

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.

