

# Wake Forest University School of Medicine

## Academic Calendar

### Academic Year 2026 – 2027

#### FOUNDATIONS 1 - Class of 2030: Winston Salem

Y1 Orientation .....	Thursday, July 9 through Friday, July 10, 2026
<b>White Coat Ceremony.....</b>	<b>Saturday, July 11, 2026</b>
LAUNCH Course .....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
F1 Clinical Skills Course 1A.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
F1 Medicine and Patients in Society Course 1A.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
F1 Ultrasound Course 1A.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
F1 Interpreting and Applying Clinical Evidence A .....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
F1 Introduction to Clinical Reasoning and Integrative Thinking A .....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, November 20, 2026
Human Structure and Function Course .....	Thursday, July 23 through Friday, October 23, 2026
<b>Labor Day .....</b>	<b>Monday, September 7, 2026</b>
<b>Medical Student Research Day.....</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 14, 2026</b>
Metabolism and Defense Course .....	Monday, October 26 through Friday, November 20, 2026
Retesting Days and Asynchronous Integration .....	November 23 and November 24, 2026
<b>Thanksgiving Recess Begins .....</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 25, 2026</b>
<b>Term 2 Begins .....</b>	<b>Monday, November 30, 2026</b>
Classes Resume .....	Monday, November 30, 2026
F1 Clinical Skills Course 1B.....	Monday, November 30 through May 4, 2027
F1 Medicine and Patients in Society Course 1B.....	Monday, November 30 through May 4, 2027
F1 Interpreting and Applying Clinical Evidence B.....	Monday, November 30 through May 4, 2027
F1 Introduction to Clinical Reasoning and Integrative Thinking B. ....	Monday, November 30 through May 4, 2027
F1 Ultrasound Course 1B.....	Monday, November 30 through May 4, 2027
Microbiology and Infectious Disease Course.....	Monday, November 30 through Friday, January 22, 2027
<b>Comprehensive Basic Science Exam .....</b>	<b>Friday, December 18, 2026</b>
<b>Winter Recess Begins .....</b>	<b>Monday, December 21, 2026</b>
Classes Resume .....	Monday, January 4, 2027
<b>Martin Luther King Jr Day .....</b>	<b>Monday, January 18, 2027</b>
Neuroscience Course .....	Monday, January 25 through Friday, March 26, 2027
<b>Spring Recess Begins .....</b>	<b>Monday, March 29, 2027</b>
Classes Resume .....	Monday, April 5, 2027
Digestive System and Nutrition Course.....	Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 30, 2027
<b>MD Alumni Weekend 2027 (Winston Salem) .....</b>	<b>Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2, 2027</b>
<b>Comprehensive Basic Science Exam .....</b>	<b>Monday, May 3, 2027</b>
Retesting Day.....	Tuesday May 4, 2027
F1 Ends .....	Tuesday, May 4, 2027
Summer Recess (9 ½ weeks) .....	Wednesday, May 5 through Friday, July 9, 2027

**Foundations 2 begins on Monday, July 12, 2027**  
**FOUNDATIONS 2 – Class of 2029: Winston Salem**

<b>Y2 Orientation</b> .....	<b>Monday, July 13, 2026</b>
F2 Clinical Skills 2.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, December 18, 2026
F2 Medicine and Patients in Society 2.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, December 18, 2026
F2 Integrated Ultrasound 2.....	Monday, July 13 through Friday, December 18, 2026
Hematology Block .....	Monday, July 13 through Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Pulmonary Block .....	Thursday, August 6 through Friday, August 28, 2026
<b>Labor Day</b> .....	<b>Monday, September 07, 2026</b>
Cardiovascular System Block .....	Monday, August 31 through Monday, September 28, 2026
Renal Course .....	Wednesday, September 30 through Friday, October 23, 2026
<b>Medical Student Research Day</b> .....	<b>Wednesday October 14, 2026</b>
Rheumatology Course .....	Monday, October 26 through Friday November 06, 2026
<b>Term 2 Begins</b> .....	<b>Monday, November 09, 2026</b>
Endocrinology/Reproduction Course .....	Monday, November 9 – Thursday, December 17, 2026
<b>Thanksgiving Recess Begins</b> .....	<b>Wednesday, November 25, 2026</b>
Classes Resume .....	Monday, November 30, 2026
<b>Foundations to Patient Care Course ...</b>	<b>Monday, January 4, 2027 through Friday, February 12, 2027</b>
<b>Comprehensive Basic Science Exam</b> .....	<b>Friday, December 18, 2026</b>
<b>Winter Recess Begins</b> .....	<b>Monday, December 21, 2026</b>
Classes Resume .....	Monday, January 04, 2027
<b>Martin Luther King Jr Day</b> .....	<b>Monday, January 18, 2027</b>
<b>Transition to Patient Care.....</b>	<b>Monday, February 15 through Friday March 05, 2027</b>
Y2 Ends .....	Friday, March 05, 2027
<b>MD Alumni Weekend 2027 (Winston Salem)</b> .....	<b>Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2, 2027</b>

**USMLE Step 1 must be completed by end of: Wednesday, February 12, 2027**  
**(Recommended Step 1 Completion Date is: Wednesday, January 27, 2027)**

### Immersion Year 3: Class of 2028

Y3 Begins	Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Holiday (Spring Break)	Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Holiday (Memorial Day)	Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Holiday (July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Clerkship Activities End	Sunday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2026
LEAP Week 1	Monday, August 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Remediation Week*	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> – Sunday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Holiday (Labor Day)	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Clerkship Activities Resume	Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Thanksgiving Break**	Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday, November 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Clerkship Activities Resume	Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Holiday (Winter Break)	Monday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 – Sunday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2027
Clerkship Activities Resume	Monday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2027
Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)	Monday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2027
Clerkship Activities End	Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2027
LEAP Week 2	Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2027
Remediation Week*	Monday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2027
Y3 Vacation Week	Monday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2027

Clerkship and LEAP week activities vary. Generally, 6 am to 6 pm are considered daytime hours, but duty hours are specifically designated by the clerkship.

Students must be present in person for LEAP week.

\*Remediation Weeks – Students should plan to be present on your campus during this week. If you do not have remediation, make up, or similar events that you are required to do during this week, then this is a vacation week.

\*\*Students are released at noon or after shelf exam completion

**Individualization Phase Year 4: Class of 2027**

<b>Transition (LEAP) Week 1: ACLS/CPX/OSCE/Orientatio</b>	<b>Monday, March 9, 2026 - Sunday, March 15, 2026</b>
Transition (LEAP) Week 2: Remediation Week	Monday, March 16, 2026 - Sunday, March 22, 2026
Vacation Week**barring any required remediation &/or clinical make-up time	Monday, March 23, 2026 - Sunday, March 29, 2026
Y4 - Block 1 Begins	Monday, March 30, 2026
Y4 - Block 1 Ends	Sunday, April 26, 2026
Holiday (Spring Break)	Friday, April 3, 2026 - Sunday, April 5, 2026
Y4 - Block 2 Begins	Monday April 27, 2026
Y4 - Block 2 Ends	Sunday, May 24, 2026
Holiday (Memorial Day)	Monday, May 25, 2026
Y4 - Block 3 Begins	Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Y4 - Block 3 Ends	Sunday, June 21, 2026
Y4 - Block 4 Begins	Monday, June 22, 2026
Holiday (July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Saturday, July 4, 2026
Y4 - Block 4 Ends	Sunday, July 19, 2026
Y4 - Block 5 Begins	Monday, July 20, 2026
Y4 - Block 5 Ends	Sunday, August 16, 2026
Y4 - Block 6 Begins	Monday, August 17, 2026
<b>Step 2 CK Deadline</b>	<b>Saturday, August 29, 2026</b>
Holiday (Labor Day)	Monday, September 7, 2026
Y4 - Block 6 Ends	Sunday, September 13, 2026
Y4 - Block 7 Begins	Monday, September 14, 2026
Y4 - Block 7 Ends	Sunday, October 11, 2026
Y4 - Block 8 Begins	Monday, October 12, 2026
Y4 - Block 8 Ends	Sunday, November 8, 2026
Y4 - Block 9 Begins	Monday, November 9, 2026
Thanksgiving Break (Released at noon on Wednesday)	Wednesday, November 25, 2026 - Sunday, November 29, 2026
Y4 - Block 9 Ends	Sunday, December 6, 2026
Y4 - Block 10 Begins	Monday, December 7, 2026
Holiday (Winter Break)	Monday, December 21, 2026 - Sunday, January 3, 2027
Y4 - Block 10 Ends	Sunday, January 17, 2027
Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)	Monday, January 18, 2027
Y4 - Block 11 Begins	Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Y4 - Block 11 Ends	Sunday, February 14, 2027
Y4 - Block 12 Begins	Monday, February 15, 2027
Y4 - Block 12 Ends	Sunday, March 14, 2027
<b>Match Week</b>	<b>Monday, March 15, 2027 - Sunday, March 21, 2027</b>

<b>Transition to Residency (TTR) course</b>	<b>Monday, March 22, 2027 - Friday, April 9, 2027</b>
Graduation Preparation (No duties assigned) **barring any required remediation &/or clinical make-up time	Saturday, April 10, 2027 - Friday, May 14, 2027
MD Program Hooding & Graduation Weekend	Saturday, May 15, 2027 - Sunday, May 16, 2027
Wake Forest University Graduation	Monday, May 17, 2027

## Academic Calendar Overview Academic Year 2026-2027

Event	Start Date	End Date
Immersion Semester 2 LEAP Week	March 8, 2027	March 12, 2027
Foundations 2 Term 2	November 9, 2026	March 5, 2027
Individualization Year (Blocks 1-12)	March 30, 2026	March 14, 2027
Immersion Spring Break	April 3, 2026	April 5, 2026
Memorial Day Holiday	May 25, 2026	May 25, 2026
Independence Day Holiday	July 4, 2026	July 4, 2026
Year 1 Orientation	July 9, 2026	July 10, 2026
Year 2 Orientation	July 13, 2026	
Foundations 1 Term 1	July 13, 2026	November 22, 2026
Foundations 2 Term 1	July 13, 2026	November 8, 2026
White Coat Ceremony	August 1, 2026	
Immersion Semester 1 LEAP Week	August 24, 2026	August 28, 2026
Step 2CK Deadline	August 29, 2026	
Immersion Semester 1 Remediation Week	August 31, 2026	September 6, 2026
Labor Day Holiday	September 7, 2026	September 7, 2026
Immersion Semester 2	September 8, 2026	March 7, 2027
Foundations 2 RIA Week	October 5, 2026	October 9, 2026
Medical Student Research Day	October 14, 2026 (WS) October 15, 2026 (CLT)	
Foundations 1 RIA Week	October 26, 2026	October 30, 2026
Foundations 1 Term 2	November 30, 2026	May 4, 2027
Thanksgiving Recess*	November 25, 2026	November 29, 2026
Foundations 2 CBSE Exam 1	December 15, 2026	
Foundations 1 CBSE Exam 1	December 18, 2026	
Winter Recess*	December 21, 2026	January 3, 2027
MLK Jr Holiday	January 18, 2027	January 18, 2027
STEP 1 Recommended Completion	January 27, 2027	
STEP 1 Required Completion	February 12, 2027	
Foundations 1 RIA Week	February 15, 2027	February 19, 2027
Transition to Patient Care	February 15, 2027	March 5, 2027
Immersion Semester 1	March 9, 2027	August 23, 2026
Immersion Semester 2 Remediation Week	March 15, 2027	March 21, 2027
Match Week	March 15, 2027	March 21, 2027
Y3 Vacation Week	March 22, 2027	March 28, 2027
Transition to Residency	March 22, 2027	April 9, 2027

Foundations 1 Spring Recess	March 29, 2027	April 4, 2027
Class of 2027 Graduation Preparation	April 10, 2027	May 14, 2027
Foundations 1 RIA Week	April 26, 2027	April 30, 2027
Foundations 1 CBSE Exam 2	May 3, 2027	
Foundations 1 Summer Recess	May 5, 2027	July 11, 2027
MD Program Hooding and Graduation Weekend	May 15, 2027	May 16, 2027
Wake Forest University Graduation	May 17, 2027	