UNC HEALTH SCIENCES *at* MAHEC

PHYSICIAN
GENERAL SURGEON

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MY TIMELINE

What Can I do in High School?

Take the ACT and SAT

Complete College Applications:
The Common Application
CFNC and
Individual applications.

Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer Credit.

Participate in extracurricular activities: Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, volunteering.

What Can I do in College?

Medical schools require you to have at least a Bachelor's Degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to public NC university and still go to medical school.

Picking a major does not effect your acceptance into medical school as long as you have the general course requirements. Generally: 1 year of Biology + labs, 1 year of General Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Organic Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Physics + labs. Suggested for MCAT prep: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Biochemistry.

Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research.

What about Medical School and Residency?

Medical schools require you to take the MCAT exam at least one year before entering medical school.

AMCAS is the application for MD (allopathic).
AACOMAS is the application for DO (osteopathic).

Applications open about one year before entering medical school. The application process includes: primary application, secondary application, and in person interviews.

Medical school is four years.
Residency is five years but sub specialties may take longer such as Hand Surgery.
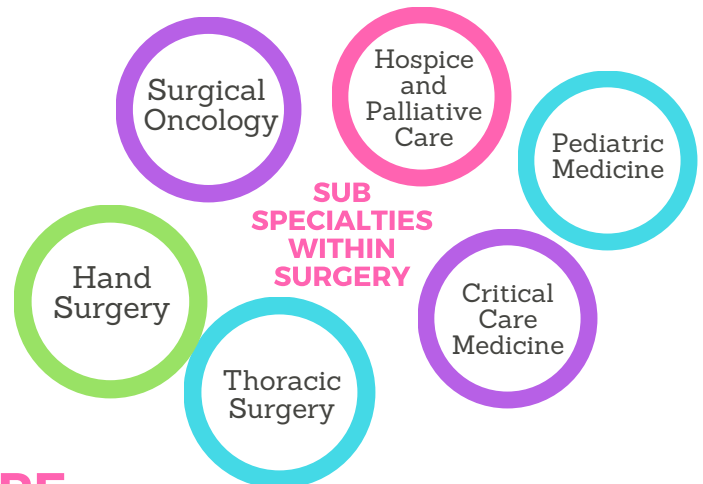
GENERAL SURGEONS...

Advocate for patients in the health care system

See patients inside and outside of hospitals

Care for patients of all ages and genders

Are needed in Western North Carolina

Use cutting-edge technology, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check ups, AND MORE!

Surgical Oncology

Hospice and Palliative Care

Pediatric Medicine

Hand Surgery

SUB SPECIALTIES WITHIN SURGERY

Critical Care Medicine

Thoracic Surgery

MORE INFORMATION?

US Bureau of Labor Statistics
MCAT and AMCAS Fee Assistance
Medical School Admissions Requirements
Medical School Interview Resources
My Next Move—Surgeon
A Career in General Surgery