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KU School of Medicine is most popular medical school in the country

WICHITA, KAN. – The KU School of Medicine is the most popular medical school in the country, according to data released Tuesday from U.S. News and World Report.

The report ranked the percentage of students admitted to medical schools who opted to enroll in the program. At the KU School of Medicine, 176 – or 82.2 percent – of the 214 accepted students chose to attend the school in the 2010-2011 academic year, which was top among the 121 U.S. medical schools included in the report.

KU School of Medicine–Wichita Dean H. David Wilson, MD, says the hands-on experience paired with attentive faculty and close connections to students are attractive qualities.

“There’s a lot of loyalty to the school and that transmits to students who are applying. They feel ‘Wow, the students in Wichita get a great education. Why do I need to go to some other school when the education they receive in Wichita is really outstanding,’” Dean Wilson said. “Our students get the best of both worlds: a university education with a lot of exposure to community physicians and the opportunity to fully participate in the care of patients.”

For more than 35 years, the KU School of Medicine–Wichita has provided hands-on, clinical training to about one-third of all KU School of Medicine 3rd- and 4th-year students. Starting this summer, the Wichita Campus is expanding to a full, four-year medical school and will accept its first class of freshmen medical students.

To read more about the report, visit http://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/articles/2011/05/17/10-most-popular-medical-schools.

The University of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita is nationally recognized as a pioneer in community-oriented medical education. Since the first class graduated in 1975, more than 1,600 physicians have earned medical degrees. About half eventually established practices in the state, fulfilling the school’s promise of “Educating Doctors for Kansas.”
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