

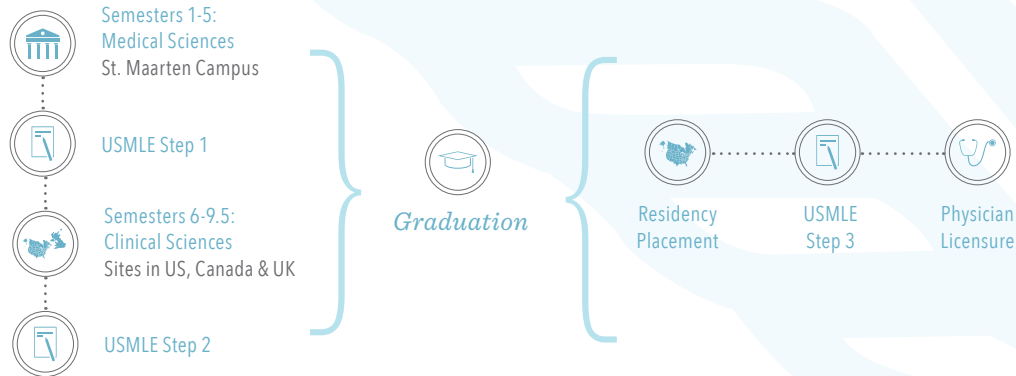
# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## *MD Degree Program*

### ABOUT THIS MEDICAL DEGREE PROGRAM

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC) offers comprehensive medical training designed to prepare aspiring physicians for practice in the United States, Canada, and beyond. Students work closely with medical school faculty and their peers to engage in concentrated study of the medical sciences curriculum over five semesters in St. Maarten. Students then move on to clinical clerkships in the United States, Canada, or the United Kingdom at AUC-affiliated teaching hospitals. Students proceed to residency placement through the National Resident Matching Program® after completing the clinical program.

#### The path to physician licensure:



### CLINICAL SCIENCES CLERKSHIP & CLINICAL CURRICULUM

AUC students who complete the Medical Sciences curriculum on the St. Maarten campus will matriculate into the Clinical Sciences curriculum. Clinical training is 72 weeks in length separated into 42 weeks of core rotations and 30 weeks of elective rotations. Core rotations occur during the third and fourth year and are the foundation of a student's clinical medical education. Elective clerkships are medical subspecialties under each of the main core rotations. Students choose their objectives according to their preferred area of postgraduate residency training. Clerkships can be scheduled at hospitals across the United States, Canada, and United Kingdom.

#### The core clerkships required are as follows:

Internal Medicine – 12 weeks  
Obstetrics and Gynecology – 6 weeks  
Pediatrics – 6 weeks  
Psychiatry – 6 weeks  
General Surgery – 12 weeks

### MEDICAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM

During the first five semesters at AUC in St. Maarten, students learn medical sciences in lecture halls, small group sessions and laboratories. Students must take the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE) Step 1 upon completing the medical sciences curriculum. Upon passing Step 1, students proceed on to the third- and fourth-year clinical sciences curriculum at US, Canada, and UK clinical sites.

#### **Semester 1**

Molecular Cell Biology I  
Gross Anatomy  
Embryology  
Histology  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine I

#### **Semester 2**

Molecular Cell Biology II  
Physiology I  
Immunology and Infection  
Biostatistics/Epidemiology  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine II

#### **Semester 3**

Pathology I  
Physiology II  
Medical Microbiology  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine III

#### **Semester 4**

Pathology II  
Pharmacology I & II  
Neuroscience  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine IV

#### **Semester 5**

Behavioral Sciences I & II  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine V  
Introduction to Clinical Medicine VI\*  
Medical Ethics  
\*(Includes NBME Subject and Comprehensive Exams)

#### **Elective**

Independent Research 601  
Independent Research 602  
Independent Research 603  
Service Learning 611  
Service Learning 612  
Service Learning 613  
Healer's Art 621

For complete curriculum overview please access our course descriptions on the AUC website:  
<http://www.aucmed.edu/academics/medical-sciences/course-descriptions.aspx>

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### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Our program prepares graduates with the knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to practice high-quality, compassionate medical care to diverse patient populations.

#### **AUC Graduating Student Competencies include the Ability to:**

- Establish a therapeutic relationship that prioritizes patient needs before their own in patient care.
- Establish a relationship with patients and/ or families across a broad spectrum of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds based on respect and empathy with the patient's wellbeing as the primary goal.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the structure and function of the human body necessary for the development of a differential diagnosis and formulation of a diagnostic and treatment plan.
- Work with members of the health care team to prioritize patient care responsibilities to ensure safe and efficient delivery of patient care.
- Critically evaluate and reflect on personal work and use the reflection to guide self-directed learning.
- Use the information gathered including history, physical examination and laboratory or radiological data to develop management plans appropriate for the patient's identified problems.
- Practice with sensitivity and responsiveness in the doctor patient relationship with patients of diverse backgrounds including but not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, sexual identities, political affiliation, disabilities, spirituality, gender and socioeconomic status
- Use a patient centered, cost effective and efficient approach to patient care in a variety of settings.

### AUC APPROVALS AND ACCREDITATION, AND GRADUATE LICENSURE

- AUC's medical school facilities and curriculum are accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM), which is the accreditor used by the country of St. Maarten.
- The United States Department of Education, via the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA), reviews the standards that countries use to accredit medical schools. The NCFMEA has determined that the ACCM's accreditation standards are comparable to those used by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the accrediting body that accredits medical education programs in the United States.
- AUC is listed in the International Medical Education Directory published online by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education Research (FAIMER). AUC students are therefore eligible to take all of the USMLE by registering with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates® (ECFMG) and are eligible to apply for licensure in all states in the United States.
- Some states such as New York, California, and Florida require approval for international medical schools. AUC is proud to be approved in each of these states.
- AUC graduates receive a Doctor of Medicine degree which is recognized internationally. However, licensure requirements vary in each country. Some countries may require foreign medical graduates to take additional tests before receiving approval to practice.
- For additional information, visit [www.aucmed.edu/about/why-auc/accreditation-approvals.aspx](http://www.aucmed.edu/about/why-auc/accreditation-approvals.aspx)

### CAREERS AS AN MD

Earning a medical degree is indeed a major career milestone. Obtaining a residency is yet another one. Every year, AUC graduates attain residency appointments in highly regarded medical instructions and in a variety of specialties throughout the United States and Canada.

AUC graduates have secured positions in numerous competitive fields, including anesthesiology, general surgery, neurology and pathology.

AUC graduates may also choose to continue their training in primary care specialties, helping to address the significant unmet need in family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics.

To learn more, please visit <http://www.aucmed.edu/Gainful-Employment.htm>