

Discover PURCH

- Develop skills in urban and rural health care, patient-centered care, and population health; skills increasingly expected of all physicians
- Learn from faculty and members of Springfield and surrounding communities about the complex interwoven social and environmental factors that affect our patients
- Contribute to the dynamic, innovative curriculum as it relates to caring for the underserved
- Explore PURCH concepts as they relate to – and prepare you for – entering any field of medicine from Primary Care to Specialty and Subspecialty care.

"PURCH days are an engaging experience where we are really pushed to think about how our actions and attitudes impact our future medical practice."

-Third year student

How to Apply

1. You must first apply to University of Massachusetts Medical School through AMCAS.
2. Upon receipt of the AMCAS verified application, you will be sent to a secondary application.
3. Select the option to apply for the PURCH Track and submit the required essay in the secondary application.



"I see PURCH as a way to...train physicians to understand the human and social aspects of medicine in the same depth that we are expected to understand the biological aspect of medicine. This will better prepare us to care for patients."

-Third year student

Reinventing healthcare takes commitment. It takes collaboration.

IT TAKES YOU.

Population-Based Urban and Rural Community Health (PURCH) Track



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Message from the Dean

Reforming our health care system requires physicians who are not only committed to the care of individuals but also look for ways to improve the health of our communities. Baystate Health and the University of Massachusetts Medical School are leading the charge, training tomorrow's physician leaders who will develop new models of care delivery.

Baystate Health, the largest health system in western Massachusetts and with a core mission to serve the urban and rural underserved, consistently achieves national recognition for quality. We have been a leader in medical education for many decades; we are ready to share our experience with you.

We are looking for great students who aspire to not only heal patients but to improve our health care system. If that describes you, the PURCH Track would be a great fit.

Andrew W. Artenstein, MD, FACP, FIDSA
Regional Executive Dean,
UMMS-Baystate



Partners in Leading Change

The 4-year PURCH Track (baystatehealth.org/PURCH) offers a small cohort experience for students with like-minded interest in caring for the rural and urban underserved. It is a ground breaking partnership between Baystate Health and University of Massachusetts Medical School, bringing together the reputation and excellence of two organizations devoted to health care impact in Massachusetts and beyond. The curriculum is based on our guiding principles of training physicians through patient-centered education to develop doctors who are:

- Team-oriented
- Leaders, who can also be led
- Excellent Diagnosticians
- Self-Reflective
- Empathetic

The PURCH Difference

Students in the PURCH track have the unique opportunity:

- To be immersed in a culture of peers and faculty focused on the impact of social determinants of health to improve quality of care
- To work with community faculty engaged in their learning and education
- To get out of the classroom and into the community through innovative and immersive learning experiences

Serve an Extremely Diverse Community

Collaboration with and caring for diverse communities is the essence of the PURCH Track, giving you the experiences and education that successfully prepare you to care for a wide variety of patients.



Baystate Health has a mission of service to underserved populations in urban and rural western Massachusetts. We provide comprehensive care to patients of all ages – ranging from the region's only Level III NICU to a passionate team of geriatrics and palliative care providers –who represent a variety of ethnicities. Last year our interpreters translated more than 50 languages.

Faculty Focused on Your Success

UMMS-Baystate faculty have received local, regional, and national awards and recognition. Our curriculum integrates you into our clinical community, providing innovative, empathetic, patient-centered teaching. You will be part of a multidisciplinary team, exploring evidence-based practice and team-based care in real-world settings.

PURCH steps in to fill in the gaps of giving us diverse patient perspectives and integrating the determinants of health. I am so thankful I was exposed to diverse stories through PURCH.

-Third year student