



## Jamie W. Dubose

MD + MPH

Hometown: Nacogdoches, TX

Undergraduate Institution: Stephen F. Austin University

Undergraduate Degree: BS in Biology

### Why do you want to be a physician?

I am drawn to medicine because it is a profound intersection of science and the human condition. As a future physician, I will be uniquely situated to positively impact health system disparities and challenges, whether these be local, state and country-wide, or abroad. This inspires me, and is a powerful motivator behind my drive to be a physician.

### Why did you choose Texas A&M College of Medicine?

College Station has a friendly culture, and is close to home, so those were big pluses for me right away. The professors and the general atmosphere at the medical school were also inviting, and all the staff I interacted with on my interview trail were welcoming. One of the biggest things I liked about Texas A&M over other schools was the growth mindset for the system as a whole, and a vision and plan for expanding the system in the future.

### Why did you choose to pursue a graduate degree in addition to the MD?

I believe broadening my education will give me a diversified set of skills to draw on when tackling real world healthcare related

problems. I am particularly looking forward to learning more about community assessment models and grant proposal writing, as these things and other similar concepts are not readily exposed in the traditional medical curriculum.

### What are your career goals and how do you feel the MD Plus Program will help you?

Having just finished my third year of medical school, the next step after my MPH gap year is looking ahead to residency, and ultimately, I aspire to work with kids and families as a child psychiatrist. Part of the reason I am interested in the field of psychiatry is the inherent need for increased mental health access in the United States, and especially in Texas. I hope to help bridge the gap in this lack of care, both directly through my services, and also by helping establish rural mental health programs in areas like the one I am from. I am confident that pursuing my MPH, with a concentration in Health Promotion and Community Health, will help give me the foundation to pursue this goal in rural areas of Texas.