

It takes lots of things to become a doctor - intelligence, compassion, self-discipline, money and TIME - lots and lots of TIME.

Once accepted to Medical School, it can take 7-14 years of education before a physician is ready to begin practice.

What are they doing all that TIME?

	<u>At least</u>	<u>Could be</u>
Medical School (preclinical)	2 years	4 years
Medical School (clinical)	2 years	
Residency*	3 years*	7 years*
Fellowship	<u>optional 1-3 years</u>	
Time spent:	7 years	9-14 years

* *Dependent on chosen specialty.*

Preclinical years can be considered 'book learning' while the *clinical* years put into practice what has been learned. Students rotate through the major clinical specialties (family practice, OB/GYN, pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, psychiatry, etc.).

Near the end of their Medical School experience, students select a specialty or subspecialty (hand surgery as an orthopedic subspecialty, neurology as an internal medicine subspecialty, etc.) and this is the area of focus during their *Residency*.

Most students will spend one or more years in Fellowship training after completing their Residency program.

What does it cost to become a physician?

The American Medical Association notes new graduates often owe \$250,000-\$500,000 in education loans as they begin their practices.

How is RMH Foundation assisting?

The RMH Foundation has pledged a minimum annual contribution of \$25,000 toward the Medical School Fund.

What is the student's obligation to RMH?

The students have an obligation to practice in the RMH service area upon completion of their education and training.

How long is their obligation to RMH?

Depending on the amount of support provided, the student's obligation is a minimum 5 years in length.

What if they don't come to RMH?

A lot of things can happen over the 7-14 years of Medical School and training...a student may select a subspecialty that RMH cannot support due to our rural location or smaller patient base...or a student may decide he/she prefers a larger metropolitan area - after all, they've spent a long time in big cities getting their training.

All students sign a promissory note prior to receiving financial support, if they choose to practice elsewhere, the funds advanced will be paid back to RMH.

I know someone who wants to go to Medical School/who is in Medical School - can RMH help them too?

Please contact Jennifer Emmons, Physician Services Director at 618-395-2131 ext. 4656 or Dave Allen, CEO, at 618-395-2131 ext. 4184 for additional program details.

2016 Annual Appeal



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Richland Memorial Hospital is currently assisting the following individuals on the physician training timeline:

Lawrence Canada



Son of local pediatrician Dr. Cecelia Howell-Canada, and grandson of a woman who practiced medicine for over 50 years, Lawrence views taking care of people as his family's mission. Lawrence received his Bachelor's from Valpraiso University and completed additional preMed courses at University of Wisconsin and Marquette University (both in Milwaukee).

As of July 2016, he is entering his fourth and final year of Medical School at St. James School of Medicine, Anguilla.

Engaged to Lhakar Dolma, Lawrence is interested in orthopedic surgery and internal medicine as his future practice specialty.

Lhakar Dolma



Born in Kathmandu (Nepal), and very proud of her Tibetan heritage, Lhakar is fluent in Tibetan, English, Chinese, and is currently working on American Sign Language. She came to the US in 1998 when her parents moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Her undergraduate years were split between Concordia College (Minnesota), Harbin University (Harbin, China), and Drew University (New Jersey). She graduated with a major in biology and a minor in Chinese Language studies. Scheduled to graduate from St. James School of Medicine, Anguilla in summer 2017, she is engaged to Lawrence Canada. Primary Care is her current specialty ambition as this would allow her to care for families.

Tanner Miller



Dr. Miller will be starting his second year of a three year Internal Medicine residency in July 2016. He and his wife, Beth, and their daughters, Remi and Wakely, are living in Pekin, Illinois. The residency program is affiliated with OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

An ERHS graduate, Tanner has attended OCC and SIU-C, before enrolling in Medical School at St. Georges University in Grenada. His 2 preclinical years were spent there. St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ was his clinical home through June 2015.

Tanner is the son of Frank and Brenda Miller (Olney).

Drew Schmucker



Dr. Schmucker is beginning his third (and final) year of Family Practice residency in July 2016! Originally from Olney (his parents are Chuck and Julie Schmucker), Drew attended ERHS and U of I (UC Campus) before completing Medical School at SIU-Springfield. His residency program is located at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana.

Drew is married to the former Kelly Oyer, who is originally from Mahomet. They are both well aware of the joys of small(er) town living and look forward to establishing his practice locally in mid 2017.

