

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center
College of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies
Academic Calendar 2026-2027

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 – 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 – No Classes [^]
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)
WED. MAR 18	Graduate School Annual Research Day
MON. MAR 23- WED. JUNE 3	Unit 4 (F1) 9.5 weeks
MON. MAR 23 – FRI. MAR 27	Transition to Clerkship (Class of 2028)
MON. MAR 30- FRI. APR. 3	Foundations 1 Spring Break
MON. APR. 6-WED. JUN 3	Unit 4 (F1) continues
MON. APR. 6	Core Clerkship Begins (M3) – Block I
MON. APR 27-FRI. MAY 8	Transition to Residency
FRI. MAY 8	Graduate School Classes Ends
WED. MAY 13	Commencement

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MON. MAY 25	Memorial Day – No Classes ^
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 – No Classes^
MON. JUN 29 – FRI JULY 3	Core Year Clerkships – Class of 2028 (Vacation week)

FALL 2026 SEMESTER	
MON. JULY 6	First Day for Brooklyn Free Clinic/Pre-Arranged Clinical Experiences for Fall 2026
MON. JULY 6	Advanced Clinical Year (MS4) Begins (Registration & Payment Deadline)
MON. JULY 6-FRI. JULY 17	Remediation Foundations 1 Units and Gateway 1
MON. JULY 6-FRI SEPT 25	Core Year (MS 3) Block II (Registration & Payment Deadline)
FRI. JULY 17	Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Fall 2026 for Foundations Year 2
MON. AUG. 3-FRI. AUG. 7	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2030)
MON. AUG 10	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2) Registration/Payment deadline
MON. AUG 24-SUN. SEPT 6	Graduate School Registration
WED. AUG 26	Graduate School: New Student Orientation
MON. SEPT 7*	Labor Day – No Classes^
TUES. SEPT 8-FRI. SEPT 11	Graduate School Add/Drop period

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TUES. SEPT 8	Graduate School Classes Begin
MON. SEPT 28 – FRI. OCT 2	Unit 1 Assessment Week
MON. SEPT 28 – FRI. DEC 18	Core Year (MS 3) Block III
MON. OCT 5 – FRI. DEC 11	Unit 2 (F1) 10 weeks
MON. OCT 12	Columbus Day – No Classes^
MON. NOV 2 -FRI. NOV 6	Unit 5 Assessment Week
TUES. NOV 3	Election Day – Classes Meet (Medical School) – No Classes (Graduate School)
MON. NOV. 9-FRI. JAN 22	Unit 6 (F2) 9.5 weeks
WED. NOV 11	Veterans’ Day – No Classes^ (Administrative Offices closed)
THUR/FRI. NOV 26/27	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes^
MON. DEC 14-FRI. DEC 18	Unit 2 (F1) Assessment Week
FRI. DEC 18	Graduate School Semester ends
MON. DEC 21 – FRI. JAN 1	M3 and M4 Winter Break (2 weeks)
MON. DEC 21 – FRI. JAN 1	Foundations 1 Winter Break (2 weeks)
WED. DEC 23 – FRI. JAN 1	Foundations 2 Winter Break
SPRING 2027 SEMESTER	
MON. JAN 4 – SUN. JAN 10	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester
MON. JAN 4-FRI. MAR 26	Core Clerkship (MS 3) Block IV
MON. JAN 11	Graduate School Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 11-FRI. JAN 15	Graduate School Add/Drop period

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MON. JAN 25-MON. FEB 8	(Foundations 2) Unit 6 & Gateway 2 Assessment weeks
TUES. FEB 9-FRI. MAR 19	(Foundations 2) Study and Take Step 1 (6 weeks)
MON. FEB 15	Presidents' Day – No Classes [^]
MON. MAR 1-FRI. MAR 12	Foundations 2 Remediation Unit 5, Unit 6 and Gateway 2
MON. MAR 15-FRI. MAR 19	(Foundations 1) Unit 3 Assessment week
WED. MAR 17	Graduate School Annual Research Day
MON. MAR 22 – WED JUNE 2	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 (9.5 weeks)
MON. MAR 29 – FRI. APR 2	Transition to Clerkship (Class of 2029)
MON. APR 5 – FRI. JUN 25	Core Clerkship Begin (M3) – Block I
MON. APR 26 – FRI. MAY 7	Transition to Residency
MON. APR 26 – FRI. APR 30	Foundations 1 Spring Break
MON. MAY 3	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 continues
FRI. MAY 7	Graduate School Classes ends
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THUR. JUNE 3-MON. JUNE 14	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 and Gateway 1 Assessment
TUES. JUN 15-FRI. AUG 6	(Foundations 1) Summer Break – 8 weeks
MON. JUN. 28- FRI. JULY 2	Core Year Clerkships – Class of 2029 Vacation Week
FALL 2027 SEMESTER	

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TUES. JULY 6*-FRI. SEPT 24	Core Clerkship (M3) – Block II
TUES JUL 6-FRI. JUL 9	Remediation for Foundations 1 Units
MON. JUL 12-FRI. JUL 16	Remediation for Gateway 1
MON. AUG 2	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2031)
MON. AUG. 9	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2) Registration/Payment deadline
MON. SEPT 27 -FRI. DEC 17	Core Clerkship (M3) – Block III
MON. DEC 20-FRI. DEC 31	M3 and M4 Winter Break (2 weeks)
MON. DEC 20-FRI. DEC 31	Foundations 1 and 2 Winter Break (2 weeks)

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.

The 2026-2027 Calendar is tentative and is generally not finalized until September due to curriculum adjustments.