

**History and Overview** 

School of Medicine was founded in 1960 when Taipei Medical University (TMU) was first established. The school commenced a six-years of medical study in its first two years, in 1960 & 1961, and then changed it to seven years from the third year, in 1962. For years, we have provided the society more than 6,000 graduates with their excellent contribution both domestically and internationally. Our alumni have become not only the major force of national medical care but also the important pillar for the service of distant medical care.

#### **Goal of Education**

Our educational goals focus on humanistic compassion, openmindedness, innovative thinking, life-long learning and professional skills; our mission aims to nurture professional medical doctors with the quality of empathy as well as enthusiasm to serve the community.

The basic medicine and clinical medicine are included in our

comprehensive configuration. There are 25 departments and centers in total. The basic medicine consists of eight departments: and our clinical medicine, 17 departments:

To meet our educational goals and mission, in recent years, the School is keen to set up the department of medical humanities so as to achieve the cultivation of education in medical humanities, and it will be established estimate by the end of 2009.

For the clinical teaching in medicine, clinical skills center was first established under the Department of Medical Education and Research of Wang Fan Hospital in April, 2005; in addition, the other clinical skills center with an area of 4,680 square feet was also built on TMU campus in February, 2007. It included stimulated ICU wards of internal medicine equipped with the teaching software of CardioSim and PneumoSim, and the SimMan device. Started in 2003, our students of the sixth year and the seventh year need

to collaborate with four medical centers, Shin Kong Hospital, Chi Mei Hospital, Cathay Hospital, and Mackay Hospital, to began their clinical internship and rotation. Furthermore, we promote our teaching plans to be consistent with that of our facilitated hospitals. Shuang Ho Hospital was founded on July 1, 2008, joined the team of TMU facilitated hospitals and later also became one of TMU internship hospitals for students of the seventh year









## Distinctive Feature of Education

For the first and second year we focus our curriculum planning on general medical education with diverse elective courses in attempt to foster our students' humanities to care about people, in the third and fourth year, integration of medical courses with clinical relevance, case discussion and related humanity issues are stressed to enable our students to acquire substantial knowledge of basic medicine and motivate their interest in clinical medicine and research as well as







their humanity.

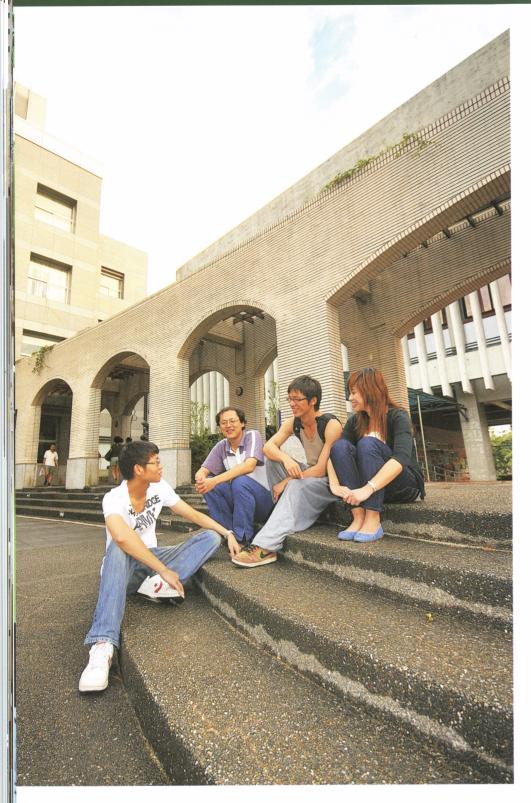
Clinical medicine curriculum, clinical teaching and internship are the emphases for the fifth, sixth and seventh year in order to leading students on their way to becoming medical doctors with professional clinic skills and quality of caring patients. In the meantime, with the aim to strengthen clinical medical or medical research experience of students, voluntary courses of clinical teaching are offered especially for students in the sixth year that can willingly decide their internships in different institutions including TMU facilitated hospitals, renowned domestic or international teaching hospital, medical administrations, as well as participate in research institutes, local or overseas medical service works.

Students in their seventh year are allowed to apply for international internship such as in the U.S., Japan, Korea, Hong Kong or other well-known medical centers for 4-8 weeks of practice to help enlarge their international view. In addition, with the

development of the Internet and information, the School of Medicine also actively promotes distance education; students can learn without restricted time and space and thus are able to learn more independently. To improve both students' professional and research skills, medical research courses are designed to support their research interest and experiment skills. Those interdisciplinary courses like neurology, medical information and medical ethics are offered to supplement student to have a second professional area of expertise.

### Faculty

Currently there are 189 faculties in the School including 36 professors, 45 associate professors, 89 assistant professors, 27 instructors, an assistant and 265 part-time faculties. The School puts its research focus on those researches in reproductive medicine, tumor-related medicine, cardiovascular disease, psychiatrics, and neurological science.



medicine, the establishment of clinical skill centers, the implementation of Objective Structural Clinical Examination, exchange of foreign medical students. In the future, overall quality control through the system of curriculum examination will be implemented to pursue teaching excellence. Moreover, the MD and PhD double degree is planned to competent in our academic system, the recruits of international students are increased, full-time English courses are offered to promote internationalism. With the addition of 3000 wards in our TMC facilitated hospitals, provide healthier environment and teaching software and hardware. A great advance was made through mutual efforts by all of the faculties and students. The School of Medicine is confident of a flourishing outlook and looking forward to becoming one of first-class schools of medicine in the days to come.

# **Distinctive Feature of Research**

The School has formed a research team consisting of various fields of research elites from home and from abroad and has accomplished greatly. Please visit the list of our faculty's research achievementsat http://www.tum.edu.tw/default.a sp for reference.

#### **Prospect**

The School has been always devoting to educate professional medical doctors who posses humanistic compassion and social enthusiasm. Following the aim set by Taiwan Medical Accreditation Council, the school is accelerating its and competition by way of renovation in integration of clinical medicine, all-round promotion of general

