

Category	Miami	UCF	Winner
Mission and prestige	<p>Mission: The educational mission of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine is to graduate physicians with the ability and desire to improve the health of all populations by alleviating suffering and eliminating healthcare disparities through their leadership in patient care, research, education, health care administration and the community.</p> <p>Ranking: 39th in NIH funding for research.</p>	<p>Mission: The University of Central Florida College of Medicine educates and inspires individuals to be exemplary physicians and scientists, leaders in medicine, scholars in discovery, and adopters of innovative technology to improve the health and well-being of all.</p> <p>Our patient-centered mission is achieved by outstanding medical care and services, groundbreaking research, and leading edge medical and biomedical education in an environment enriched by diversity.</p> <p>Ranking: 86th in NIH funding for research.</p>	<p>Miami: Both in prestige and their mission focused more on public health aspects of medicine, which I am interested in; also heard that residencies like hearing that someone did rotations at Jackson at the interview</p>
Location	<p>Culturally diverse area with many activities and places to participate in outside of class; Brickell seems like a cool place to live with good public transportation; will be a good opportunity to learn Spanish</p>	<p>In an up and coming area, but currently not much to do in surrounding area around medical school; definitely would need car</p>	<p>Miami: Mostly due to the multitude of different outside of class opportunities available in addition to Brickell having a light rail to get to campus; better cultural experience</p>
Total Cost of Living	<p>First year: ~\$69,000 (might get a scholarship though ranging from \$5000 to full tuition)</p>	<p>First year: ~\$55,500 (might get a scholarship as well)</p>	<p>UCF: Overall would be cheaper unless I get scholarship money from Miami (heard they give out a lot of scholarships)</p>
Student Culture	<p>From interview day, seemed like most students weren't competitive and wanted to help each other. Seemed like a "work hard, play hard" type culture with student's</p>	<p>From interview day, seemed like students all knew each other relatively well since it's a smaller class and were always sharing materials including past notes and Anki decks to help each</p>	<p>UCF: Mostly because I got a slightly better vibe from the student's at the interview, although I didn't get the impression from any of the Miami students</p>

	doing some activities together outside of class	other study in addition to participating in sports activities outside of class	that they were competitive with one another
Student Support	Academic societies provide the ability to get to know other classmates well and have a study group. Guidance from students in the year above me will be beneficial in guiding my studying and knowing what resources to utilize.	Overall, seemed like school was heavily focused on student wellness (i.e., school psychiatrist, nap pods, cooking sessions, school taking into account students' input) and preparation (i.e., study guides, study plan help, Step 1 preparation, career support)	UCF: Mostly due to the multitude of different resources available for support, although I do like the guidance and academic societies at Miami
School Facilities	Old facilities, which do not seem renovated recently, with an out of date library and student lounge. The library is not open 24/7 and the anatomy lab is not particularly remarkable. There is a new research building and a nice, new gym, which is a plus though, in addition to a new study floor at the library. Unfortunately, the new educational facility won't be open before I'm done with first two years	Basically brand new facilities with a very nice student lounge, library, state of the art anatomy lab, and clinical simulation center. Overall, beautiful campus, but no nice gym for students to use	UCF: Except I like the gym at Miami better
Pre-Clinical Education	Pass/Fail with quartile rankings for grades; research not required; recorded lectures with small group learning activities; anatomy is only 8 weeks; doctoring program integrated throughout; exams halfway through and at the end of modules with no week off before; Step 1 prep not directly integrated, but modules focus on same information as Step 1; multitude of student	A-C for most classes and High Pass/pass for mandatory research experience for first two years (FIRE); recorded lectures with small group learning; anatomy 16 weeks; exams modeled after Step 1 and there are weekly formative quizzes for practice (not graded) in addition to end of module exams with a week off before having to take them; you also get a free laptop and	UCF: Mostly due to the mandatory research, 16 weeks of anatomy vs. 8 weeks, practice exams, week off before exams, preparation for Step 1, and clinical simulation opportunities. I don't particularly like A-C for grading, but P/F with quartile rankings is not much better for Miami; I like the DOCS program and opportunities for medical missions at

	organizations with a lot of specialty interest groups; DOCS program sounds like a nice opportunity to get involved in the community and practice clinical skills; medical missions available to pursue	iPad mini; KNIGHTS clinic (similar to the DOCS program) sounds like a good idea, but during the interview I heard it didn't really seem like a good experience	Miami though
Research Opportunities	More research funding and research opportunities available, but research is not mandatory. I am not sure how easy or hard it would be to get involved in research, but students at the interview did report that emailing different researchers doesn't seem too difficult and that they are often open to taking you on with a research project and mentoring you	Mandatory FIRE experience seems like a good way to learn how to do and get involved with research; seems like there a lot of guidance from your mentor; not as much research funding as other schools though; potential to get involved with neurology research with Dr. Ramon Rodriguez	Miami: Mostly due to the larger amount of funding available and the testimonials by students at the interview about being able to get research experience relatively easily
Step 1 Preparation and Average Scores (last 3 years; National avg was 229 those years)	6 weeks off time to study for Step 1; A comprehensive basic science NBME practice examination is used during the Transition Block to guide students in their studies and to help prepare for the USMLE Step 1 licensing examination. Customized NBME exams are now offered throughout both the first and second year as additional opportunities to prepare for the USMLE step 1 exam and to assess retention of curricular content Scores: 232, 232, 235	6 weeks off time to study for Step 1; Structured study plan guidance in addition to all exams modeled after Step 1; upper class students have resources they share Scores: 238, 238, 235	UCF: Higher scores and seems like pre-clinical curriculum prepares students well for Step 1, although
Clinical	All on campus	Would be rotating in	Miami: Jackson

Education	including Jackson (the second largest multinational, academic hospital in the US and largest in Florida, would give an unparalleled clinical experience), Ryder trauma center (a level one trauma center), Bascom Palmer eye institute (the #1 ophthalmology clinic in the country), VA, Holtz children center, and UMH	multiple different hospitals including the VA (apparently one of the newest and largest in the country), Nemours children hospital (new as well), Osceola Regional Medical Center (serves diverse population), and eventually maybe the new hospital opening on campus (supposed to be finished January 2021, although they might not use this for teaching immediately upon opening)	would provide an unparalleled clinical experience and all medical facilities are located on campus instead of needing to drive to them in Orlando
Match Lists (Based on % of class getting into most competitive, competitive, and less competitive specialties	Most competitive 32%; Competitive 26%; Less Competitive 42%; Seems like a fair amount of higher prestige residency programs	Most competitive 33% Competitive 20% Less Competitive 47%; Appears to not have as many higher prestige residency programs	Miami: They both have about equal competitive specialty placements, but UCF has less prestigious residency programs; since I'm more interested in internal medicine anyways, Miami seems like it will provide me with better career options despite having lower Step 1 scores on average