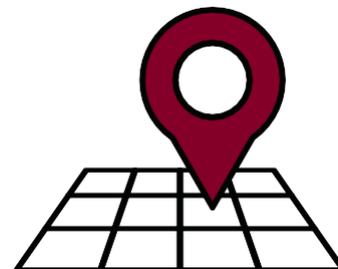


School of Medicine

Ready for an Urban Experience

The University of South Carolina's School of Medicine has trained generations of physicians for the Palmetto State. Now, after residing at the WJB Dorn Veterans Center since 1973, the School is ready for a new home in the heart of Columbia's new BullStreet District development.



Moving the School of Medicine from its current location is a must — both financially and in terms of student recruitment. The university now pays a bargain price of \$1 per year in rent, but the lease ends in 2030 and the cost will increase significantly to the market rate. The aging buildings, which date back to the 1930s, also are in need of costly repairs.

Increased collaboration

The relocation to the BullStreet District will mean students can train in a modern, state-of-the-art medical education facility in downtown Columbia. Importantly, it also places the School of Medicine immediately adjacent to its clinical partner, Prisma Health. This will foster close student and faculty collaboration with physicians at the Prisma Health medical practices and hospitals, allowing students to become immersed in a clinical teaching environment.

The total cost for the 130,000 square-foot School of Medicine building is \$125 million, with a requested \$35 million from the state this year. See page 24 for the entire SFY 2021 System Budget Request.

Just the beginning

The health care industry is rapidly growing in South Carolina, with a high demand for college-educated workers over the next 15 years. A study by the Moore School of Business estimates that by 2030, the health care sector will be the largest employer in South Carolina.

The University of South Carolina already offers more than 100 health science degree programs in more than 50 areas of study, making it the state's most comprehensive health care educator. The new medical school building will serve as the anchor for a larger future health sciences campus on 16 acres of donated land at that BullStreet District location.

The campus will allow researchers from all of the university's health disciplines — including nursing, pharmacy, social work, and public health — the opportunity to engage in clinical research that improves the health and quality of life for all South Carolinians. A health sciences campus also will have a direct impact on the region's economy by attracting private sector investment and start-up activity, including commercialization of new health technology.