Welcome to RMC & Chicago!



New Student Guide to Chicago



Welcome to Chicago and Rush Medical College! We are thrilled to have you join our Rush Family. This guide is meant to serve as a tool in your quest to find an off campus apartment, as well as find your way around Chicago successfully!

Chicago is home to...

- 237 square miles of land
- **❖** An estimated 2,695,598 residents
- Dozens of cultural institutions, historical sites and museums
- **❖** More than 200 theaters
- **❖** Nearly 200 art galleries
- **❖** More than 7,300 restaurants
- **❖** 26 miles of lakefront
- **❖** 15 miles of beaches
- **36 annual parades**
- **❖** 19 miles of lakefront bicycle paths
- **❖** 552 parks

^{*}The information contained in the following pages was adapted from the <u>City of Chicago</u>; <u>RU Student Life and Engagement</u> Housing Guide, Metra Rail, & Transit Chicago.

Chicago Neighborhoods

Which Chicago Neighborhood will fit your lifestyle best?

Chicago is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own unique character. Rent and other costs of living will vary depending upon what

neighborhood you choose. Generally, neighborhoods closer to the Loop will be cleaner, safer, and consequently more expensive. The next few pages are a few of Park Upto the neighborhoods where Rush Medical Portage Center College students typically live. Village Cragin Buck-Central Side Village Island Austin Park

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Bucktown/Wicker Park

Often grouped together, these neighborhoods have long been considered home to budding artists and writers. The boundaries spread into neighboring Logan Square and Humboldt Park. A mixture of trendy, eclectic, and artsy neighborhoods are peppered with restaurants, bars, clubs, coffee houses and art galleries, each with its own appeal. Recently, the area has acquired many newer developments but a mixture of



Commuting to Rush

Blue Line or CTA Bus Approximately 15-30 minutes

hip and affordable, chic and dive, has prevailed helping Bucktown and Wicker Park remain one of Chicago's true cultural havens. Bucktown and Wicker Park are accessible by public transportation and easy access to the expressway.

Properties range from walk ups to two- and three-flats. Studios start around \$815 and 3 bedrooms start around \$2,200.



Lakeview



Lakeview encompasses several smaller areas spanning from Belmont Harbor on the east, to Ashland Avenue on the West. Its abundance of attractions and cultural flavors makes Lakeview one of the most popular areas on Chicago's north side. Lakeview's central strips are alive with some of the funkiest, trendiest restaurants,

Commuting to Rush

Purple, Red, Brown Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 25-45 minutes bars and boutiques in Chicago. Belmont Harbor adds a contingent of rollerbladers, bike

riders, and runners along the lake. Lakeview could be described as trendy, busy and friendly, where residents tend to be college students and young professionals. Many shops, restaurants and clubs/bars can be found in Lakeview. While Lakeview can be congested with people and cars, and difficult to find parking, public transportation is readily available. Lakeview is central to many forms of transportation (El and expressways).

Lakeview properties are typically graystones and brick two-and three-flats, as well as more mid- and high-rises closer to the lake. Rents range from \$750 for a studio to \$2,200 for a 3 bedroom.



Lincoln Park



Lincoln Park is a hodgepodge of down to earth businesses, bustling nightlife, shopping, tree lined streets, resale shops, and some of the oldest most well-known restaurants to native Chicagoans. With access from Lake Michigan to the Park and the variety of things in between, Lincoln Park can be a community in and of itself. It is

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Zoo, Fullerton Beach,
DePaul University and a
number of improv
theaters. It is an older,

more expensive neighborhood populated mostly by professionals and DePaul students. There are many parks and recreation areas, as well as a wide variety of shops, restaurants and bars. It can sometimes be very difficult to find parking in this neighborhood.

Properties here range from vintage Victorians to mid-range condos to

towering high-rises, with a wide range of prices. Studios start around \$900. A standard 3 bedroom is typically \$2,550.



The Loop



The heart and soul of Chicago – also the place where all the business happens, The Loop is steps away from the Theatre District, Board of Trade, Grant Park, Buckingham Fountain and Millennium Park. People who live here usually trade stocks, work in the Sears Tower, or love the hustle and bustle of a true city environment.

In the evenings the nightlife springs into action as numerous bars and nightclubs open their doors and the theatergoing public rushes in to see performances at any of Chicago's four largest theaters.

Transportation is abundant in the Loop. Each El, Metra & Amtrak train line passes through downtown and there are numerous transfer points between lines. Driving in the

Loop can be expensive and time consuming but there isn't much that can't be reached by train or a quick walk.



Commuting to Rush

Purple, Red, Brown, Blue, Green, Pink Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 10-20 minutes

Apartments in the Loop are mostly high rises. Studios start around \$1,400 and 3 bedrooms begin at \$4,000.

Old Town

Old Town, with its various pubs, storefront shops, bookstores and restaurants, is easily an exciting area to reside. Located between Lincoln Park and The Gold Coast, Old Town has a definite urban flair. Old Town's nightlife includes bustling Second City and Zanies Comedy Center. With critically renowned restaurants and bars, there is something for everyone.



The neighborhood is comfortable and quaint, as cobblestone streets and

Commuting to Rush

Purple, Red, Brown Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 15-25 minutes



Victorian architecture amplifies its homey feel. Amid the bustle of urban life, Old Town preserves its neighborhood feel. Close to DePaul University, the area is alive with a creative and cultural atmosphere. Parking can be difficult, but transportation is easily accessible.

Properties in Old Town include Victorians to mid-range condos to towering high-rises, with a wide range of prices. Studios start

around \$1,150. A standard 3 bedroom is typically \$2,550.

River North



With approximately 30 galleries, over 100 restaurants, and Chicago's Merchandise Mart, River North is truly a unique area in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is full of fun boutiques, new restaurants, bars, clubs and a great deal of art galleries. River North gives you the city feel without living directly in the Loop.

Commuting to Rush

Purple, Red, Brown Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 10-20 minutes

In recent years, new developments have skyrocketed in the area bringing the neighborhood an even livelier, cutting edge feel. Parking can be tricky, but public transportation is easily accessible. The



homes range from renovated loft space, new townhomes and high-rise apartments. Many buildings have been remodeled from storage and warehouses creating unique lofted spaces.

River North studios start around \$1,300 and 3 bedrooms can go up to \$4,000. In River North, you are paying for an awesome location!

Roscoe Village



With tons of antique stores, taverns, and boutiques, Roscoe Village is a neighborhood with a style all its own. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, droves of people venture out for brunch at one of the many outdoor patios, walking their dogs on tree lined streets, or taking their children to the park or playground. Roscoe Village remains comfortable and homey. There are plenty of diversions

Commuting to Rush

Brown Line or CTA Bus Approximately 25-45 minutes with a number of Dance Studios and art galleries, as well as smaller clubs that offer

open poetry nights and live music on the weekends. Also, family owned businesses are common, encouraged and supported by the community. Mom and Pop restaurants and storefront buildings flourish and the affordable housing and parking options are more convenient than the surrounding

neighborhoods. The homes are usually single family or three story apartment buildings. With the El train running through the neighborhood, one can reach downtown in 15 to 20 minutes.



South Loop

An area rich in historical and cultural landmarks, Soldier Field, Grant Park, and Buckingham Fountain to name a few, the South Loop is rapidly redeveloping. Within the past five years the South Loop has undergone major renovations. The renovated

buildings include condos and lofts, townhouses, singlefamily homes,



Commuting to Rush

Green, Red, Orange Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 15-25 minutes

mansions, and a series of new developments. Parking has not caught up with the rapid growth in the area but with easy access to Lake Shore Drive as well as public transportation, getting from place to place is not an issue. The South Loop is also within close proximity (5-10 minutes by bus or cab) to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, and the Adler Planetarium.

This neighborhood consists of high and mid-rise condos. Studios in this neighborhood begin at \$1,125 and 3 bedrooms start at \$2,400.



West Loop



The West Loop is known for its award-winning restaurants, flourishing art gallery district, and unique residential loft-style living. The West Loop lies along the western bank of the Chicago River and is bordered by Grand Avenue on the north,

Ashland Avenue on the west, the Eisenhower Expressway on the south and the Chicago River on the east.

The West Loop is one of the hottest neighborhoods in Chicago. Large numbers

Commuting to Rush

Pink, Green Lines or CTA Bus Approximately 10-20 minutes

of people continue to move into the area every day, drawn to its proximity to the Loop and major expressways. Randolph and Fulton streets have become an epicenter for world-famous restaurants that bring in visitors from all over the city and beyond. Moreover, the West Loop is now considered a hub for fashion and the arts, staking claim to renowned galleries, dance companies, designers, boutiques and music venues. Coupled with trendy residential space and a vibrant history, the West Loop is now a place that Chicagoans not only want to visit but also call home.

Since a lot of the properties in the West Loop are rehabbed or new, apartments can be a bit pricey but sometimes you can find a gem. Studios start at \$1,200 and 3 bedrooms start around \$2,220.

Chicago Transportation

The Chicago Transit Authority - CTA

The CTA consists of the Elevated trains (the L or El), as well as the bus system. The L has seven lines, each coded by color, as well as by a route name.

All RMC students are issued a <u>Ventra Card</u> at orientation, which permits students unlimited access to the CTA throughout the academic school year.

The RED Line (Howard-Dan Ryan) runs north-south from Howard Street to 95th Street on the South Side. It is a 24 hour train.

The BLUE Line (Congress/Douglas/O'Hare) runs from O'Hare Airport southeast to downtown, then to the west/southwest on two separate lines. It is a 24 hour train.

The GREEN Line (Harlem/Lake) runs west from downtown to the suburb of Oak Park and south from downtown to 63rd Street. It stops running in the late evening.

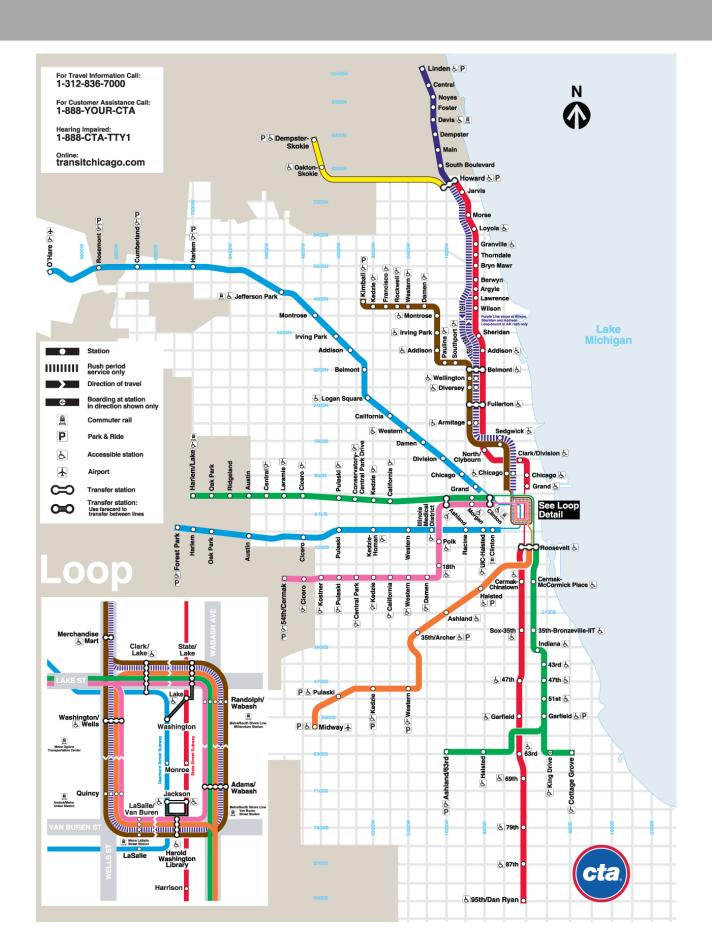
<u>The BROWN Line</u> (Ravenswood) circles downtown (The Loop) and then goes north and northwest to Kimball and Lawrence. Certain legs of this train stop running late at night.

The ORANGE Line circles downtown and goes southwest to Midway Airport. It is a 24 hours train.

<u>The PURPLE Line</u> (Evanston Express) circles downtown and follows the same route on the north side as the Red Line, but makes fewer stops and goes to the suburb of Evanston. It runs express during rush hour and offers no weekend service.

The YELLOW Line (Skokie Swift) connects the suburb of Skokie with the Red and Purple Lines at Howard. It has limited weekly hours and no weekend service.

Rail ('L') System Map



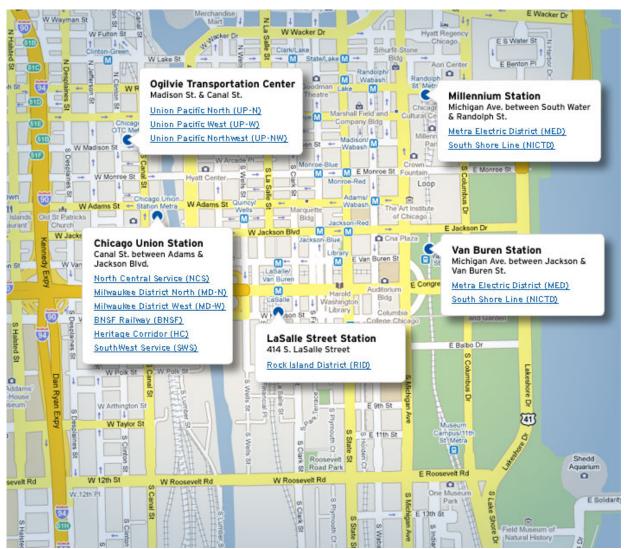
Metra System

If you want to take another type of train, the Metra commuter rail is an alternative.

The Metra travels all over Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Ventra is not valid on the Metra, however, you can buy Metra passes and view schedules at www.metrarail.com



Getting to campus from one of the Metra Stations is easy - either hop on a nearby El, or utilize the Rush Shuttle. The Rush Shuttle services Ogilvie & Union Stations several times throughout the day and will take you directly to campus. Tickets for the Rush Shuttle can be purchased at the Cashier's Office in Rush University.



Tailor Lofts



Tailor Lofts Student Apartments is just one mile east from Rush's campus. With high-end features and A-List Amenities at a great price, the convenient location is perfect for a student's busy life. The off-campus, student apartments feature modern furniture packages, walk-in closets, a laundry center, private bedrooms and complimentary Wi-Fi

and cable with DVR service. Entertain your friends in the social backdrop of the activity room, or be active in the 24-hour fitness center and free tanning dome. Additional amenities include: 24-hour security presence on first-floor entrance and 24-hour Mac computer center with printing capabilities.

To ensure additional convenience, registered Rush students residing at Tailor Lofts will have their housing costs, in addition to their tuition and related student fees, billed through the University. These are special rates for Rush students only.

Rush Housing Rates	
2 bedroom, 2 bath	\$1100-\$1130
4 bedroom, 3 bath	\$828-\$875
4 bedroom, 4 bath	\$913-\$944
Studio	\$1300-\$1420

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Interested Rush Students should immediately contact a Tailor Loft leasing manager at **312-260-3630** for a tour and to begin the application process.

Leasing Managers

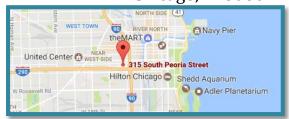
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*Be sure to mention you are a Rush student when you speak to a representative at Tailor Lofts.

Tailor Lofts Apartments

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Apartment Searching



Downtown Realty Company (DRC) DOWNTOWN is one of Chicago's largest and most respected downtown real estate leasing brokerages. DBC is one of Chicago's largest and estate leasing brokerages. DRC works with well over 100

buildings in the downtown area (with access to thousands of listings), including apartments in the Loop, River North, Streeterville, Lakeshore East, Gold Coast, Old Town, West Loop and South Loop. In Addition, DRC covers areas outside of downtown including Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Bucktown and more.

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Apartment People has been helping Chicago apartment owners and renters since 1984. They provide renters with an efficient, cost-free way to find an apartment, while also providing owners



with a highly effective way to market their properties to prospective renters. Apartment People offer options throughout the Chicagoland area including many neighborhoods north of downtown and even some suburbs.

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*When calling either company, be sure to mention that you are a Rush Student.