# **Graduate School of Medicine**

Major: Medical Sciences

# Introduction

Founded in March 1988, the Ajou University School of Medicine accepted first-year students in 2009 after a complete reorganization of education system, curriculum and new graduate medical school system.

First of all, Ajou University School of Medicine will educate physicians and medical scientists to work on the international stage on the basis of medical and scientific knowledge. Secondly, we will train health professionals who are able to predict new diagnostics and therapies on the basis of disease pathogenesis and medical knowledge. Third, we will grow leaders of various activities in the field of education, and, finally, produce young and dynamic leaders who make significant impact on the medical field globally.

To achieve our goals of education, Ajou School of Medicine has been operating the following programs.

## Medical Doctoral Program (MD)

The MD program is a 4-year program to train primary care physicians, which includes a variety of undergraduate basic and clinical science courses and clinical training program.

#### MD and PhD joint program (MD/PhD degree)

The M.D/PhD joint program aims to produce medical scientists with scientific thinking, scientific research methodology, and the ability to make proper diagnoses through analysis. This is a special program of Ajou School of Medicine in which professional degree programs and academic degree programs are in conjunction. It will comprise around 10% of graduates among the total number of graduates from Ajou School of Medicine.

# **Our Purpose/Goal**

#### Purpose

Based on respect for human lives, in this rapidly changing health care environment, we aim to educate physicians with good character and the competence to be in charge of the next phase in Korean health care. Furthermore, they will be educated to be experts in various fields of the society and the next global leaders.

## **Our Goal**

1. Professionalism: Doctors with social awareness, responsibility, morality, decency and ethics.

2. Competence: Doctors who have medical knowledge and techniques meeting the standard of Korean medicine.

3. Self-Development: Doctors who make active, voluntary decisions to work for constant self-development over a lifetime.

4. Leaderships: Doctors with entrepreneurship in a variety of expertise on the world stage.