

NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION AT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – PHOENIX

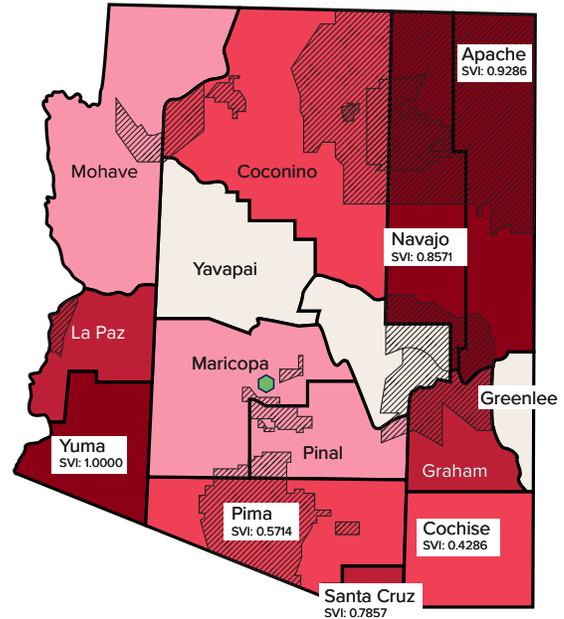
The University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix is the state's largest allopathic medical school in Phoenix with 511 enrolled students. The school launched Arizona's first rural branch in Yuma, in partnership with Onvida Health. A class expansion with 15 full tuition scholarships will be awarded to the student cohort matriculating in 2026 to train in rural primary care in an area with the highest CDC-defined Social Vulnerability Index. This innovative three-year medical school track is linked to residency placement within the state.

Recognizing the importance of nutrition and its impact on health across the lifespan, nutritional education has long been embedded in our foundational curriculum. Important clinical application occurs during clerkships in urban, rural and tribal communities addressing individual nutritional needs and goals. The curricular domains cover foundational knowledge, assessments, communication skills, public health, medical interventions, and lifestyle practices and behaviors. Over 56 curricular hours are dedicated to nutritional education.

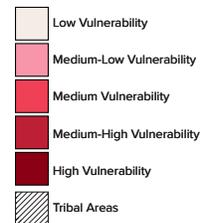


Students learn healthy dinner options at the Wesley Center

The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix is Surrounded by Vulnerable Communities



The CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI, 1 = highest vulnerability) quantifies demographic and socioeconomic factors (e.g. poverty, lack of access to transportation and crowded housing) adversely affecting communities.



Aerial view of Yuma, AZ



Lettuce farm in Yuma, AZ