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Dr. Rand Paul Has No College Diploma

The average medical school debt in 2025 was \$216,000, about 2.6 times as much in federal loans as the average postgraduate owes. 23 percent of the class of 2024 owed \$300,000. This makes it difficult for doctors to be independent, leading many to become corporate employees under the control of others.

Ideas to reduce the cost of medical education have included reducing medical school from four years to three years. But wouldn't it be better to shorten college instead of medical school? U.S. Senator Rand Paul, in a recent interview said he's one of the few physicians without a college diploma. He started medical school early. It's a good idea.

“Going Big with Dr. Rand Paul: Independent Leadership from the Operating Room to the Senate Floor,” Going Big (podcast), January 25, 2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OuW1zVDONk>

“Cut Years Off College, Not Medical School,” Henry Diamond-Pott, MedPage Today, January 29, 2026:
<https://www.medpagetoday.com/opinion/second-opinions/119649>

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