

Learning Environment for the Fall Academic Session; 2024-25

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.

*In addition to this overview, we also have some important tasks for you to take care of prior to starting the term. Please follow the **'To do'** link at the end of this communication.*

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:
 - 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

Location:

All in-person learning experiences will be occurring on the University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon campus, Regina General Hospital (RGH), and in physician offices.

Study Space:

Regina – The Regina Learning Centre has 24-hour open study space and a student lounge, as well as bookable meeting and clinical exam rooms. The RGH library is also available to students 24 hours/day and has one bookable study room.

Saskatoon – Study space has been reserved for College of Medicine students in the Health Science Building Monday – Friday 4:30 PM – 11:30 PM and Saturday - Sunday 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM*. The schedule and locations will be posted in One45 and Canvas. Additional study space is available in various areas of the U of S Campus in addition to bookable space in the library. More information here: [Bookable study rooms in the library](#).

*Study space is not available on Statutory Holidays.

Campus Tours:

Saskatoon Campus – the Health Science Building/Locker Tour will occur on the first day of Year 1 Orientation, July 31, scheduled at 3:25 p.m.

Regina Campus – RGH; the Learning Centre and Level 1B, the Sim Centre, and the auditorium. Building Tours for incoming first years will occur on the first day of Year 1 Orientation, July 31, scheduled at 3:25 p.m.

Learning Management Tools:

Canvas:

Each course will have a Canvas website and we use it for things like delivery of quizzes, assignment submissions, access to live Zoom sessions and access to lecture recordings, among other things.

One45:

One45 is the curriculum management tool that contains such things as: individual student schedules, specific course information, session notes, handouts, links to recorded lectures, exam results, clinical rotations, to do lists (due dates, 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 informing students of status of the session (e.g., mandatory, recorded, pre-recorded, in-person or Zoom delivery, large group session, 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.

ICT requirements for ExamSoft:

Please note that the following was included in your letter of offer to ensure that ExamSoft is compatible with your personal device:

I acknowledge that I am required to own a laptop computer and use it for some CoM exams. The laptop computer used for exams must meet the criteria listed under the [Minimum System Requirements](#) with the additional institutional stipulation that it cannot be a Surface Pro or any other Surface product. I acknowledge I am to have the laptop computer set up and maintained to deliver computer-based exams without conflict from other software on the computer and that I will work with Medicine IT to ensure this standard is maintained. I further acknowledge that if I currently own a Microsoft Surface product, I will contact MedIT (medicine.itu@usask.ca) to address hardware concerns.

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.

'To do' list for all students, please go to:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/policies/information-for-first-year-medical-students.php>

Includes a list of forms that require completion, which will be available on Canvas starting July 26th, letters of welcome from the SMSS (includes membership and fee information), SMA, and CMA.

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