

MD Program for International Students



The MD Program for International Students (MD) was developed by the School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and the Office of International Medicine Programs (IMP) at George Washington University (GW) in response to the great international demand for graduates of U.S. medical schools. The goals of this

program are to provide international students with a superb medical education, and to prepare them to return to their home country to practice medicine while advancing the mission of GW SMHS to improve the health and well-being of local, national, and global communities.

Program Description

The MD Program for International Students is designed for international students who have completed a bachelor's degree, including the required pre-medical coursework, at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university prior to matriculation at SMHS. Accepted students must meet all requirements for admission and same academic standards as students offered admission to the regular MD Program. International students must maintain full time enrollment status throughout the entire program.

Curriculum

The curriculum of the MD Program is designed to provide a medical education that prepares graduates comprehensively for residency training, provides them the experience on which to base their career selection, and prepares them for professional lives of continuous learning. Key features include: increased incorporation of active learning in place of traditional large-class lectures; enhanced professional development of students; integration of material to enhance learning and retention; added independent study time; additional focus on topics such as public health and clinical reasoning. Each incoming first-year student receives multiple opportunities to explore career options in the full spectrum of medical specialties; and unique only-in-Washington, D.C. educational experiences. All students are required to take and pass Step I of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) before proceeding to year III, and take and pass Step II CK before they graduate and start their residency training programs.

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Mentoring

International students in the MD Program will receive various student support services and resources including but not limited to an academic advisor, frequent meetings with staff from IMP, United States Medical Licensing Examination ("USMLE") Step I registration fees, annual written progress reports to Sponsor, and other student support services.

Services Provided to International Students by IMP

- Introduce students to GW and to familiarize them with IMP's role through a special orientation
- Assist in the cultural adjustment process by providing a buddy system with other international medical students and hold special meetings with students who need greater support.
- Advise students who may wish to discuss personal and family issues.
- Provide annual written progress reports to the students' sponsors.
- Annual evaluation meetings to provide guidance, encouragement, and support to students, including tutoring resources when needed.
- Pay for students to register for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step I registration and cost associated with exam preparation courses.
- Invite students to special IMP social events.

Application Procedures - *Minimum Eligibility Requirements*

- Applicants must meet all stated requirements for application. In addition to academic requirements, successful applicants should also have evidence of attributes, experiences and academic achievement that signal their ability to be Physician Citizens.
- Applicants must not be U.S. citizens, Canadian citizens, or Permanent resident visa holders. (dual citizens qualify)
- F-1 visa status must be maintained throughout the period of matriculation in the program; if the visa status of a student changes at any time during his or her matriculation in the program, he or she will no longer be eligible for the program and will be dismissed.
- Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree, including the required pre-medical coursework, at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university prior to matriculation. Applicants must have mastered written and spoken English; and have taken the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

Applicants to this program must be sponsored financially by their Government or by a home country health institution.

Admission Process

All international applicants must submit the required materials as follows:

- To the Office of Admissions, for application process & requirements please visit: <https://smhs.gwu.edu/academics/md-program/admissions/application-process>
- To IMP: a financial guarantee or a sponsorship letter from a home country medical or academic institution; CV; PS, AMCAS Application Number and a copy of the GW Secondary Application.
- Deadlines: The AMCAS Application is due by November 15th and the GW Secondary Application is due by December 15th.