Welcome to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. It is very exciting that you are considering the Master of Clinical Anatomy (MCA) program as the next phase in your educational journey. Whether you are preparing for teaching in the anatomical sciences, strengthening your portfolio for admission into a healthcare related professional program, or considering even more advanced academic training, the MCA program will provide you with experiences to help you shape that journey.

Throughout your training you will be interacting with faculty who teach in many of the healthcare professional programs. As you strengthen your knowledge in the anatomical sciences (Gross Anatomy, Neuroscience, Histology, and Embryology) you will explore how these subjects are framed in the clinical context—in fact, for some of your coursework you will be studying alongside fellow students that are currently enrolled in healthcare related programs. In addition, the MCA program offers experiences related to teaching and research, providing broader career training in medical education. With our small class cohort, you will experience hands-on learning, work on group projects, and further develop your approach to concept application. Most of all, what you will experience is an educational program that is dedicated to your success.

Thank you for considering the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine as the next step in your journey.

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Program Director

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

OUR CURRICULUM
This degree is designed to train the next generation of educators in the health sciences and specifically for candidates who wish to develop careers in teaching and research in the anatomical sciences or advance to professional programs. Most of the course work is completed during the first two semesters of the first year. Starting in the following summer, students enroll in practicums, research and electives that train them in principles and practice of medical education and curriculum development.

LARGE IMPACT IN A SMALL CLASSROOM
The small class size allows hands-on learning experiences using cutting-edge technology and the opportunity to learn from world renowned faculty.

WE ARE AN ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER
Being an academic medical center means that we teach and train future doctors and scientists, take care of patients, and do medical research. As a student, you will get the opportunity to work and learn with some of the top medical experts in the world in state-of-the-art facilities.

The Master of Clinical Anatomy Program works closely with the Carver College of Medicine Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Office of Graduate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the UI Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to foster an environment where all members of the University of Iowa Health Care community—students, faculty, postdoctoral scholars, staff, residents and fellows—feel welcome.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Clinical Anatomy (MCA) program provides a comprehensive education focused on developing clinically relevant content knowledge, coupled with experiential learning activities for developing skills in teaching and education research, as well as for enhancing advancement to professional health care programs.

The program is designed so that students can complete the requirements in 18 months. Many courses are taught with professional students and a portion of the interdisciplinary curriculum is offered online to complement classroom and laboratory learning.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum includes cadaveric dissection-based gross anatomy, embryology, histology, and functional neuroscience alongside medical, physician assistant, physical therapy and other health professional students. Most of the course work is completed during the first two semesters of the first year. Starting in the following summer, students enroll in practicums, research and electives that train them in the principles and practice of medical education and curriculum development.

Class size is small to maximize the small-group teaching environment. All graduate courses in the program are taught by UI Carver College of Medicine faculty.

APPLICANTS ARE HOLISTICALLY EVALUATED ON

- Nature/quality of completed coursework
- Statement of personal interest
- Letters of recommendation
- Test scores - GRE and/or TOEFL (international students only)

APPLYING TO THE CLINICAL ANATOMY GRADUATE PROGRAM

Admission to our program is a multi-step process involving the Office of Admissions and Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. Deadlines vary depending on when you plan to enroll.

- **January**: Early consideration for fall semester application deadline
- **March**: Early consideration interviews
- **April**: Early consideration application decisions made
- **May**: Fall semester application deadline
- **June**: Interviews
- **June**: Application decisions made
- **August**: Orientation and classes begin

https://medicine.uiowa.edu/acb/mca

DID YOU KNOW THAT..........

Most students apply their degrees toward future professional training in health care and education.

The University of Iowa provides state-of-the-art facilities with modern laboratories, classrooms, and seminar facilities.

“I chose Iowa because it felt like home and because of the amazing department instructors. The care and passion they put into their work is inspiring.”

Tartil Ali, MCA Student

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