Established in 1956, the University of Florida College of Medicine was one of the first colleges in Florida to provide students with the opportunity to earn a medical degree. Today, it is the largest college within the UF Health Science Center.

The college is ranked No. 4 among the nation’s top research medical schools, according to U.S. News & World Report. Among public medical schools, UF ranks No. 1 nationally and is the highest-ranked medical school in the state of Florida.

In 2012, the college revamped its curriculum to provide students more exposure to clinical training early in their medical education and to place more emphasis on small group and collaborative learning. The George T. Harrell, M.D., Medical Education Building, designed to serve the college’s modern, patient-centered curriculum, further helps students learn, care and lead. The building serves as a home for medical education at UF, accommodating advanced simulation training and meeting the educational needs of the next generation of UF physicians and physician assistants. At UF Health, team and interprofessional training of students, residents and health care providers is key to ensuring high-quality patient care and safety.

State-of-the-art experiential learning center to teach complicated, high-risk skills:
- Experiential learning theater with retractable walls and concealed grid to accommodate dozens of configurations and hundreds of health care scenarios
- One UF Health Shands Hospital mock operating room

Expanded clinical skills learning and assessment center:
- 18 standardized patient examination rooms equipped with video cameras and microphones
- Control room with display screens to record student-patient encounters
- Spaces for review and evaluation of students’ skills
- Two hospital rooms modeled after UF Health Shands Hospital patient rooms

Two circular learning studios:
- Each can accommodate up to 160 students
- Six oversized video screens and ceiling-mounted projectors
- Sound-absorbing acoustical wood paneling

- 95,000-square-foot facility
- Home for the college’s 660-plus students
- Four floors
- Estimated $45 million project
- Building contractor: Charles Perry Partners Inc.
- Architect: Heery International and Ballinger
- Location completes the UF Health Science Center academic quadrangle, enhancing the quality of interprofessional education at UF Health
- $32 million in philanthropic funds raised to support the building
- Pending LEED certification
- Spaces for quiet study, peer collaboration, student relaxation and interaction