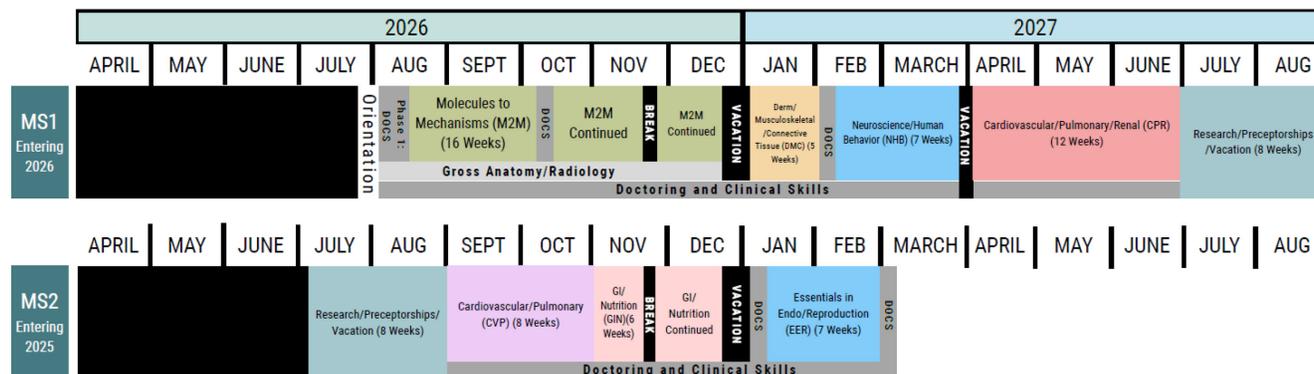


Join the Education Team in the JSSOM as a Facilitator or Learning Community Faculty for M1 and/or M2 Medical Students

John Sealy School of Medicine Academic Calendar AY 2026-2027



Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Facilitation MS1 & MS2

PBL offers a structured, student-driven learning environment that strengthens critical thinking and clinical reasoning. Each group has 8–11 students and meets 2–3 times per week for two hours. Facilitators do not need to be content experts or lecture, and faculty with a PhD, MD, or DO are encouraged to serve.

Doctoring & Clinical Skills (DoCS) Small Group Facilitation-MS2

Small-group sessions (led by MD/DO faculty) provide hands-on instruction in physical exam skills, history taking, oral presentations, and key professional and ethical topics. IMO is only recruiting for Semester 3 9/8/2026 to 3/5/2027. For approximately 6 sessions in Year 2 (semester 3). For Semesters 1 and 2 see Learning Communities below.

Learning Communities (LCs)-MS1

Learning Communities, a new initiative led by clinical faculty (MD/DO), provides longitudinal career guidance and elective advising for MS1 academic, professional, and personal development. LC faculty also facilitate Semesters 1 and 2 (MS1) of the Doctoring & Clinical Skills (DoCS) curriculum. For questions or to register, contact Dr. Marquis Gatewood at mtgatewo@utmb.edu or Tekeema Franklin at tefrankl@utmb.edu.

What's new this year?

- Facilitator training is required and aligned with JSSOM objectives.
- Small-group clinical courses now run within the three-semester DoCS curriculum.
DoCS MS1: 8/3/2026–7/2/2027; DoCS MS2: 9/8/2026–3/5/2027.
- PBL start dates: MS1 on 08/17/2026; MS2 on 9/8/2026.
- Cardiovascular and Pulmonary (CVP) offered twice in AY 26/27: 8-week CVP course and 12-week Cardiovascular, Pulmonary & Renal (CPR) course; faculty are welcome to facilitate one or both courses.
- No standalone Renal course; part of the 12-week CPR course

Compensation

- DoCS Faculty facilitators receive 0.025tFTE per semester. For MS1 0.05tFTE (Semesters 1 &2); MS2 0.025tFTE (Semester 3); MS1 & MS2, 0.075% (Semesters 1, 2 & 3).
- PBL-specific tFTE allocations for the 2026–2027 academic year will be announced once finalized by the JSSOM.

Faculty Development facilitator Workshops <https://som.utmb.edu/som-educational-affairs/oed/faculty-development/facilitator-training-workshops>

Sign-Up Process

- February 17 (Noon)–April 17, 2026: Initial Recruitment Phase—faculty indicate desired courses/activities (see link below).
- April 30, 2026: Confirmation of all slots begins.
- May 14, 2026: All teaching slots for Academic Year 2026-27 must be confirmed.

Sign up to facilitate: <https://www.utmb.edu/MedEd/FacRec2627/default.asp>

Please do not contact the course coordinator or director directly regarding sign-up. If you are unable to facilitate a full group and wish to share responsibilities with another faculty member, please indicate your preference for a full or shared slot in the portal and specify with whom you would like to share in the notes section.

IMC Faculty PBL/Small Group Options for Academic Year 2026-2027

YEAR 1 COURSES	Dates/Times	Maximum slots
Doctoring and Clinical Skills 26 (Y1) (Semester 1&2) (Faculty MD or DO only)	Aug. 3, 2026-July 2, 2027 M,T,W,Th (Two-hour small group sessions can occur up to 11-12 times over the academic year)	32
Molecules to Mechanisms	Aug. 17, 2026-Dec. 18, 2026 MWF (8am-10.00am)	32
Derm, Musculoskeletal, Connective Tissue	Jan. 4, 2027-Feb. 5, 2027 MWF (10am-Noon)	32
Neurobiology and Human Behavior	Feb. 15, 2027-Apr. 2, 2027 MWF (10am-Noon)	32
Cardiovascular, Pulmonary, Renal (Y1)	Apr. 12, 2027-July 2, 2027 MWF (10am-Noon)	32
YEAR 2 COURSES	Dates/Times	Maximum slots
Doctoring and Clinical Skills 25 (Y2) (Semester 3) (Faculty MD or DO only)	Sep. 8, 2026-Mar. 5, 2027 M,T,W,Th (Two-hour small group sessions can occur up to 6 times over the academic year)	32
Cardiovascular/Pulmonary	Sep. 8, 2026-Oct. 30, 2026 MWF (1pm-3pm)	32
Gastrointestinal and Nutrition	Nov. 02, 2026-Dec. 18, 2026 MWF (1pm-3pm)	32
Essentials of Endocrinology	Jan. 11, 2027-Feb. 26, 2027 MWF (1pm-3pm)	32

Thank you for your commitment to the educational vision of the JSSOM. The Policy for Facilitator duties and Responsibilities can be located on the JSSOM Key Policies and Documents website at <https://www.utmb.edu/som/home/policies-key-docs>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lisa Elferink at laelferi@utmb.edu or Jennifer Earl at jsfaircl@utmb.edu.