



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Naresh K. Vashisht
College of Medicine



Affiliate Clinical Faculty Handbook

Why Texas A&M University?



NO. 1 BEST VALUE SCHOOL

in Texas public universities

—
U.S. News & World Report, 2024



NO. 1 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

in Texas

—
The Wall Street Journal, 2026



LEADING NATIONALLY IN FORGING LEADERS

No. 1 public university in the nation for number of
Fortune 500 CEOs

—
Strategas Research Partners, 2024



NO. 1 COLLEGE IN TEXAS AND THE SEC

Ranked No. 1 best college in Texas and the
Southeastern Conference

—
WSJ/College Pulse, 2026



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**WE ARE ADVANCING MEDICINE
TO SERVE THE GREATER GOOD.**

WHAT WE STAND FOR



Pioneering Research & Innovation

From space-based physiology to Alzheimer's breakthroughs, our research transforms lives through bold, boundary-pushing science.



Unwavering Compassion & Selfless Service

Our students and faculty live by Aggie core values, meeting people in their communities delivering care and service with heart, humility, and humanity.



Personalized Patient Care for All

Whether through concierge clinics, rural rotations, or veteran health initiatives, we deliver care tailored to each patient's story and community.



Unrivaled Education & Collaboration

With a statewide footprint and community-based model, we offer flexible, immersive training for the next generation of leaders in medicine.

TEXAS IS OUR CAMPUS



WHAT WE OFFER



UNRIValed EDUCATION & COLLABORATION

- **EDUCATION:** Our students learn from innovative, individualized curricula and work hand-in-hand with faculty in world-class facilities to make new discoveries and advance medicine.
- **AGGIE LEADERSHIP:** We graduate Aggie doctors with purpose, teaching them leadership and the core values to deliver exceptional, compassionate care.
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** We collaborate with partners across Texas, from major healthcare systems to rural physicians and entities such as NASA and the Department of Defense.
- **REACH:** With the largest geographic footprint of graduate medical education in the state, our residents work across Texas to deliver the future of health.



PIONEERING RESEARCH & INNOVATION

- **ADVANCING MEDICINE:** We pioneer innovative strategies to treat, alleviate, and prevent human diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia.
- **CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH:** We solve the greatest health challenges and uncover opportunities for better human health (e.g., research for bone cancer, fetal alcohol syndrome, space medicine, mental health, PTSD).
- **INNOVATION:** We change lives and improve healthcare through innovative translational research and education (e.g., cancer and heart failure research).



PERSONALIZED PATIENT CARE FOR ALL

- **PERSONALIZED CARE:** We deliver personalized patient care services, including mental health and psychiatric services, telehealth, primary care, and concierge medicine.
- **PHYSICIAN TRAINING:** We educate physicians to increase access to care in underserved rural communities.
- **COMMUNITY:** We engage and connect communities with a 360-degree approach to achieve maximum impact (e.g., engagement from elementary school students to key stakeholders).



OUR VALUES

At the Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine, we advance medicine to serve the greater good.

With unrivaled education, partnerships, research opportunities with Aggie scientists, and clinical experiences, we lead students so they can become respected Aggie doctors with purpose – practitioners who deliver exceptional, compassionate care unmatched anywhere in the world.

By providing personalized, comprehensive care, we lead patients so they can become the best versions of themselves for their families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

Through our statewide, community-based model, we lead underserved rural and urban areas so they can be healthy places in which families and businesses thrive.

We lead military personnel and veterans so that their commitment to our country is met by our unwavering commitment to their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.

And we lead our faculty and staff so that they can flourish in their own careers while pioneering innovative solutions for healthcare's greatest challenges.

No other medical college in Texas has the reach, the vision, or the leadership of the Texas A&M University Naresh K. Vashisht College of Medicine. And when we say that we're advancing medicine to serve the greater good, it's more than a statement.

It's a promise. A commitment. And a declaration:

We are undeterred, unapologetic, and impossible to ignore.



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Discover the **benefits** of being a valued **FACULTY MEMBER**

About Us

Founded in 1977 through the Teague-Cranston Act to serve veterans and the underserved, we've grown into a community-based, research-driven academic medical institution that combines world-class education, compassionate care, and translational innovation. Whether in rural clinics, urban hospitals, NASA labs, or classrooms across the state, we equip leaders to solve healthcare's biggest challenges with purpose, empathy, and the power of the Aggie spirit.

Academic Recognition, Teaching, & Mentorship

- Prestigious academic titles
- Eligibility for teaching and research awards
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Shape future physicians through mentorship
- Engage with students and residents in clinical education

Professional Development

- Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits-AMA PRA Category 1
- Faculty development workshops and seminars
- Online modules covering instructional planning, assessment practices, student engagement, and the scholarship of teaching
- Mentoring for Education Excellence and Leadership Program (MEEL)
- Journal clubs and opportunity to be an inductee of the Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators
- Leadership opportunities on committees and curriculum design
- For more information, visit the Office of Professional Development at <https://medicine.tamu.edu/professional-development/index.html>

Medical Sciences Library & Research Resources

- Access to numerous research databases such as UpToDate covering over 11,500 topics in 25 specialties
- Assistance with bibliographic management tools
- Accessing journals and articles with BrowZine and LibKey Nomad
- Comprehensive evidence review services and integration of evidence-based practices
- Assistance with publishing in academic journals with TAMU institutional membership
- For more information, visit the Medical Sciences Library at
 - <https://library.tamu.edu/medical-sciences/index.php>
 - email: askms@library.tamu.edu
 - phone at 979-845-7428

Texas A&M University Perks

- Access to TAMU Recreation Center with a valid TAMU ID <https://recsports.tamu.edu/membership/>
- Money savings discounts at over 300,000 locations nationwide <https://tamu.perksconnect.com/>
- Living Well resources & sponsored events <https://livingwell.tamu.edu/>
 - Some Living Well events are limited to full-time benefits eligible employees. Subscribe at tx.ag/livingwellapp to gain access to offerings

*An active faculty appointment is required to receive the benefits listed above.



Texas A&M Vashisht College of Medicine Curriculum* Academic Year 2025-26

CO 2029	Jul '25		Aug '25		Sep '25		Oct '25		Nov '25		Dec '25		Jan '26		Feb '26		Mar '26		Apr '26		May '26		Jun'26																												
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Orientation		Foundations of Medicine I				Foundations of Medicine II				Winter Break		Neuroscience				Pathology				Cardiovascular				Summer Activities				M-1																							
		Practice of Medicine 1				Gross Anatomy				Winter Break		Practice of Medicine 2				Medical Student Grand Rounds				Preclerkship Phase																															
CO 2028	Jul '25		Aug '25		Sep '25		Oct '25		Nov '25		Dec '25		Jan '26		Feb '26		Mar '26		Apr '26		May '26		Jun'26		M-2																										
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Summer Activities		Hem/Onc		Resp		Renal		GI		Integ MSK		Testing		Winter Break		Endo/Repro		EBM		USMLE STEP 1 Prep				Orientation		Clerkship Phase				Practice of Medicine 4		M-2																			
CO 2027	Jul '25		Aug '25		Sep '25		Oct '25		Nov '25		Dec '25		Jan '26		Feb '26		Mar '26		Apr '26		May '26		Jun'26		M-3																										
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Clerkship Phase		Surg/IM/Pedi/OB/FM/PSYC/Rad				Spring Break				Transition to Residency																M-3																									
		Practice of Medicine 5				USMLE Step 2 Prep																																													
CO 2026	Jul '25		Aug '25		Sep '25		Oct '25		Nov '25		Dec '25		Jan '26		Feb '26		Mar '26		Apr '26		May '26		Jun'26		M-4																										
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Transition To Residency		EM/AI/ICU/Neuro				Away Rotations				Practice of Medicine 6				Capstone				Practice of Med 6				Graduation 5/16				M-4																									

* This is not an official calendar. ** This model is only a pictorial representation. Basic science courses may start or end midweek.

Texas A&M Vashisht College of Medicine 3rd and 4th Year Curriculum

Clerkship Phase - late 2nd year through 3rd year

Clerkships

- Internal Medicine - 8 weeks
- Surgery - 8 weeks
- Family Medicine - 6 weeks
- Pediatrics - 6 weeks
- Psychiatry - 6 weeks
- Obstetrics & Gynecology - 6 weeks
- Radiology - 2 weeks

Transition to Residency (TTR) - late 3rd year through 4th year

Transition to Residency

- Emergency Medicine Clerkship - 4 weeks
- Neurology Clerkship - 4 weeks
- Critical Care (all specialties) - 4 weeks
- Acting Internships/Sub-Internships (all specialties) - 4 weeks
- Electives (all specialties)

Texas A&M University Vashisht College of Medicine Clerkships M2 and M3

Clerkship	Internal Medicine	Surgery	Family Medicine	Pediatrics	Psychiatry	Obstetrics & Gynecology
Duration (Weeks)	8	8	6	6	6	6
Student Level/Year	M3	M3	M3	M3	M3	M3
Primary Site Types	- Hospital - Clinic	- Hospital - Clinic	- Hospital - Clinic - Community Clinic	- Hospital - Clinic	- Hospital - Clinic	- Hospital - Clinic
Hours per week	50-60	60-70	40-50	45-55	40-50	45-55
Number of Students per Rotation	18-20	18-20	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10
Inpatient Rounding & Progress Notes	Daily inpatient rounds; progress notes	Surgical wards; post-op rounds	Daily inpatient rounds; progress notes	Daily inpatient rounds on inpatient	Daily inpatient rounds on inpatient; H&P and progress notes in clinic	Labor & delivery; postpartum rounds
Outpatient Clinics/Visits	Outpatient follow-up clinics	Outpatient surgical clinics	Outpatient visits; preventive care, H&Ps	General & specialty pediatric clinics	Outpatient therapy/assessment clinics	Prenatal/postnatal clinics
Procedures/ Surgeries/ Deliveries	May assist with select procedures (e.g., central lines)	Operating room procedures; pre/post-op care	Minor office procedures	Routine pediatric procedures (e.g., lumbar punctures in NICU)	May observe/administer ECT (if applicable)	Gynecological surgeries; deliveries
Didactics & Conferences	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM
Additional Key Activities	Focus on complex adult conditions; admissions and discharges	Technical skill development; suturing; specialized surgical techniques, trauma systems	Emphasis on preventive medicine & community resources	Well-child visits; growth & development focus	Mental health, social determinants, health systems	Labor & delivery coverage; prenatal care, women's health focus
Notes / Additional Comments	Night/weekend call possible	Call schedules vary; some rotations include night float	Scheduling may vary by clinic	Night/weekend call possible	Could include emergency psychiatry shifts	Includes overnight labor & delivery shifts

Texas A&M University Vashisht College of Medicine Clerkships M2 and M3

Clerkship	Radiology	Emergency Medicine	Neurology	Critical Care/ICU	Acting Internships/ Sub-Internships
Duration (Weeks)	2	4 (16 x 8-hours shifts)	4	4	4
Student Level/Year	M3	M4	M3/M4	M4	M4
Primary Site Types	- Hospital	- Hospital	- Hospital - Clinic	- Hospital	- Hospital - Clinic - Community Clinic
Hours per week	20-30	40	40-50	40-50	50-70
Number of Students per Rotation	18-20	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7
Inpatient Rounding & Progress Notes	analyzing images and interpreting results	ER shifts	Daily inpatient rounds, consults	Daily inpatient rounds; progress notes	Daily inpatient rounds on inpatient; H&P and progress notes in clinic
Outpatient Clinics/Visits	N/A		Outpatient neurology clinics	N/A	Outpatient visits, H&Ps
Procedures/ Surgeries/ Deliveries		Routine procedures: sutures, LP, splinting, intubation, central line, art. line, CPR, chest tube, para/thoracentesis	Lumbar punctures (if available)		
Didactics & Conferences	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM	Specialty related conferences, didactics, grand rounds, SIM
Additional Key Activities		Emergent life threatening conditions, procedural techniques.	Neurological exams, stroke care & consults	ventilator mgmt, multidisciplinary rounds, critical care	More advanced level of performance depending on specialty
Notes / Additional Comments	Interventional options	Work all shift types including nights, may use urgent care but not optimal.	Some sites offer neuro ICU exposure neurosurgery, PMNR, neuro-opto are options	CVICU/NICU/SICU/NeuroICU are all options	