

My name is Audrey and I am currently a 4th year medical student at SUNY Downstate. Originally from Rockland County, New York and went to undergrad at Cornell University. My path to medical school was not your standard path. I majored in Spanish and I took two years off before starting medical school. When I was deciding amongst the medical schools to go to Downstate really stood out. One was the location. Not only are you a subway ride from Manhattan, but we are also what I believe is the heart of Brooklyn. You are immersed in a community with so many different backgrounds and as a growing physician our institution plays a pivotal role in the health care of the community.

In that time what really drew me to SUNY Downstate is all I heard of its hands on experience. During my gap years I got a lot of experience in foreign medical situations that taught me that learning with direct experience is key in my learning experience. Here at SUNY Downstate students really hit the ground running with clinical experiences. Within the first couple of months we already learned how to conduct and interview and a physical exam and the experiences only got better as the years went on. By third year I was comfortable taking care of my patients and now in fourth year I feel my training here well equipped me for residency. SUNY Downstate is a medical school for those who want to do. For students that want to be able to take what they apply in the classroom to the floors. Students here see pathologies others might not even see in the entirety of their careers and that is fascinating. Our school is really here for the development of great medical professionals.