

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center
College of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies
 Academic Calendar 2025-2026

SPRING 2025 SEMESTER	
THURS. JAN 2	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 6-FRI. MAR 28	Core Clerkship (MS 3) Block IV
MON. JAN 13	Graduate School Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 13-FRI. JAN 17	Graduate School Add/Drop period
FRI. JAN 17	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Ends
MON. JAN 20	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed – No Classes
MON. JAN 27-FRI. FEB 7	(Foundations 2) Unit 6 & Gateway 2 Assessment weeks
MON. FEB 10-FRI. MAR 21	(Foundations 2) Study and Take Step 1 (6 weeks)
MON. FEB 17	Presidents' Day Observed – No Classes
MON. MAR 3-FRI. MAR 7	Foundations 2 Remediation Unit 5 and Unit 6
MON. MAR 17-FRI. MAR 21	(Foundations 1) Unit 3 Assessment week
FRI. MAR 21	First Day of Ramadan
MON. MAR 24 – WED JUNE 4	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 (9.5 weeks)
MON. MAR 31 – FRI. APR 4	Transition to Clerkship (Class of 2027)
MON. APR 7 – FRI. JUN 27	Core Clerkship Begin (M3) – Block I
MON. APR 7-FRI. MAY 16	Delayed Clerkship or Student time/Take Step 2 (6 weeks)
MON. APR 14 – FRI. APR 18	(Foundations 1) Spring Break
WED. APR 16 (TENTATIVE)	Graduate School Annual Research Day
FRI. APR 18	Good Friday^
MON. APR 28 -FRI. MAY 9	Transition to Residency
FRI. MAY 9	Graduate School Classes ends
WEEK OF 5/12/2025	COMMENCEMENT
THUR. JUNE 5-FRI. JUNE 13	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 and Gateway 1 Assessment
SAT. JUNE 7	Eid al-Adha
MON. JUN 16-MON. AUG 8	(Foundations 1) Summer Break – 8 weeks

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THUR. JUNE 19	Juneteenth[^]
MON. JUN. 30- FRI. JULY 4	CORE YEAR Clerkships – Class of 2027 Vacation Week
FALL 2025 SEMESTER	
MON. JULY 7	First Day for Brooklyn Free Clinic/Pre-Arranged Clinical Experiences for Fall 2025
MON. JULY 7	Advanced Clinical Year (MS4) Begins (Registration & Payment Deadline)
MON. JULY 7-FRI. JULY 18	Remediation Foundations 1 Units and Gateway 1
MON. JULY 7-FRI SEPT 26	Core Year (MS 3) Block II (Registration & Payment Deadline)
FRI. JULY 18	Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Fall 2025 for Foundations Year 2
MON. AUG. 4-FRI. AUG. 8	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2029)
MON. AUG 11	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2) Registration/Payment deadline
MON. AUG 25-SUN. SEPT 7	Graduate School Registration
WED. AUG 27	Graduate School: New Student Orientation
MON. SEPT 1*	Labor Day – No Classes
MON. SEPT 8-FRI. SEPT 12	Graduate School Add/Drop period
MON. SEPT 8	Graduate School Classes Begin
MON. SEPT 22-TUES. SEPT 24	Rosh Hashanah – Classes meet[^] - Begins Sunday eve 09/21
MON. SEPT 29 – FRI. OCT 3	Unit 1 Assessment Week
MON. SEPT 29 – FRI. DEC 19	Core Year (MS 3) Block III
WED. OCT 1	Yom Kippur – Begins Tuesday eve 09/30
MON. OCT 6 – FRI. DEC 12	Unit 2 (F1) 10 weeks
MON. OCT 6- MON OCT 13	Sukkot begins Monday eve 10/6
MON. OCT 13	Columbus Day – No Classes
MON. OCT 20	Diwali
MON. NOV 3 -FRI. NOV 7	Unit 5 Assessment Week
TUES. NOV 4	Election Day – Classes Meet (Medical School) – No Classes (Graduate School)
MON. NOV. 10-FRI. JAN 23	Unit 6 (F2) 9 weeks

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TUES. NOV 11	Veterans' Day – No Classes (Administrative Offices closed)
THUR/FRI. NOV 27/28	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes
MON. DEC 15-FRI. DEC 19	Unit 2 (F1) Assessment Week
FRI. DEC 19	Graduate School Semester ends
MON. DEC 22 – FRI. JAN 2	Foundations 1 and Core Year (MS 3) Vacation (2 weeks)
WED. DEC 24 – FRI. JAN 2	Winter Break Foundations 2
SPRING 2026 SEMESTER	
MON. JAN. 5-FRI. MAR 13	Unit 3 (F1) 10 weeks
MON. JAN.5 -FRI. JAN 23	Unit 6 (F2) continues
MON. JAN. 5-FRI. MAR. 27	Core Clerkship (MS 3) Block IV
MON. JAN 5	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 12	Graduate School Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 12-FRI. JAN. 16	Graduate School Add/Drop Period
FRI. JAN 16	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Ends
MON. JAN 19	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed – No Classes
MON. JAN 26-FRI. FEB. 6	Unit 6 & Gateway 2 Assessment weeks (F2)
MON. FEB 9-FRI. MAR. 20	(Foundations 2) Study and Take Step 1 (6 weeks)
MON. FEB 16	Presidents' Day Observed – No Classes
TUES. FEB 17	Chinese New Year
WED. FEB. 18	Start of Ramadan
MON. MAR 2-FRI. MAR 13	Foundations 2 Remediation Unit 5, Unit 6, and Gateway 2
MON. MAR 16–FRI. MAR 20	Unit 3 Assessment week (F1)
FRI. MAR. 20	Eid al-Fitr
MON. MAR 23- WED. JUNE 3	Unit 4 (F1) 9.5 weeks
MON. MAR 23 – FRI. MAR 27	Transition to Clerkship (Class of 2028)
WED. MAR. 25 (TENTATIVE)	Graduate School Annual Research Day
MON. MAR 30- FRI. APR. 3	Foundations 1 Spring Break

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WED. APR. 1	Passover Eve
FRI. APRIL 3	Good Friday[^]
MON. APR. 6-WED. JUN 3	Unit 4 (F1) continues
MON. APR. 6-FRI. MAY 15	Delayed Clerkship or Study/Take Step 2 (6weeks)
MON. APR. 6	Core Clerkship Begins (M3) – Block I
FRI. MAY 8	Graduate School Classes Ends
MON. APR. 27 – FRI MAY 8	Transition to Residency
TBA	Commencement
MON. MAY 25	Memorial Day
WED. MAY 27	Eid al-Adha
THUR. JUN 4-FRI. JUN.12	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 and Gateway Assessment
MON. JUN. 15-MON. AUG 3	(Foundations 1) Summer Break – 8 weeks
FRI. JUNE 19	Juneteenth[^]
FALL 2026 SEMESTER	
MON. JUL. 6-FRI. JULY 17	Remediation Foundations 1 Units and Gateway 1
MON. AUG 3	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2030)
MON. AUG. 10	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2) Registration/Payment deadline

NOTES:

[^]Per New York State Education Law, Section 224-a: “Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes on particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examinations or any study or work assignments.” All missed work **must be made up** at the discretion of the faculty. Students should contact faculty **well in advance** to request taking time off, including for religious holidays. Arrangements **must be made** for making up academic work missed.

Holidays in Clinical Years

® Students in clinical courses should check with appropriate departments regarding time off. All 3rd and 4th year students will be expected to adhere to the holiday schedules of the department (and hospital site) to which they are assigned. Fourth year students completing subinternships will have clinical obligations which may extend throughout vacation periods. Refer to the 2025-2026 Student Handbook and the Registrar website for curriculum information pertaining to the Clinical Years.

* The Emergency Medicine Clerkship always begins on a Monday, even on a holiday.

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The 2025-2026 Calendar is tentative and is generally not finalized until September due to curriculum adjustments.