

Quotes from BMD Graduates

I'll never be convinced that there is a better way than USA Biomedical Sciences to prepare for medical school. Also, I've never been around instructors that were more willing to work with and teach the students than during my undergraduate years. Great curriculum, great environment.

Cliff, 2nd year med student, USA

About the BMD program, I would say that it prepares you for any of the health sciences. It gives you a solid background to venture in any direction. The basic principles presented in the BMD curriculum come up everyday in Graduate school and Medical school classes. The BMD program also has a great atmosphere. There is nowhere else where you can approach a teacher comfortably and get the attention you deserve.

Steven, graduate Tulane Pharmacology Master's program, accepted to Nova SE Univ. College of Osteopathic Medicine

The atmosphere in the BMD department is centered toward advanced learning. The knowledgeable professors provide every means possible to aid the student in the pre-professional arena.....career opportunities, tutoring, computer facilities, and a happy, enjoyable atmosphere in which to learn. The combined attributes of the BMD department provide a fun environment that drives the students to excel and invites the opportunity to gain lasting friendships with the professors and fellow students.

Susie, biotech testing lab, Salt Lake City, Utah, accepted to Univ. Utah PA program

My background in biomedical sciences was the leg up I needed in order to survive the first year of medical school.

Matt, 3rd year med student, USA

Right now, I am a platoon leader for a medical platoon up here in Ft. Campbell, KY. I serve as the medical logistics officer for the entire brigade, which means I am responsible for about 580 soldiers. BMD really helped me prepare for this job. I have P.A.'s working for me and I have to resupply them with the necessary goods and drugs. I also help with the daily sick call routines in the morning and it really helps to know general symptoms of some common illnesses (immunology) in order to help treat the soldiers

Jimmy, 2LT, MSC, accepted to 4 dental schools

BMD was very beneficial for my career path, especially learning Histology via the BMD Bridge program and working in Dr. Itaya's lab. I have worked in a lab for a surgical dermatologist using MOHS procedures in the removal of skin cancer as the histotechnologist, for USA Medical Center department of Pathology as a histotechnologist, for Chiron BioPharmaceuticals as a histotechnologist for the Oncology department in the development of drugs to fight/cure cancer. All jobs required a Science degree and experience which I gained through the BMD program.

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The BMD program was one of the best-guided steps on my path toward a career in vision research.

Diana, 3rd year grad student, Vision Science, UAB

Choosing Biomedical sciences as a major, in retrospect, was one of the best decisions that I made in my undergraduate career. Once I got into professional school I found that I was more prepared for the curriculum than most of the other people in my class. The teachers are all top-notch. I want to thank you and the others for truly preparing me for the task I had before me and I really have never regretted taking one of the hardest majors at South Alabama. You guys are the greatest.

Dan, 2nd year optometry student, UAB

The Biomedical Sciences program at USA helped make the stress and uncertainty of medical school much easier. Although the first two years were rigorous, there were no surprises. Every class was one that I had already experienced as an undergrad BMD major. I specifically remember breathing a sigh of relief when I discovered that the medical school Neurosciences text was the same one I still had from my BMD course! The program and the research experience really laid the foundation for where I am today and for where I eventually hope to be in academic medicine.

Todd, M.D., Clinical Fellow, Division of Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt University

The thing that stands out in my mind was how sound my foundation was in the basic sciences, mainly cell biology, histology, biochemistry and physiology. Whereas many of my classmates were struggling with nomenclature and basic principles, I was free to expand on my previous knowledge and found myself actually teaching many of the small group sessions. The degree of difficulty in some BMD classes was above that taught in medical school; that in combination with faculty who work so hard to help their students creates the ultimate learning environment. What a wonderful feeling to be so well prepared. Also, something that I heard from "higher up" here at UAB, the admissions committee looks very favorably on students coming with biomedical sciences degrees because they have already proven they can handle the demanding curriculum and that they have a good working knowledge of the basic health sciences, all which statistically improve their chances of being successful medical students.

Ashley, 2nd year med student in pathology fellowship, UAB

I am only in my second month of dental school, and already I have come to appreciate the education that I gained as a BMD major. As quick and thorough as the dental curriculum is, it's comforting to have some background knowledge in the courses. We use many of the same books, and I actually find myself looking forward to the same courses that I once dreaded just because it's familiar to me. The BMD faculty is wonderful! I would not be where I am today had it not been for their patience, advice, and education.

Leslie, U FL dental student

My undergraduate training in the biomedical sciences helped prepare me for a career in public health research. The curriculum is challenging, but invaluable to anyone who is thinking about going to graduate school in a health-related discipline.

Jacqueline, M.P.H.

Getting a degree in Biomedical Science has paved the way for me to make a difference in the world, by giving me the knowledge and skills I needed to participate in the search for better treatments for cancer.

Tracy, Medical Research Technologist, accepted to AU and UFL pharmacy school

I wanted to tell the BMD faculty how much I enjoyed going through the BMD program. There was not a single class or instructor that I didn't truly enjoy. I think that every instructor is extremely knowledgeable in his or her area of expertise. They are also very approachable and dispense great advice. In addition to being effective at teaching, I think that the BMD faculty provides a great example for students to emulate as they further their education.

I am confident that what I learned going through the program will benefit me tremendously in medical school some day. I think that the BMD program, here at USA, is the best pre-professional program anywhere. I could not be happier about deciding to major in the biomedical sciences program, and I will highly recommend it to anyone thinking about professional school. I wish the BMD department continued success.

Joey, BMD graduate