

2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

UPDATED: AUGUST 21, 2026

Class of 2030 – ASCEND PHASE 1			
2026			
Semester 1			
July	27	M	BaseCamp Begins (Ends 7/31)
August	3	M	Orientation to ASCEND Phase 1 Semester 1
	3	M	Molecular, Cellular and Genomic Foundations Module Begins (Ends 9/11)
	6	Th	Practice of Medicine I Begins (Ends 12/17)
	21	F	Molecular, Cellular and Genomic Foundations Mid-Module Exam**
	25	Tu	THINQ Module Begins (Ends 12/1)
September	7	M	Labor Day
	11	F	Molecular, Cellular and Genomic Foundations End-of-Module Exam**
	14	M	Anatomy Module Begins (Ends 10/23)
	18-20	F-Su	MD/PhD Retreat
October	2	F	Anatomy Mid-Module Exam**
	5	M	Mid Semester 1 Pause (no classes or assessments scheduled)
	8	Th	Practice of Medicine I Mid-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)**
	23	F	Anatomy End-of-Module Exam**
	26	M	Foundations of Immunology and Microbiology Module Begins (Ends 11/24)
November	24	T	Foundations of Immunology and Microbiology End-of-Module Exam**
	25-27	W-F	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
	30	M	Pathology Module Begins (Ends 12/18)
December	10	Th	Practice of Medicine I End-of-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)**
	16	W	Pathology Practical**
	18	F	Pathology End-of-Module Exam**
December	21-1/1		Winter Break
2027			
Semester 2			
January	4	M	Neuroscience Module Begins (Ends 2/12)
	7	Th	Practice of Medicine II Module Begins (Ends 6/11)
	7	Th	Last day to complete any owed items for Semester 1^
	7	Th	Last day to complete any incomplete makeup assessments or assignments for Semester 1^
	12	Tu	THINQ Module Begins (Ends 5/25)
	18	M	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	22	F	Neuroscience Mid-Module Exam**
February	12	F	Neuroscience End-of-Module Exam**
	15	M	Presidents' Day
	16	Tu	Behavioral Science Module Begins (Ends 3/5)

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March	5	F	Behavioral Science End-of-Module Exam**
	8	M	Cardiology Module Begins (Ends 4/9)
	25	Th	Practice of Medicine II Mid-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)**
April	8	Th	Medical Student Research Day
	9	F	Cardiology End-of-Module Exam**
	12-16	M-F	Spring Break
	19	M	Pulmonary Medicine Module Begins (Ends 5/14)
May	14	F	Pulmonary End-of-Module Exam**
	17	M	Renal Module Begins (Ends 6/11)
	31	M	Memorial Day
June	11	F	Renal End-of-Module Exam**
	14-18		POM II Week***
	18	F	Juneteenth Observed
	21-Aug 13		Summer Break
	30	W	Last day to complete any incomplete makeup assessments or assignments for Semester 2
July	30	F	Last day to complete/pass any remediated modules for Semester 1 and 2
August	16	M	Phase 1 Semester 3 Classes Resume

IN-PERSON AND MAJOR ASSESSMENT DATES - THESE DAYS ARE RESTRICTED AND CANNOT BE USED FOR PLANNED ABSENCES:

****Mid-Module Exams, End of Module Exams, OSCEs, and Practicals are proctored and in-person**

*****Practice of Medicine Week and PEAKS include assessments. This full week is part of the restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.**

There will be designated make-up dates for proctored CAS exams on 8/27/26, 9/17/26, 10/5/26, 10/29/26, 12/3/26, 12/21/26, 1/7/27, 1/28/27, 2/18/27, 3/11/27, 4/12/27, 5/20/27, 6/21/27, 7/26/27.

Designated Practice of Medicine Make Up Dates: 10/15/26, 12/21/26, 4/1/27, 6/22/27

Students should be mindful of making plans during designated make-up days as these are the only alternate windows that will be offered.

Planned absence requests on restricted days will only be granted for major religious holidays, as described in the Pre-clerkship and Clerkship Absence Policies.

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Class of 2029 – ASCEND Phase 1/Phase 2			
2026			
Semester 3			
August	10	M	Orientation to ASCEND Phase 1 Semester 3
	10	M	GU/Sexual Reproductive Health Module Begins (Ends 8/28)
	13	Th	Practice of Medicine III Begins (Ends 12/11)
	18	Tu	THINQ Module Begins (Ends 11/17)
	28	F	GU/Sexual Reproductive Health End-of-Module Exam**
	31	M	Endocrinology Module Begins (Ends 9/18)
September	7	M	Labor Day
	18	F	Endocrinology End-of-Module Exam**
	18-20	F-Su	MD/PhD Retreat
	21	M	Gastroenterology Begins (Ends 10/16)
October	1	Th	POM III Mid-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)**
	16	F	Gastroenterology End-of-Module Exam**
	19	M	Mid Semester 3 Pause (no classes or assessments scheduled)
	20	Tu	Renal Module Begins (Ends 11/13)
November	13	F	Renal End-of-Module Exam**
	16	M	Musculoskeletal Module Begins (Ends 12/11)
	25-27	W-F	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
December	3	Th	POM III End-of-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)**
	11	F	Musculoskeletal End-of-Module Exam**
	14-18	M-F	Periodic Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (PEAKS) 1 (Ends 12/18)***
	18	F	Comprehensive Basic Science Exam (CBSE) **
December	21-1/1		Winter Break
2027			
January	4	M	DEDICATED STUDY BLOCK (Ends 2/12)
	7	Th	Last day to complete any incomplete makeup assessments or assignments for Semester 1^
	18	M	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February	8	M	Last day to remediate any part of Phase 1 to progress to Phase 2
	15	M	Presidents' Day
ASCEND PHASE 2 BEGINS			
	16-19	Tu-F	Transition to Phase 2 (Ends 2/19)***
	22	M	Rotation 1 Begins (Ends 4/2)
	22	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 1 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 3/5)***
March	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 1 Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Neurology Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	19	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	TBD	TBD	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	22	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 2 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 4/2)***
	TBD	TBD	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
April	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 2 Direct Observation**
	2	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	7-9	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 1***
	8	Th	Medical Student Research Day

Class of 2029 – ASCEND Phase 1/Phase 2			
	12	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 3 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 4/23)***
	12	M	Rotation 2 Begins (Ends 5/21)
	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 3 Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Neurology Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
May	7	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	TBD	TBD	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	10	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 4 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 5/21)***
	TBD	TBD	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 4 Direct Observation**
	21	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	26-28	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 2 ***
	31	M	Memorial Day*
June	1	Tu	Rotation 3 Begins (Ends 7/9)
	1	Tu	Palliative Care Clerkship 5 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 6/11)***
	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 5 Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Neurology Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	18	F	Juneteenth Observed*
	25	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	TBD	TBD	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	TBD	TBD	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	28	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 6 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 7/9)***
July	TBD	TBD	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	5	M	Independence Day Observed*
	9	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	TBD	TBD	Palliative Care 6 Direct Observation**
	12-16	M-F	FlexTime
	21-23	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 3 ***
	26	M	Start of New Academic Year with Rotation 4

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**Mid-Module Exams, End of Module Exams, OSCEs, Practicals, Direct Observation Days, and NBME Shelf Exams are proctored examinations and are restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.

***Transition to Phase 2, Palliative Care Orientation Days, CAMP Weeks, Practice of Medicine Week and PEAKS Week are restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.

Designated make-up dates for the proctored CAS mid and end-of-module exams are on 7/30/26, 9/3/26, 9/24/26, 10/22/26, 11/19/26, 12/21/26, 1/7/27, 1/28/27

Designated Practice of Medicine OSCE Make Up Dates: 10/15/26, 12/21/26, 1/14/27

Designated PEAKS week CBSE make-up date: 12/22/26 (CBSE only)

Designated make-up dates for NBME Shelf Exams are 4/6/27, 5/25/27, 7/20/27

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Class of 2028 – ASCEND Phase 2/Phase 3			
2026			
July	27	M	Rotation 4 Begins (Ends 9/4)
	27	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 7 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 8/7)***
August	7	F	Palliative Care 7 Direct Observation**
	10	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
	14	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	21	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	21	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	24	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 8 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 9/4)***
	25	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	28	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
September	4	F	Palliative Care 8 Direct Observation**
	4	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	7	M	Labor Day*
	9-11	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 4***
	14	M	Rotation 5 Begins (Ends 10/23)
	14	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 9 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 9/25)***
	25	F	Palliative Care 9 Direct Observation**
	28	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
October	2	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	9	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	9	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	12	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 10 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 10/23)***
	13	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	16	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	23	F	Palliative Care 10 Direct Observation**
	23	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	28-30	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 5***
November	2	M	Rotation 6 Begins (Ends 12/11)
	2	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 11 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 11/13)***
	13	F	Palliative Care 11 Direct Observation**
	16	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
	20	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	25	W	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	25	W	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	26-27	Th-F	Thanksgiving Holiday*
	30	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 12 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 12/11)***
December	1	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	4	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	11	F	Palliative Care 12 Direct Observation**
	11	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	16-18	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 6***
	21-1/3		Winter Break
2027			
January	4	M	Rotation 7 Begins (Ends 2/12)

	4	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 13 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 1/15)***
	15	F	Palliative Care 13 Direct Observation**
	18	M	Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
	19	Tu	Neurology Direct Observation**
	22	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	29	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	29	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
February	1	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 14 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 2/12)***
	2	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	5	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	12	F	Palliative Care 14 Direct Observation**
	12	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	15	M	Presidents' Day*
	16-19	Tu-F	PEAKS II Week***
ASCEND PHASE 3 BEGINS			
	22-26	M-F	Transition to Phase 3***
March	1	M	Block 0 Starts (Ends 3/12)
	15	M	Block 1 Starts (Ends 4/9)
April	8	Th	Medical Student Research Day
	12	M	Block 2 Starts (Ends 5/7)
May	10	M	Block 3 Starts (Ends 6/4)
May	31	M	Memorial Day*
June	7	M	Block 4 Starts (Ends 7/2)
June	18	F	Juneteenth Observed*
July	3	F	Independence Day Observed*

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Designated make-up dates for NBME Shelf Exams are 9/8/26, 10/27/26, 12/15/26.

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Class of 2027 – Legacy Year 4			
2026			
June	29	M	Block F Begins (Ends 7/24)
July	3	F	Independence Day Observed*
	27	M	Block G Begins (Ends 8/21)
August	24	M	Block H Begins (Ends 9/18)
September	7	M	Labor Day*
	21	M	Block I Begins (Ends 10/16)
October	19	M	Block J Begins (Ends 11/13)
November	16	M	Block K Begins - Interviews & Electives (NO CLERKSHIPS) (Ends 12/18)
	26-27	Th-F	Thanksgiving Holiday*
December	21-1/3		Winter Break
2027			
January	4	M	Block L Begins (Ends 1/29)
	18	M	Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
February	1	M	Block M Begins (Ends 2/26)
	15	M	Presidents' Day*
March	1-5	M-F	FlexTime
	8-12	M-F	InFocus 6, 7, 8 Final date for presenting Research Graduation Requirement
	15-19	M-F	Match Week
	19	F	Match Day
	22-4/2	M-F	Transition to Residency Course (Ends 4/2)
April	5	M	Block O Begins (Ends 4/30)
April	8	Th	Medical Student Research Day
May	TBD	TBD	Commencement

**3rd and 4th Year students are expected to fulfill clerkship duties if scheduled*