

# Learning Communities at MSM

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Mentoring Students at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), the Morehouse School of Medicine's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), is designed to sustain students' excellence and academic success through the development and implementation of learning communities.

A learning community is a group of individuals who share common goals, values, and ideas and are actively engaged in learning with and from each other.

These communities lead to the early development of the strong faculty-student and student-student relationships vital to the success in an educational environment.

At MSM everyone has an opportunity to engage in learning communities for professional development, networking, and mentoring activities through member facilitated discussions.



Knowledge Excellence  
Wisdom Service

## Doctor of Medicine Student Learning Communities

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All M.D. students are grouped in four learning communities arranged by class year and given the names: knowledge, wisdom, service and excellence. Sessions are facilitated by both faculty mentors and student leaders and are designed to encourage the formation of valuable skills, competencies and lasting faculty and student relationships. Some examples of topics include ethics dilemmas, health literacy, communication skills and health care reform.

## Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences Student Learning Communities

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All students in the graduate education in biomedical sciences are placed in learning communities for Ph.D., M.S.B.R., M.S.C.R. and M.S.M.S. programs. Sessions are facilitated by both faculty and student mentors. Topic examples are: choosing a lab, stress reduction, conflict management and preparing for qualifying exams.

## Master of Public Health Student Learning Communities

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The Master of Public Health students are grouped in learning communities by life stages and facilitated by faculty mentors. Their topics include the male experience, school/life balance and professional development.

## Faculty Learning Communities

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Faculty learning communities strengthen the mentoring and networking skills of MSM faculty as well as offer professional development and support. Our faculty learning communities include:

- Women in Science and Medicine Learning Community
- Research Mentoring Learning Community
- The Teaching Academy

## Alumni Learning Communities

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The Alumni Learning Community (ALC) is a pipeline initiative that will assist MSM alumni in engaging students underrepresented in medicine and the biomedical sciences and those from underserved communities in outreach activities. This program is designed to advise and mentor them as they work to pursue careers in the health professions and biomedical research.

To learn more about the programs visit [www.msm.edu](http://www.msm.edu).

