The fundamental purpose of medical schools is to educate physicians. The prime objective of all professionals, physicians included, is to apply a sophisticated body of knowledge and skills to the solution of problems faced by people. In doing so, the individual will follow standards of the profession for competence, ethics and communication and will demonstrate commitment to the principles of professionalism - altruism, humanism, excellence and accountability.

The school does not separate the several obligations of a medical school: to educate the student, the house officer and the physician; to attract new talent to the health-care field and to ensure that talent remain active and prepared; to maintain maximum standards of ethics and care; to have concern equally for the individual and for the community; and to foster inquiry, to find answers and to apply those answers.