General Surgery

A general surgeon is a medical doctor who performs a wide range of surgical procedures to treat various conditions. They are trained to operate on many parts of the body, including the abdomen, digestive tract, skin, and soft tissues. Their scope of practice also includes:

- Mastering the technical and procedural skills necessary to perform surgical procedures
- Evaluating patients before surgery and monitoring their recovery

Residency is 5 years, but some general surgeons further specialize in areas such as:

- Surgical oncology
- Transplant surgery
- Pediatric surgery
- Surgical critical care
- Cardiothoracic surgery
- Hand surgery

Check out MAHEC's General Surgery Residency Program!

More Information?

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

MCAT and AMCAS Fee Assistance

Medical School Admissions Requirements

Medical School Interview Resources

A Career in General Surgery

Fellowships within General Surgery