certification requirements can and often do vary by state¹. Requirements typically include earning a degree or other educational credential in the field from an institution and program that meet certain eligibility requirements in that state (e.g., curricular requirements, accredited status, approval by the state licensing board); passing a state or national exam; working in the field for a minimum period of time; and/or completing a certain number of clinical hours. If your career plans include pursuing professional licensure or certification in your chosen field, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements of the state in which you hope to practice.

UCF Program Preparation in the State of Florida

The UCF Medical Doctor (MD) curriculum meets the educational eligibility criteria as a medical doctor in the state of Florida.

We advise you to review additional Medical Board requirements here²: https://flboardofmedicine.gov/

UCF Program Preparation in Other US States

As a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-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 NC-SARA, but UCF is 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 of the states in the US, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.

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.

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¹ 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.

² As required by 38 USC 3679(f)(1)(A)(ix)

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.

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-astate-medical-board).

We are currently unable to determine whether or not the above-named 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. If you have an interest in pursuing licensure in these locations, we advise you to determine whether or not this program meets the educational requirements for graduates to be eligible to apply in that location. 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.

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. Again, it is important to become educated on the credentialing requirements in the location in which you hope to practice.

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This communication addresses disclosures to prospective and current students as required by UCF's membership with the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) and those set forth in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v), 34 CFR 668.43(c)(1), and 34 CFR 668.72(c)(2).