

# Caroline Freedle

Where are you from and what made you want to attend medical school?

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So originally from Kerrville, Texas outside of San Antonio. For me choosing medicine, I did not come to that conclusion until I was in my undergrad education. And I just found myself knowing that I wanted to be somewhere in healthcare, but not really knowing where, and then just exploring kind of those opportunities. In my undergrad, I found that I kept finding, and asking those questions of why this was happening and wanting to know more, and realize that medicine gave me that perfect balance of understanding why and knowing more. And that's why I chose to pursue medicine.

Why did you choose Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine?

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I just felt really supported here. I felt that the faculty wanted to invest in the students, and they wanted to see the students succeed. And I got that immediately from the interview just by how friendly they were, how friendly other medical students were. And then just that authentic investment in the students who are applying. And so that's why I chose to stay here at Texas Tech and continue my education here.

What specialty did you choose?

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I decided to do general surgery, a little bit about me as I'm kind of a maximizer. So I like to know a lot about everything. And one way that I found that I could do that in medicine was by pursuing general surgery. And for me, that meant a lot because I want to help patients to the best of my ability and maximize their care in that way. And so I felt doing general surgery was both a great combination of the general medicine plus surgical intervention, and that's why I'm doing my specialty.

Why did you choose to do a dual degree program?

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The reason I chose to do the dual program was I think, first my family is all in the business industry. And so to me to be able to understand that the terminology and the language was important. And then secondly, I think just to have a foundation of business is important to go into medicine because a lot of the decisions that are being made are being made with that understanding.