



How is the learning environment different for Trover Rural Track (TRT) students?

Students chosen for this track complete the first two years in Louisville alongside students who will do their clinical years in Louisville. The pre-clinical curriculum is identical for both campus' students with supplemental experiences provided to prepare TRTs for successful rural practice. These include sessions on the unique payment mechanisms and incentives for rural practice, rural scholarships and loans, and community health. Summer sessions provide an intensive immersion into rural clinical practice. Then during the summer after the second year TRTs move to Madisonville, a town of 20,000 with a large referral hospital, for completion of the two clinical years there. During the fourth year, there is a provision for TRTs to return to Louisville for a four-week rotation to learn what it is like being a resident in their chosen specialty in an urban medical center.

The distinguishing factor of the clinical experience in Madisonville is the close one-to-one relationship with experienced faculty. Rather than being part of a much larger learning team that is typical of an urban medical center, it is just the student and faculty doing the day-to-day clinical work of that specialty. The result is that TRTs get much more hands-on experience, more procedures, and function as an acting intern much earlier in their training. TRTs also participate in a student-directed free clinic that allows them to act as the primary care provider for a group of patients throughout the third year.

Students selected for the Trover track will have strong connections to rural areas with demonstrated interest in practicing in a rural area when they complete training.

How many grads has the ULTC had?

So far, 154 students have completed their last two years of medical school in Madisonville, with 38 still in residency and 110 established in practice, mostly in our region.

Do I interview at both campuses?

Yes, if you indicate interest in the Trover Campus on your secondary application and are selected for an interview in Madisonville, you will also interview in Louisville.

How many student positions are there this year at the Trover Campus?

This year, 10 students will be selected for the Trover Campus.

If I am not chosen for the Trover campus, can I still be considered for the Louisville Campus?

Yes. Because there are many more interested applicants than Trover positions, you could be considered for placement at the Louisville campus. In the 2 weeks after your Trover interview, if you decide against Trover or the Trover selection committee decides it is not a good fit, you will be returned to the pool of applicants for the Louisville Campus and this has no effect on your consideration there. Once you accept the position at Trover,

you may only change back to the Louisville campus for your last two years of medical school in a severe hardship situation.

How long after my Louisville interview will my Madisonville interview be?

Once you are notified of your Louisville interview, if chosen for a Madisonville interview, you will receive an offer within a few weeks and it usually takes several weeks to find a mutually acceptable date for the half-day interview with Madisonville.

Does ULTC accept OOS applicants?

Yes, the Trover selection committee will consider students who are not Kentucky residents if they have ties to the region and demonstrated interest in rural practice.

Do I need to know that I want to do FM to choose the ULTC?

No. Although almost half of Trover grads do choose FM, 25% chose IM, Peds, or IM/Peds, 12% chose OB/Gyn, and 7% chose surgery. In addition, 25% chose subspecialties in highly sought residencies. The average medical student changes their mind 6 times during medical school about which specialty to pursue.

Does ULTC limit where I can do residency training?

No. ULTC grads go to some of the best residencies in the region, and ULTC students report that their training at a small regional rural campus is often of great interest to those interviewing them for residency, and distinguishes the ULTC grad among a large group of applicants. Most ULTC grads get their first or second match choice.

Is there financial support for ULTC students?

Yes. There is a small ULTC scholarship during the M-3 year with no constraints on future practice choice. There are also several federal and regional options for loan repayment programs for those who choose to practice in a rural community and ULTC students receive a detailed orientation to these options as part of the rural medicine elective.

When can I apply for RMAT?

Our three year accelerated program is for those who are sure they want to do primary care in a small town, and that decision is not made until the summer after the M-1 year. There are 2 slots per year.

Is the ULTC funding safe while I would be there?

Admissions decisions are made with the assurance that adequate funding is available to support the ULTC student through their graduation.

Where can I find more information?

See the ULTC website at <http://baptisthealth.com/ultr>

Rural Medicine Accelerated Track FAQs

RMAT allows you to complete medical school in 3 years by placing credit experiences during most breaks in the usual 4-year curriculum and shortening the elective times. You apply during the spring of your M-2 year for a spot in RMAT that begins just after you take Step One.

1. I'm an M-1 considering RMAT. What decisions do I need to make now?

To continue to be considered for joining the track during your M-2 year, you must choose a site for your 4-week rural preceptorship to be done sometime in May/June after your M-1 year. You must also participate in the Madisonville preclinical program done during July after your M-1 year. Both experiences count as full credit in the 3-year curriculum.

2. What happens if I choose RMAT and then decide the program is not for me, or want to change my specialty focus?

Students may change their mind anytime up until they submit their match list in February of the M-3 year. Such a decision will result in the student moving back to the traditional 4-year curriculum.

3. What impact will my being a RMAT graduate have on my ability to choose a residency? Am I limited to Family Medicine in Madisonville?

RMAT students are not limited to Family Medicine residencies or to Madisonville for residency. However, there may be some residencies that will not consider accelerated curriculum graduates. RMAT students will have extensive exposure to the Madisonville Family Medicine residency early in their M-3 year and there will be time during the fall of the M-3 year to interview at other residencies. As a result, RMAT students should be able to make an informed choice when they submit their match list.

