

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

A concise summary about your background and accomplishments:

Your Curriculum Vitae (CV) should be a summary of your background and accomplishments. The goal of writing a CV is to provide the reader with a well-organized overview of your major academic and extracurricular achievements. Think broadly about everything you have done in medical school and what skills you can bring to a residency.

Choose a style that works best for you, or mix-and-match between the templates

Consider including the following elements in your CV:

Education: name, location, degree and date from all institutions you've attended

Leadership or participation in student organization, event, project, experience abroad

Scholarships, Honors and Awards: include cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude, election to AOA, or Gold Humanism, awards (including service awards), scholarships, etc.

Medically relevant work experience: listed in reverse chronological order

Research: indicate the institution, department, principal investigator or supervisor, brief title of the research project, your role, and dates of participation

Publications: include all published articles on which you are an author or co-author; bold your name

Presentations: include all relevant presentations (verbal, poster, paper) at medical conferences, specialty association meetings, etc.

Service: leadership and volunteer activities; SOM committees

Interests: other skills such as foreign language, pilot's license, etc. and hobbies

Professional Memberships

CV Writing Tips:

If you are uncertain about including something, ask yourself: Will this information help me get selected for a residency interview? Would I find this information relevant if I were a resident or faculty reader of my CV? If the answer to these questions is yes, include it. Otherwise, leave it out.

Remember the importance of formatting. It's easier to read a CV that is organized.

Education should always come first. After that, be guided by your strengths and put this section next. there is some variation. Be guided by your strengths. This could be: research, honors, awards, word experience, or volunteer work.

Be sure to get this looked over and edited by a few people.

AAMC Careers in Medicine CV Page (<https://www.aamc.org/cim/>) has more detailed information about writing a CV, what to include and recommended format.