

#### **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, Clinical Pillar and Service Pillar converge to form the synergistic foundation of the college.
- The college received full reaccreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in 2022 for the maximum term of eight years.
- Phoenix is home to world-class medical institutions and hospitals. The college partners with nine clinical affiliates, **anchored by Banner Health**, our primary clinical partner since 2015.
- The college is the institutional sponsor of 39 ACGME accredited residency and fellowship
  programs in partnership with Banner Health, training more than 350 physicians. We began
  expansion of our programs in 2023 to meet the needs of communities across Arizona, which
  will build 16 new programs and add 229 new positions by 2030.
- Students are mentored by approximately 1,200 full-time faculty and more than 1,500 part-time and community faculty in partnership with Banner Health, Phoenix Children's, Phoenix VA Health Care System, HonorHealth, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Mayo Clinic, Valleywise Health, Abrazo Central Campus and Hospice of the Valley.
- To help address the significant physician shortage in Arizona's rural and underserved communities, students may train in these areas through the Rural Health Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship, the Rural Health Professions Program Certificate of Distinction and the new three-year MD curriculum, which will launch in 2025.
- The Pathway Scholars Program prepares Arizona students who have experienced unique challenges on their journey to become competitive applicants to medical school. The program emphasizes academic support and personalized learning strategies, culminating in a Master of Medical Studies degree.
- In addition to the MD program, the college offers **dual-degree programs** featuring MD-PhD and MD-MPH training.

Established: 2007

Current Medical Students: **502** 

Graduates: 910

New Medical Students Each Year: 130

Residents and Fellows: **350** 

# **Research Focus Areas:**

- Bioinformatics
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Child Health
- Cognition
- Diabetes
- Fibrosis
- Genomics
- Metabolomics
- Neurosciences



Fredric Wondisford, MD, MS, MBA Dean



- Researchers are leading innovation and discovery to improve the health and wellbeing of residents of Arizona and beyond. The College garnered more than \$46.5M in research grants for FY24.
- Faculty from the college will be members of the Center for Advanced Molecular &
   Immunological Therapies (CAMI), a new biomedical research hub being built in Phoenix.
   The goal of CAMI is to develop novel strategies for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases, including cancers, infectious diseases and autoimmune conditions.
- The **Phoenix Children's Research Institute** at the U of A College of Medicine—Phoenix, launched in May 2023, is a premier center for scientific discovery and the development of new therapeutics for previously untreatable diseases in children.
- 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 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, anatomy lab, offices and flex rooms to support education.
- The Biomedical Sciences Partnership Building is a 10-story, 245,000 square foot research facility that brings together leading scientists and investigators to help unravel the complexities of today's leading health concerns.
- The college is a vibrant community resource, offering workshops and community engagement
  programs like Saturday Scrubs and Summer Scrubs, which are designed to inspire youth to
  pursue careers in health care. Medical students serve at community health clinics, including
  Wesley Community Center, and mentor students at the Bioscience High School.
- The Phoenix Bioscience Core (PBC) is a 30-acre life sciences innovation district in the heart of Downtown Phoenix. Home to the highest concentration of research scientists in the state, the PBC's anchor institutions include Arizona's three public research universities—University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University—leading genomics pioneers including the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), part of the City of Hope; the International Genomics Consortium; Exact Sciences; and a growing number of emerging life science companies.

#### **Centers of Excellence:**

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

## **Vision Statement:**

To improve the health of communities through distinction in medical education, translational research and patient care, within a culture of inclusive excellence

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