

**Center of Excellence (COE)
BS/MD Summer Enrichment Program
Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the application deadline for the BS/MD program?

The application deadline for prospective new students is February 15, 2023.

Where should I send the completed application, official transcript, and letters of recommendation?

Mail:

Email to:

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NOTE: *We only accept an official copy of the college/university transcript with a seal.*

Are there any additional requirements to attend the program on the Meharry Campus?

Students are required to have the COVID vaccination. Provide proof of full vaccination at the time of submitting the application.

What are the dates for the BS/MD program?

*The program dates are May 15, 2023 – June 24, 2023. The plan is to be in person with classes beginning on Monday, May 15th, however, students move into housing on the campus of Tennessee State University, Saturday, May 14th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (**prior approval required in extenuating circumstances**) or Sunday, May 15th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please make sure you arrive during these hours because we cannot guarantee a later check-in.*

Should I bring any money when I come to the program?

You should have enough funds for at least one week to provide for your needs until you start receiving your stipend checks.

Where will I live?

Students are housed on the campus of Tennessee State University in the student apartments. There are 4-room suites with a kitchen, living room, and two bathrooms (suite mates share).

Can I choose my roommate?

New students do not get to choose their roommates. Students are intermingled from the 10 participating schools which afford everyone the opportunity to make new friends.

What classes will I take?

Sophomore – Math, Cell & Molecular Biology, Health Professions Terminology, Organic Chemistry, Logic, and Seminar.

Junior – Anatomy & Physiology, Behavioral Sciences, Critical and Analytical Reasoning, Microbiology, Physics, and Seminar.

Senior – MCAT Review Course and Seminar.

Can I receive credit for the classes?

No, students cannot receive credit for the BS/MD classes.

Can I choose the classes I want to take?

No, the curriculum is set and there are no class changes or substitutions.

What are the hours of the classes?

Classes are usually held from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for sophomores and juniors; and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for the seniors with some evening classes, Monday through Friday. The times are subject to change depending on the instructors.

Are textbooks used for the classes?

Textbooks are used for the majority of the classes. We also use MCAT study books in some of the classes.

Can I keep the textbooks?

No, textbooks are returned unless you are notified that you can keep the book.

What if I have a failing grade will I be allowed to continue in the program?

The agreement signed by the students states a minimum grade of “C” must be maintained to remain in the program.

Will I automatically get to return to the program each year?

Academic performance and professional behavior determine continued eligibility to participate in the BS/MD program.

How many days can I miss from the program?

*Unless students are ill or there is an emergency situation we encourage students to attend all classes.**

Is there a penalty for missing classes/days from the program?

If for any reason classes/days are missed from the program deductions will be made from your last stipend.

Are meals provided?

No, you are on your own for meals. Meharry has a cafe’ which offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is also a cafeteria located in Metro-Nashville General Hospital which is housed on Meharry’s campus. Several restaurants are in close proximity to Meharry as well as Tennessee State University.

If I bring my lunch is there a place it can be stored?

There is a student lounge that is equipped with refrigerators, microwaves, a sink, a television, and study spaces.

How much is the stipend?

The stipend amount for the 2022-2023 academic year is \$3,000. The stipend monies are to cover your needs during the six weeks of the program.

When will stipend checks be issued?

Checks will be issued on the following dates:

Friday, May 26, 2023 - \$750

Friday, June 9, 2023 - \$1,000

Friday, June 23, 2023 - \$1,250 (minus days missed) + travel reimbursement (\$350 max.)

Will I be reimbursed for travel?

You will be reimbursed up to \$350 for round-trip travel. Students must submit copies of their airline tickets. If traveling by car, you will be reimbursed 0.57 per mile up to \$350. We do not reimburse for gas, car rentals, or overnight hotel stays. Travel reimbursements are included on the last check.

Does the program provide extracurricular activities?

No, Nashville has a broad range of activities that are available to students.

Does this program provide transportation?

The BS/MD program provides shuttle service only from the campus of Tennessee State University to Meharry's campus.

I don't have a car, how will I get around Nashville?

There are numerous transportation options in Nashville such as city buses, taxis, Uber, and Lyft.

Can I drive my car to Meharry instead of riding the shuttle from Tennessee State University?

*Yes, Meharry's parking passes will be taken care of by the program. At Meharry, park in Lot K across from the West Basic Science (WBS) Building starting at the 4th Level (**do not park in reserved spaces**). For parking on TSU/MMC campus, participants bringing their vehicles to the program are required to send a copy of their current driver's license, proof of insurance, and registration to mjohnson@mmc.edu and coe-bsmd@mmc.edu. TSU has a \$20 parking fee for TSU parking. Send check/money order made out to TSU Parking or cash to Meharry Medical College, Attn: Dr. Mitzy Johnson, 1023 21st Ave. N, Room 3250, Nashville TN 37208. **Cars parked on either campus without a permit or in reserved spaces are subject to be towed and you are responsible for those charges.***

I live in Nashville and I will drive to campus each day, what do I do about parking?

If you are a local commuter, the BS/MD program will pay for a parking permit for your car.

Is there a gym?

Currently, Meharry's Ross Fitness Center Gym is closed due to COVID.

Will there be opportunities for me to meet Meharry students, faculty, and staff?

Meharry's students, faculty, and staff welcome the opportunity to meet students. We encourage all students not to be reluctant to initiate conversations with any member of the Meharry community.

Does the BS/MD program provide shadowing opportunities?

No, the BS/MD program is an intense academic enrichment program. The program structure and design do not allow time to shadow physicians.

Since the program does not provide shadowing what if I just want to meet with a doctor can this be arranged?

We can refer you to a physician on Meharry's campus, however, you will be responsible for contacting him/her to arrange a meeting.

What kind of clothing cannot be worn in the BS/MD program?

Shorts (no shorts of any kind are permitted)

Halter tops

Tube tops

Crop tops

Pajamas

Sagging pants

See-through clothing

Caps that are not removed upon entrance to the building(s)

T-shirts that have profanity or contain lewd messages or sayings

Appropriate attire

Business casual/collared shirts/closed-toe shoes/groomed nails

What is the Closing Ceremony?

It is the awards ceremony that recognizes the academic achievements of the students during the six weeks of the program. Sophomores and juniors are recognized for the highest grades and most improved grades. Seniors are recognized for their completion of the program. Each class selects a speaker to represent their class at this activity.

If I have additional questions, who should I contact?

The "frequently asked questions" are designed to answer the majority of questions. If you have other questions/concerns, e-mail Mitzy Johnson at mjohnson@mmc.edu or Ms. Melicent Davis-Smith, at mdavis@mmc.edu.

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