

Learning Environment for the Fall Academic Session; 2026-27 – Year 1

Welcome to Year 1 in the College of Medicine MD program! It's certainly an exciting time as you transition into a new program that you have worked hard to get into.

Below you will find a brief overview of what you can expect for learning activities in the upcoming year.

Syllabi and Student Information Guide:

All syllabi and the Student Information Guide are posted on the [UGME website](#). The syllabi provide you with the key information and expectations that you will need for successful completion of your courses. The [Student Information Guide](#) introduces many policies and procedures that will guide you during the Pre-Clerkship portion of your studies.

Policies and Procedures:

The [College of Medicine's policies and procedures](#) outline some of the expectations for engaging in the MD Program. These will be introduced at Orientation.

Learning Activities:

Learning experiences will primarily be in-person. You can anticipate the following:

- Large group sessions will be a combination of pre-recorded and live in-person (note: videoconferencing will be used for classroom teaching across campuses).
- Written exams will be in-person
- Clinical Skills:
 - All clinical activities are planned for in-person
 - OSCE clinical exams – in-person
- Case-Based Learning Module:
 - Some large group sessions
 - Small group clinical reasoning cases – mostly in-person, but there may be some virtual small group sessions
- Medicine and Society
 - Small group Ethics sessions – in-person
 - Patient Family Partner sessions – virtual small groups
 - Community Experience – in-person volunteer experience or clinical placement (scheduling varies)

Location:

All in-person learning experiences will take place in the University of Saskatchewan Health Sciences Building, Regina General Hospital (RGH) Learning Centre, and in physician offices/other off-campus locations.

Study Space:

Information on study space and library resources in Saskatoon and Regina sites can be found here: [Study Space for MD Students](#)

Regina – The RGH library is available to students 24 hours/day. A bookable study room is available. The Regina Learning Centre also has bookable study space for students.

Saskatoon- See [library hours](#) for ongoing updates.

Study space is typically available in the Health Sciences Building Monday–Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on most weekends from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The schedule will be posted in One45 and Canvas.

In the rare event that there isn't a dedicated space available for virtual classes and you plan to study on campus, you may want to consider using noise-cancelling headphones to help maintain focus.

Saskatoon & Regina Campus Tours

Building tours in Saskatoon and Regina will occur on the first day of Year 1 Orientation – July 29, 2026.

Learning Management Tools:

Canvas:

The Canvas learning management system is used to deliver quizzes, submit assignments, and access lecture recordings. Each course will have its own Canvas class.

One45:

One45 is the curriculum management tool that contains individual student schedules, specific course information, learning objectives, session notes, handouts, links to recorded lectures, exam results, clinical rotations, to do lists (evaluations of preceptors, evaluations from preceptors on small group sessions), and elective schedules with their associated formative and final assessments.

Within One45, all sessions will be coded with the type of learning activity (e.g., lecture - mandatory, recorded, or pre-recorded, in-person or virtual delivery, large or small group session with size of group included).

ExamSoft:

ExamSoft is the College of Medicine's system for delivering secure, computer-based examinations. These exams are delivered to the student's computer using proprietary software and specific protocols.

Please ensure that your computer meets the Minimum System Requirements outlined at the top of the [ExamSoft Information for Students](#) page. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed on this page, please contact Medicine IT at medicine.itu@usask.ca.

For more detailed information, letters of welcome, required forms/training, and CPSS licensing application instructions, please go to the [Information for First-Year Medical Students](#) page on our website.

We look forward to meeting you in July and are very excited to welcome you to the USask Undergraduate Medical Education program!