

PTMS 2026 Program Dates:



November 17	Application Opens
January 30	Application & Official Transcript Due
Mid-March	Notice of Acceptance
April 15	Documentation & Vaccination Requirements Due
May 18-20	Orientation
June 18	Program Graduation



ABOUT US

Our mission is to partner with communities to recruit, train, & retain health care professionals in our region and to improve their supply and distribution in medically underserved areas, ultimately improving the health of our citizens.

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PATHWAY TO MED SCHOOL

*A Program for Pre-Med Students
Interested in Becoming a Georgia
Primary Care Physician*



Focus on Primary Care

Foothills AHEC, in collaboration with community partners from across the region, developed the Pathway to Med School Program specifically for students planning to attend medical school and become primary care physicians in Georgia.

Primary care physicians act as the first and principal point of contact for health care. They complete broad training and provide day-to-day care in core specialty areas, such as:

- *Family Medicine*
- *Internal Medicine*
- *Pediatric Medicine*
- *Women's Health*

Only a limited number can be accepted due to the intensive nature of the program, and students from Foothills AHEC's 31-county service region (see below) will be given preference.

Students who participate in the summer, month-long program will enhance their understanding of primary care and their ability to gain admission to medical school.



180+ Hours of Program Experiences

80
hours

Clinical Shadowing Experience:

You'll shadow primary care physicians in Foothills AHEC's service area (see map at bottom left) to obtain real-world experience in the four primary care specialties.

60
hours

Community-Based Research:

You'll conduct medical research in groups under the supervision of a physician, create research posters, and present findings at graduation and potential family physician conferences.

40
hours

Instructional Sessions:

You'll participate in educational sessions that will help prepare you for application and matriculation to medical school including:

- A mock interview session with Georgia medical school admissions representatives
- Two campus visits to local medical schools



Eligibility



- Be at least a college sophomore and enrolled in a pre-medicine curriculum.
- Have a minimum 3.0 math/science GPA and minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- Be a legal Georgia resident and U.S. Citizen
- Have a valid GA driver's license and your own reliable transportation to all program engagements over the five-week term



How To Apply

Complete the online application and essay at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTMS2026

Complete application, essay, & all *official* transcripts must be received by

January 30, 2026, 5:00 PM

Students will be notified of acceptance by Mid-March.
*Applicants can apply to only one of the two Georgia Pathway to Med School programs (Foothills AHEC or SOWEGA-AHEC). Applicants who apply to both will be disqualified and no longer considered for either program.