

Lewis Katz School of Medicine

Lewis Katz School of Medicine (LKSOM) at Temple University, located on the Health Sciences Center campus, is dedicated to excellence in education, research, and patient care achieved by faculty, staff, and students who represent the diversity of society. LKSOM takes pride in the excellence of its teaching, research, and service programs by:

- providing education that is patient-centered, instilling in learners the school's ethic of human service and lifelong learning;
- engaging in research that advances and integrates basic and clinical science; and
- administering patient care with compassion and understanding, utilizing contemporary knowledge and techniques.

Located in the historic city of Philadelphia where American medicine has its roots, LKSOM has been known for its faculty's uncommon interest in and concern for students and its commitment to the highest quality of care for all people. On November 1, 2007, the Medical School broke ground on a new home. The 11-story, 480,000-square-foot glass and brick structure opened in May 2009 and has proven to be highly functional for both education and research.

On September 16, 1901, Russell H. Conwell, founder of Temple University, opened a medical school, lit by gaslight, for the "common man." The faculty consisted of 27 lecturers, demonstrators, and instructors. Medical practitioners taught classes at College Hall, next to the Baptist Temple, on present-day Main Campus. Samaritan Hospital, two miles up Broad Street, was the site of clinical instruction. Anatomical dissections on cadavers, which were delivered in pickle barrels, were performed in a hayloft. According to admissions materials, "matriculates of academic or scientific colleges, or graduates of reputable high schools of the first grade, or a normal school established by State authority, of both sexes, are admitted to the first year class without examination." In the inaugural class, 31 students began the five-year program that included:

- classes held on nights and weekends to accommodate students' day jobs;
- 15 required textbooks;
- total tuition and fees of a modest \$635; and
- a curriculum requiring 700 hours of work each year.

From such modest beginnings, LKSOM has emerged as a school of national reputation. Nationally ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*, the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University prepares students for a rewarding career in medical practice or research. The combined energy created by our enthusiastic faculty, state-of-the-art technology, and soaring new facilities makes Temple an exciting place to study medicine today.

Programs

Degree Programs and Certificates

- Biomedical Sciences, M.S.
- Biomedical Sciences, Ph.D.
- Medicine, M.D.
- Physician Assistant, M.M.S.
- Urban Bioethics, M.A.
- Graduate Certificate: Narrative Medicine
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