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The University of Tennessee, Memphis

In 1911, The University of Tennessee (UT) established a new campus in downtown Memphis, Tennessee, devoted exclusively to education and research in the health sciences. Beginning with programs in medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy, the Memphis campus of UT grew over the years, adding programs in graduate health sciences, nursing, allied health sciences, and biomedical engineering. UT Memphis now includes the Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville as well as graduate medical education programs in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville; Family Medicine Centers in Knoxville, Jackson and Memphis; public and continuing education programs across the state; and the UT Bowld Hospital in Memphis.

UT Memphis is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degrees. UT Memphis currently offers seven undergraduate and ten graduate/professional degrees. Each of the professional colleges or programs is accredited by the appropriate agency for the profession or program. The campus has 40 endowed professorships, including 19 Chairs of Excellence. UT Memphis also counts a Nobel Laureate among its outstanding faculty members.

Today, UT Memphis is one of four instructional campuses of The University of Tennessee. As a public land grant university, UT provides a comprehensive postsecondary educational experience of the highest quality to a wide and varied constituency. As the University's academic health science center, the mission of UT Memphis is to improve human health through education, research, and public service, with an emphasis on improving the health of Tennesseans.

UT Memphis is one of the largest academic health science centers in the United States. With an annual budget of \$275 million, UT Memphis is the tenth largest employer in Memphis, with more than 4,000 faculty and staff employees. The campus is located on 75 acres of land within the downtown Memphis medical center area. More than 3,000 students are enrolled at UT Memphis, and admission is highly competitive. A broad range of postgraduate training opportunities is available for approximately 1,000 clinical residents and other postdoctoral trainees. UT Memphis has formal affiliations with seven major teaching hospitals in Memphis, and nearly a score of other hospitals or clinical facilities across the state. The UT Memphis Medical Group, the private practice arm of the UT Memphis faculty, is the Mid-South's largest multi-specialty physician group practice.

Graduates of The University of Tennessee and of other accredited institutions are eligible to apply for admission to the College of Graduate Health Sciences. A student must have completed undergraduate prerequisites for graduate study as determined by the respective graduate program. An undergraduate major in a specific discipline usually is not required as a prerequisite for admission. Admission information is available on the UT Memphis home page (www.utmem.edu). Graduate work presently is offered in the following disciplines: anatomy and neurobiology; biochemistry; biomedical engineering; dentistry; health science administration; microbiology and immunology; nursing; pathology; pharmaceutical sciences; pharmacology; and physiology.