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MEDICAL SCHOOL AT DALLAS



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DALLAS--A largest-ever freshman class of 120 has boosted medical student enrollment at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School this fall to an all-time high, school officials report.

Total medical enrollment stands at 446, up from 424 last fall, reports Registrar Anne Rucker. The Dallas school accepted 108 first-year students last year.

The new freshman class includes 10 women, Miss Rucker said. A total of 37 female medical students are currently enrolled.

Southwestern also lists a record number of minority medical students enrolled this fall, Miss Rucker reported. The freshman class includes two Negroes, six Mexican-Americans and two Orientals, bringing the minority student total in all medical classes to 19. That total figure includes six Negroes, nine Mexican-Americans and four Orientals.

In addition to its 446 medical students, the Dallas school has registered 65 students in its graduate programs for the fall semester, and its component School of Allied Health Professions has enrolled another 65 in four programs of paramedical training.

This year's larger freshman medical class represents the first incremental step toward a doubled enrollment of doctors-in-training, said Dr. Charles C. Sprague, UTSMS dean. The school has set a goal of accepting 200 new students a year by fall of 1975.

A \$40 million building program is under way to transform the school's Harry Hines Blvd. campus adjoining Parkland Memorial Hospital to accommodate rapidly expanding programs of teaching and medical research at Southwestern.

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