

CLINICAL INNOVATION & DESIGN

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I never imagined that I would earn an MSE. I do not have an engineering background, and that almost stopped me from pursuing this program. I fell in love with medical technology as a first year medical student and simply thought that it was too late to get involved. I will forever be grateful for the cohort and faculty who told me to go for it, because it has completely changed the direction of my career for the better.

This program gave us the rare opportunity to create a project from scratch with full creative freedom. It is an experience that is typically reserved for principal investigators and professionals that are astronomically farther along in their career. This created a steep learning curve, but now I am experienced in the complex processes of needs identification, ideation, prototyping, regulatory affairs, and intellectual property. These are important lessons and we were granted a safe space to troubleshoot and learn.

CID also creates a bridge between future physicians and engineers and combines our collective strengths. It is a model that spurs innovation and gives students the foundation to be innovators going forward.

