



American University  
of the Caribbean  
School of Medicine

# Preparing Tomorrow's Physicians for Every Community









# WELCOME

## FROM AUC SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Thank you for your interest in American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC School of Medicine). For more than four decades, our dedicated faculty and staff have been successfully transforming hardworking and determined students—who, like you, realized their calling to practice medicine<sup>1</sup>.

You are embarking on your journey towards a career in medicine at a time when the need for doctors is more critical than ever. The United States is projected to have a shortage of 37,800–124,000 physicians in the U.S. by 2034<sup>2</sup>, and healthcare professionals remain in high demand globally. Our graduates continue to play a critical role in filling these shortages, from primary care to the subspecialties.

Yet we know that the value a physician brings to their patients goes beyond the numbers. At AUC School of Medicine, we are committed to training physicians who are socially accountable and who are actively engaged in their communities. We believe that doctors are most successful when they embrace their roles as leaders, advocates, healers, and lifelong students as part of their approach to patient care.

As an AUC student, you'll be empowered to step into each of these roles. Faculty and staff cultivate a collaborative learning environment with small incoming class sizes, global training opportunities, and an emphasis on community engagement. The rigors of the curriculum will be balanced by a culture of support and steadfast preparation for academic success. Our recent graduates' residency attainment rate of 92 percent for first-time eligible 2020–2021 students and graduates<sup>3</sup> speaks to the quality of our medical education program and its recognition by residency program directors.

We are proud of our graduates' achievements and their dedication to promoting health and wellness in their communities. We believe your exposure at AUC School of Medicine to a diverse learning environment and your immersion in a vibrant international setting will help distinguish you within the evolving healthcare landscape.

We look forward to supporting you as you take the next step toward becoming a physician.

<sup>1</sup> 92% first-time residency attainment rate for 2020–2021 graduates in 2021.

<sup>2</sup> [www.aamc.org/news-insights/press-releases/new-aamc-report-confirms-growing-physician-shortage](https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/press-releases/new-aamc-report-confirms-growing-physician-shortage)

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## PREPARING TOMORROW'S PHYSICIANS FOR EVERY COMMUNITY

The mission of AUC School of Medicine is to train tomorrow's physicians, whose service to their communities and their patients is enhanced by international learning experiences, a diverse learning community, and an emphasis on social accountability and engagement. We believe that the complex healthcare landscape of tomorrow will require a different type of doctor—one who is globally minded and capable of working as part of a cohesive team to deliver empathetic, extraordinary care to a diverse patient population.



# 40 YEAR

LEGACY OF MEDICAL  
EDUCATION

## FACULTY-TO-STUDENT RATIO 1:5

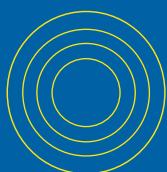
Based on 2020-2021 enrollment data

7500+  
ALUMNI from  
77  
COUNTRIES

## EXPERT FACULTY & INDUSTRY-STANDARD CAMPUS FACILITIES

9%

of our student body  
is Canadian



Spiral learning approach  
STUDY. LEARN. APPLY. REPEAT

## EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION GROUNDED IN MODERN MEDICAL THEORY

For more than 40 years, AUC School of Medicine has been fulfilling its mission to train globally minded, community driven physicians who specialize in providing expert, collaborative care. Tomorrow's physicians will care for an increasingly diverse patient population. That's why we offer an integrated medical education program rooted in immersive global health experiences, a team-based learning culture, and a legacy of community engagement.

AUC's global footprint allows eligible students\* to begin their journey to become a physician on our campus in Sint Maarten or in the United Kingdom through our partnership with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan). Our internationally recognized program offers a rigorous education model taught by expert faculty, designed to develop an in-depth understanding of different healthcare systems and patient populations. Grounded in authentic clinical case-based teaching, AUC's curriculum embodies a spiral learning approach (study, learn, apply, then repeat), which offers a deeper understanding of content and practice—and mimics how our students will ultimately engage with patients as physicians.


Our students benefit from individualized attention in their courses, and they find collective success in their shared drive to make a difference. Whether volunteering at local health screenings during our Community Action Day events, leading a group of peers in a tutoring session, or collaborating on a research publication alongside dedicated faculty mentors, our students are committed to making a lasting impact in their communities, together.

AUC is proud to have more than 7,500 alumni all over the United States, Canada, and beyond. They are chief residents, department chairs, program directors, researchers, entrepreneurs, and community advocates. They spend their careers serving their communities with high standards of care, conducting research, and working at the highest levels to advance the field of medicine—in both localized and global contexts.

We invite you to join this proud tradition and start your journey toward a career in medicine.

\* The U.K. track option is only available to eligible non-U.S. citizens.





Our approach to  
medical education  
ensures we are always  
evolving with the pace  
of modern medicine.



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*“AUC is a medical school dedicated first and foremost to education, both teaching and learning. The school has an active curriculum reform process that allows for continuous and coordinated updates across medical and clinical sciences. Students learn through clinical cases and community outreach in the classroom, the hospitals, and the regions they serve. They are challenged to contribute to local health solutions in the many different countries where they have the privilege of training, always through a lens of social accountability.”*

**JULIE TAYLOR, MD, MSc**  
Chief Academic Officer



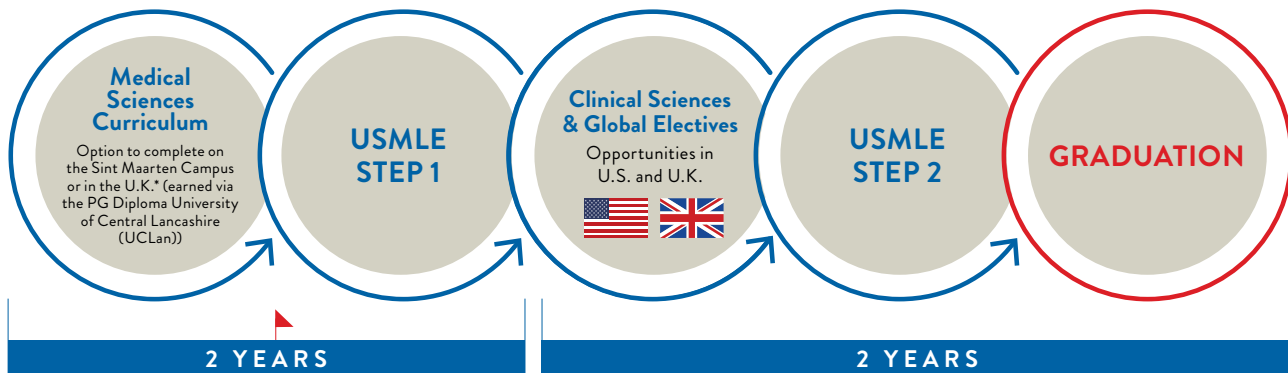
## MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR TODAY'S GLOBAL HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE

AUC School of Medicine's internationally recognized medical program offers a rigorous academic experience designed to prepare students to succeed on all parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations® (USMLE).

Our students learn from knowledgeable, dedicated faculty members and train in unique global settings, with transformative clinical opportunities available in the United States, United Kingdom, and abroad.

Our four-year Medical Doctor (MD) degree program curriculum comprises 10 semesters: five semesters of medical sciences taught at our campus on Sint Maarten, or at our U.K. Track Site at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England, and five semesters of clinical sciences taught at hospitals affiliated with the university.

Three semesters of 16 weeks each are scheduled per year beginning in January, May, and September.



Students enrolled via the U.K. Track will earn a **Post Graduate Diploma in International Medical Sciences** from UCLan upon successful completion of the Medical Sciences Curriculum

\* The U.K. track option is only available to eligible non-U.S. citizens.



## 1 MD DEGREE > 2 TRACKS



### **SINT MAARTEN TRACK:** **Study at our Campus in Sint Maarten**

Complete your first two years of medical science study at our state-of-the-art campus facility in Sint Maarten.



### **U.K. TRACK:** **Study at our U.K. Program Site in Preston, England\***

Complete your first two years of medical science study at our U.K. Program\* site via our partnership with the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England.

## STUDYING IN THE U.K.

### **AUC School of Medicine Students enrolled in our U.K. Track program\* complete classes on the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) campus.**

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston, founded in 1828 as the Institution for the diffusion of knowledge, is now one of the U.K.'s largest universities with a staff and student community approaching 38,000 and an employment-focused course portfolio containing over 350 undergraduate programs and nearly 250 postgraduate courses. The University has an established research reputation with world-leading or internationally excellent work taking place within the areas of Business, Health, Humanities and Science. As a truly global institution, UCLan's student body includes 120 nationalities. Located in North West England, Lancashire County is an idyllic county to enjoy while studying, offering contrasting landscapes, diverse heritage and access to lots of activities.

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*"AUC has a proven track record for matching students into residency positions in America... AUC offers small class sizes which leads to a more targeted teaching and better learning experience. The professors are always available outside class times to clarify any doubts. My medical school experience has been challenging but rewarding."*

#### **DHIR GALA**

AUC U.K. Track Student  
Class of 2024

### **Internationally Recognized and Accredited Institution**

AUC School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM, [www.accredmed.org](http://www.accredmed.org)).

AUC School of Medicine is recognized by the U.K.'s General Medical Council (GMC).+ AUC School of Medicine graduates are automatically eligible to apply to take the PLAB (Professional and Assessment Board) test and apply for GMC registration without requiring an individual assessment. This automatic institutional recognition gives AUC graduates a clear path to pursue a residency position in the U.K. and makes them eligible to apply for U.K. licensure.

+ Effective for students who started in September 1, 2019 or later. Students who started AUC prior to September 1, 2019 can apply to take the PLAB test and apply for GMC registration once the GMC has completed an individual assessment.



## MEDICAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM

### SEMESTERS 1-5 • Sint Maarten or the United Kingdom\*

Students begin their journey to become physicians on AUC's medical sciences campus in Sint Maarten or via our UK-Track\* program site at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England, where they complete coursework aimed at helping them master medical knowledge while learning to integrate it with clinical practice.

As part of the university's curriculum redesign process, AUC is transitioning from a discipline-based curriculum composed of separate basic sciences and clinical medicine courses to an organ systems-based

curriculum delivered in a series of modules that group related or interconnected biological systems.

AUC has introduced the organ systems-based curriculum for students matriculating in Sint Maarten beginning in the September 2021 semester and after, and plans to introduce it for students matriculating in the UK-Track beginning in the May 2022 semester and after. Both curricula share the same program goals, and both position medical students for success on the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE®) Step 1.

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### DISCIPLINE-BASED CURRICULUM<sup>1</sup>

#### SEMESTER 1

Course	Credit Hours
Molecular Cell Biology I. . . . .	7
Anatomy Lectures and Laboratory. . . . .	7
Histology. . . . .	3
Embryology. . . . .	1
Introduction to Clinical Medicine I. . . . .	1

### ORGAN SYSTEMS-BASED CURRICULUM<sup>2</sup>

#### SEMESTER 1

Module	Credit Hours
Molecules to Medicine. . . . .	20

<sup>1</sup> For students matriculating in the UK-Track prior to the May 2022 semester

<sup>2</sup> For students matriculating in Sint Maarten **and** planned for students matriculating in the UK-Track for the May 2022 semester or after



## EARLY CLINICAL EXPOSURE

Clinical training begins as early as the first semester in our behavioral and clinical medicine courses. You'll participate in clinical care scenarios in our simulation center, where you will use cues given by high-fidelity simulated patients to develop clinical reasoning, learn how to approach diagnosis, and practice working on a patient care team. You'll also learn how to take a patient's history and perform a medical exam while working with standardized patients. Long before you enter clinical training at a teaching hospital, you will learn how to apply your medical sciences knowledge to patient cases.



# CLINICAL SCIENCES CURRICULUM

## SEMESTERS 6-10 • United States and United Kingdom

After completing the medical sciences portion of the curriculum, students move on to clinical rotations at our affiliated teaching hospitals in the United States or United Kingdom. Students are required to complete 42 weeks of core rotations and 38 weeks of elective rotations for a total of 80 weeks. During this portion of the program, you'll serve as an active member of a team comprised of students,

residents, and attending physicians. Under supervision, you'll perform histories and physicals, evaluate laboratory data, analyze information to diagnose patient cases, and take part in limited procedures. These clinical years of your education provide you the opportunity to apply what you've learned during your medical sciences coursework and get hands-on experience in different specialties.



### Affiliated U.S. Hospitals

Ascension Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI  
Ascension Providence Hospital, Rochester Hills, MI  
Baton Rouge Medical Center, Baton Rouge, LA  
Behavioral Health, Shreveport, LA  
Bronxcare Health System, Bronx, NY  
Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY  
Center For Haitian Studies, Miami, FL  
Flushing Hospital Medical Center, Queens, NY  
Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, CA  
Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL  
Nassau Health Care Corporation, East Meadow, NY  
Spring Grove Hospital Center, Catonsville, MD  
St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore, MD  
St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Queens, NY  
St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT  
Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD  
Western Connecticut Health Network, Danbury, CT

CLINICAL  
ROTATIONS IN  
THE U.S. OR U.K.

23

Affiliated hospital  
teaching sites in  
the U.S. and U.K.



### Affiliated U.K. Hospitals

Epsom General Hospital, Surrey  
Queen's Hospital, Romford, Essex  
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, West Sussex  
Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, Greater Manchester  
Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, Berkshire  
Worthing District Hospital, Worthing, West Sussex



## CLINICAL ROTATIONS

As an AUC student, you'll have the option to complete all core rotations in one geographic area or move around through our network of affiliated hospital teaching sites in the United States and United Kingdom. Most U.S. teaching sites are in hospitals with residency programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education. All U.K. hospital sites are part of the National Health Service and are approved by the U.K.'s General Medical Council.



## CORE ROTATIONS



### Internal Medicine

Participation in hospital and outpatient general medicine, witnessing the diagnosis and treatment process as it unfolds



### Psychiatry

Acquisition of broad clinical knowledge of psychiatry including treatment of psychiatric patients in an inpatient setting



### Obstetrics & Gynecology

Involvement in patient care experiences covering a wide range of obstetric and gynecologic topics, including newborn deliveries



### General Surgery

Development of surgical skills that are expected of general physicians, as well as essential skills unique to general surgeons



### Pediatrics

Gain an understanding of general pediatrics in both the inpatient and ambulatory setting



### Family Medicine

Participation in a full-range of patient care from pediatric to geriatric







## TRANSITION TO CLINICAL MEDICINE (TCM)

TCM is an institutional student support and professional development program. Unlike a traditional course, TCM is an effort to meaningfully connect students to each other and AUC as they navigate through the clinical years of medical school. TCM groups are facilitated by Clinical Education Fellows, who are recent graduates of AUC School of Medicine and are trained in group facilitation and professional development techniques. Students are given the opportunity to prepare for success in clerkships through a variety of cases, topics, and activities. Topics include managing time, difficult patients and situations, United States Medical Licensing Examinations® (USMLE) Step 2 CS preparation, applying to residency, and events that impact the formation of a physician's identity.

## WHAT WILL YOUR SPECIALTY BE?

Your clinical rotations are a time for exploration and discovery as you develop your career path in medicine.



## PREPARATION FOR MEDICINE'S GLOBAL FUTURE

As the world continues to become more interdependent, tomorrow's physicians will need to have a global mindset and possess the skills to care for an increasingly diverse patient population. At AUC, we firmly believe that it is only by working together that we can create the future of medicine. This is why we are committed to preparing students who will be culturally competent physician leaders and capable of practicing in a variety of healthcare systems.

To this end, we offer an integrated medical education program rooted in immersive global health experiences. Whether they choose to participate in research and service-learning projects while in Sint Maarten, or travel to one of seven countries for clinical electives, AUC students gain a deep appreciation for diverse healthcare settings, health teams, and patient populations. These once-in-a-lifetime opportunities broaden our students' horizons, help shape their medical careers, and contribute to AUC's strong residency success rate.

### GLOBAL HEALTH ELECTIVES

Through our clinical affiliation with Danbury Hospital, AUC School of Medicine students have the opportunity to complete a six-week clinical rotation in one of five countries: Vietnam, Russia, the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Thailand, Mexico, and Zimbabwe. This unique global elective exposes students to healthcare systems that greatly differ from their own, broaden their horizons, and give them a deeper understanding of how healthcare is practiced in a global sense.



#### United States

Core and elective clerkships available at 17 affiliated teaching hospitals in 8 states

#### Dominican Republic

6-week global health elective with 6 sites in urban and remote parts of the country

#### Sint Maarten

two years of medical sciences education with opportunities to work on research and public health education projects

Where will your  
global health  
electives be?







AUC students have a collective passion to find new cures, share new insights, prevent disease, and help patients the world over live healthier, longer, and happier lives.

#### **United Kingdom**

Core and elective clerkships available at 6 affiliated teaching hospitals across London's bustling city center and in surrounding boroughs

#### **Russia**

6-week global health elective at Kazan State Medical University in Kazan

#### **Uganda**

6-week global health elective with 4 sites including community clinics, academic centers, and rural hospitals

#### **Zimbabwe**

6-week global health elective at the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences

#### **Vietnam**

6-week global health elective at Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City



## RESEARCH

Students have opportunities to pursue a wide variety of research interests under the guidance of faculty mentors throughout medical school. Past research projects undertaken by students include epidemiological studies of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, breast cancer, and sickle cell anemia in Caribbean populations. Research symposia are scheduled on a regular basis to enable both medical sciences and clinical sciences students to share their work and present to peers, faculty, and colleagues.

### THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO FOSTER LIFELONG LEARNING AT AUC VIA:

- Independent research, faculty research, or scholarly activity projects
- Independent research leading to peer-reviewed poster presentations at various venues such as the Annual Global Health Summit, the annual Disaster Medicine Conference, and the semesterly Sint Maarten Showcase
- **Special Educational Symposia:** webinars, guest speakers, workshops
- **AUC's Project HELP:** is a community outreach program, which works on public health issues and research projects relevant to the community. These projects are decided upon through meetings with the Sint Maarten Minister of Health and island officials. Under the supervision of a licensed physician, students conduct patient interviews and physical exams; select pertinent screening tests; and provide education, counselling, and follow-up on patients. Student also practice presenting patient cases to the supervising physician.







## EXPERT FACULTY AND SMALL CLASS SIZES

The foundation of our educational model is built on a collaborative learning environment with small incoming class sizes and access to expert faculty. Faculty mentors hold MD, PhD and/or equivalent degrees and have primarily trained in the United States and United Kingdom.



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Going to AUC was one of the best decisions I've made... one reason why I chose AUC was the small class sizes. It's a great environment with easy access to professors who are very knowledgeable about their field. I always felt comfortable going to office hours with questions, and a lot of my professors have stayed in touch even years later, just to check in and see how things are going.”

**TAYO AKADIRI, MD**  
AUC Class of 2020

**AUC faculty hold  
MDs and/or PhDs  
(or equivalent)**

**FACULTY-TO-STUDENT  
RATIO 1:5**

Based on 2018-2019 basic and clinical  
sciences enrollment data



The background image shows a modern anatomy laboratory. On the left, a wall-mounted rack holds several large medical monitors displaying various anatomical scans. Below the monitors is a long white lab bench. On the bench, there are several anatomical models: a hand and foot model on green stands, a skull, and some long bones. Black rolling chairs are lined up along the right side of the bench. The floor is a dark, polished material. A large blue circular graphic with a white dotted pattern is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

## INDUSTRY-STANDARD CAMPUS FACILITIES

At AUC, we continue to invest in our campus through the implementation of innovative teaching programs, modern laboratories, and supplemental electronic curriculum delivery.

Our campus in Sint Maarten, as well as our U.K. Program site at the UCLan offers students access to technologically advanced facilities including a fully equipped anatomy lab, simulation center, applied research laboratory, and other learning tools geared toward integrating medical school classroom study with practical applications of medicine.

Our Sint Maarten Campus offers a fully equipped anatomical dissection laboratory featuring medical imaging is available for students who prefer to access training via that medium.





## SUPPORTING YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY STUDENT RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Medical school is rigorous. That's why—from your very first day at AUC School of Medicine—you'll have access to teams and resources dedicated to supporting your success.

### OFFICE OF CAREER ADVISEMENT (OCA)

OCA advises students on the residency application process, guides students in choosing a specialty, and provides necessary documents to match-related organizations including The National Resident Matching Program® (NRMP®) and Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS).

### OFFICE OF CLINICAL STUDENT SERVICES (OCSS)

OCSS offers support throughout students' clinical education, including dedicated advisors to help schedule rotations, study resources for the United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE) Steps 1 and 2, and administrative, registration, and documentation services.



## AUC THRIVE

### OPTIMIZING WELLBEING

AUC THRIVE is a four-year, institutionally based program designed to promote a culture of wellbeing for AUC School of Medicine students, faculty, and staff. We know that personal wellbeing is the key to success—both academically and professionally—and we hope to educate, motivate, and empower the AUC community to adopt and maintain wellness in all aspects of their lives.

As a student, you'll have access to programming around stress management, fitness, financial wellness, best learning techniques, and much more. We look forward to supporting your wellbeing and success in the coming years.





As a clinical student looking forward to the residency match, you will have access to a variety of resources, including webinars and live residency workshops:

#### **Residency Workshops**

Students gain an understanding of the different components of the residency application process and learn about important factors that program directors consider for granting interviews.

#### **Webinar Series**

Students can learn about personal statements, curriculum vitae (CV), the medical school performance evaluation (MSPE) letter, letters of recommendation, and excelling at residency interviews.

#### **Residency Handbook**

This all-in-one resource includes a residency preparation timeline, deadlines pertinent to students and the residency process, tips for residency interviews, and much more.

#### **Personal Advising**

Residency advisors meet virtually and in-person at clinical sites to provide individualized guidance and match strategies.

#### **Physician Match Advisors**

An initiative that “matches” a residency match advisor (generally a department chair or clinical director at an AUC School of Medicine-affiliated clinical site) with students, who then receive one-on-one coaching about the residency process.

#### **Student Interest Groups**

Students interested in a particular area of medicine meet routinely and host AUC School of Medicine graduates, faculty, and deans with professional experience within those field(s) of interest to provide unique perspectives.





## DRIVING EDUCATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Medical education at AUC is more than mastering clinical skills and disease pathologies. We believe that well-rounded physicians have a responsibility to understand the complexities of health inequity, medical disparities, and social determinants of health. We are proud to collaborate with international organizations that teach students about these societal issues and share a commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of communities around the world.

AUC School of Medicine is connected to several community organizations in Sint Maarten, including the Ministry of Health, Environmental Pollution Agency of the Caribbean, Windward Island Emergency Medical Services, Diabetes Foundation, AIDS Foundation, Rotary Club, and K1 Britannia Foundation. These relationships afford our students the opportunity to engage in community-based health initiatives, sustainability projects, and localized medical research. Students regularly partner with local organizations on health fairs where

free health assessments are delivered to residents of underserved communities. We are also fortunate to have a longstanding partnership with the Red Cross, both in the United States and in Sint Maarten. Students benefit from training in emergency response and crisis management, as well as basic CPR and burn treatment.

AUC is invested in deepening and expanding our network of partnerships as our medical program grows. In 2018, we began collaborating with Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to launch the Caribbean Center for Disaster Medicine (CCDM), a center of excellence designed to foster collaboration among professionals responsible for healthcare delivery, disaster preparedness, emergency response, and medical education. Through CCDM initiatives, AUC students have access to unique training in emergency medicine and valuable insight into the healthcare provider's role as a first responder.







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*“As medical students, it’s natural for us to want to help people and to be connected with the community. Know that you can make a difference and an impact on the world.”*

**EMMANUEL OFORI, MD ’12**

Dr. Emmanuel Ofori and Dr. Beatrice Kenol are the catalysts for one of AUC School of Medicine’s most important events, Community Action Day, and launched the inaugural event during the Fall of 2008, with just a handful of students and volunteer sites. Their plan was simple and actionable: create one day of impact when AUC students with busy schedules could help create positive change in the community. For more than a decade, Community Action Day has stood as the manifestation of the university’s mission to create opportunities that will produce physicians with a lifelong commitment to community engagement and social responsibility.

**PHOTO ABOVE:** Dr. Emmanuel Ofori, AUC Class of 2012, Heidi Chumley, MD, MBA and Dr. Beatrice Kenol, AUC Class of 2012

## THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

At AUC, we believe that physicians are joined by their common contract with humanity, and that servant leadership and a spirit of social responsibility are the lifelong obligations of those privileged to serve in this noble profession. As a result, the concepts of service have been infused into the AUC curriculum, starting in students’ first semester through our transformative Introduction to Clinical Medicine.

Three times annually, AUC School of Medicine holds Community Action Day, which gathers physicians-in-training and their families, along with members of AUC School of Medicine’s faculty and administration, for service events held throughout the island. This tradition has carried on for 10 years, resulting in deep partnerships with organizations and foundations throughout Sint Maarten.

### HOW WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Soon after your arrival in Sint Maartin, you will be introduced to the roster of community service activities supported by AUC, and encouraged to develop your own ideas and concepts as to how we can collectively improve the health and well-being of those in our communities.



AUC School of Medicine’s administration and student clubs maintain long-term relationships with community organizations and agencies to support and sustain multiple programs, including:

- Health screenings and prevention programs
- Programs to engage with elderly residents
- Sustained efforts aimed at diseases like breast cancer, diabetes, sickle cell anemia, and HIV/AIDS
- Support for school meal programs
- Youth mentoring for children in need
- Entertaining activities for young people in children’s homes
- Beautification projects
- Repairs and renovations to local schools



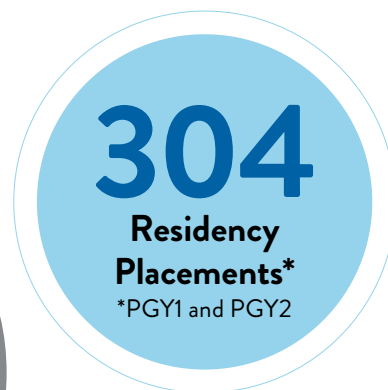
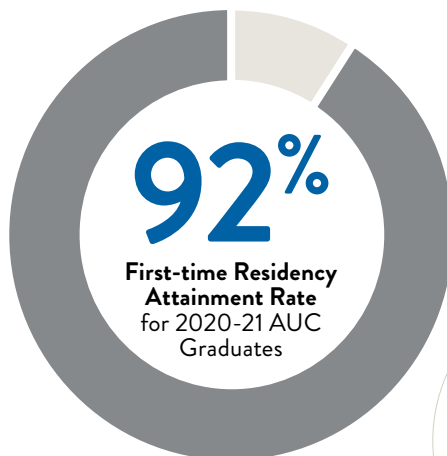
## PRACTICE READY PHYSICIANS

### Graduation, Licensure and Residency

Tomorrow's complex healthcare landscape requires a different type of doctor: one capable of working as part of a cohesive team to deliver empathetic, extraordinary care to patients. Our graduates are leading the charge.

#### RESIDENCY ATTAINMENT

Preparing our students to attain a residency placement is one of AUC's highest priorities. Each year, AUC graduates apply for and obtain residency positions in a variety of postgraduate training programs throughout the United States and Canada. In 2021, graduates secured 304 residency positions, and our 2020–21 graduating class achieved a 92% first-time eligible residency attainment rate. Our graduates earned residencies in 17 specialties and entered residency programs in 39 U.S. states and Canada.



AUC continues to contribute a significant number of primary care physicians to the U.S. healthcare workforce. This year, 71% of total positions earned by AUC graduates were in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynecology—the heart of primary care.

**33%**  
Internal Medicine

**29%**  
Family Medicine

**8%**  
Pediatrics

#### HIGHLY COMPETITIVE SPECIALTIES+



Anesthesiology



Emergency Medicine



Radiology



Obstetrics  
& Gynecology



Physical Medicine  
& Rehabilitation



General Surgery



# 93.2%

## USMLE STEP 1 PASS RATE

The United States Medical Licensing Examinations® (USMLE) Step 1 is one of the most important factors that leaders of postgraduate residency training programs consider when evaluating applicants. AUC School of Medicine students' first-time pass rate for USMLE Step 1 was 93.2% for 2020.



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*“If you’re determined to succeed and passionate about becoming a doctor, AUC does a fantastic job of providing that opportunity. I had great professors and I learned so much in medical sciences as well as my rotations. AUC gave me the tools and support I needed, and that’s all I could’ve asked for.”*

**FARSHAD GHASEMI, MD '19**

Residency: Internal Medicine,  
University of Manitoba, in  
Winnipeg, Manitoba (CaRMS)



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*“This is truly bringing life full circle for me since I was born in this very same hospital. I cannot wait to continue my surgical education at a hospital so close to home along with my best friend and soon to be husband.”*

**BRANDON KATTA &  
TAYLOR ABRAHAM, MD '20**

Couples MATCH<sup>SM</sup>: General  
Surgery, St. Elizabeth Youngstown  
Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio



For a complete list of residency placements,  
visit [aucmed.edu/about/residency-placements](https://aucmed.edu/about/residency-placements)





## GOT AN INTEREST? JOIN THE CLUB

Our students foster a vibrant campus community that is both active and inclusive. Our Sint Maarten Campus has more than 30 clubs and organizations that allow students to connect with one another and develop unique learning opportunities. Through our partnership with UCLan, students enrolled at the Preston, U.K.

site will enjoy access to a wide variety of student club societies. These are supported by UCLan's Student Union, but operated and led by students themselves. They provide brilliant platforms for you to have fun while studying, but they can provide other benefits that live on long after you have completed the program.





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*“The opportunities and experiences that AUC offers are unprecedented. There are so many ways to get involved and to grow as a future physician not only academically, but also clinically. From the Student Government Association, to multiple specialty-specific student interest groups, Anatomy Teaching Assistants, and the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), AUC offers a ‘beyond the books’ experience for us.”*

**BRITTNI MCCLELLAN**  
AUC Class of 2020







## STUDENT CLUBS

- 3D Printing in Medicine
- American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)
- Anatomy Teaching Assistants (TAs)
- Asian Student Medical Association (ASMA)
- Black Medical Student Association (BMSA)
- Canadian Medical Students Association (CMSA)
- Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA)
- Dr. Dale Van Wormer Student Judiciary Committee (SJC)
- Honor and Service Society
- Jewish Medical Students Association (JMSA)
- Frontline
- Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)
- Muslim Student Association (MSA)
- Phi Chi
- Spouses Organization
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Student Volunteer Committee (SVC)

## SPECIALTY INTEREST GROUPS

- Cardiology Interest Group (CIG)
- Disaster Medicine Interest Group (DMIG)
- Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group (EMSIG)
- Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)
- Global Health Interest Group (GHIG)
- Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group (OBGIG)
- Pediatric Interest Group (PIG)
- Radiology & Ultrasound IG (RUIG)
- Sports Medicine Interest Group (SMIG)
- Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)
- Surgery Interest Group (SIG)
- Oncology Interest Group
- Pathology Interest Group
- Psychiatry Specialty Interest Group (PSYC)



*"I went on a medical mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala with the Latin Medical Student Association during my second year. Each day for a week, we would go to a different part of the community, set up a mobile clinic and triage center, see patients, and teach them about nutrition and hygiene. It was so rewarding—not just being able to practice my exam skills, but also being able to really connect with the people there. And I could see myself starting to think like a doctor."*

**KATHRYN COOMBES, MD '18**





## SPOUSES ORGANIZATION

The Spouses Organization is designed to foster fellowship and community involvement for significant others and families that accompany AUC students to Sint Maarten, and offers activities, support, and education committees. Those accompanying students to AUC School of Medicine are encouraged to contact the Spouses Organization before arrival for personal assistance in transitioning to island life.

## RISE STUDENT VALUES

AUC School of Medicine students gain access to more than just academics during their medical school journey. They gain the opportunity to forge lifelong friendships, interact with diverse and interesting people, and participate in events that lead to personal and professional development. It was this premise that led to the creation of the student RISE values—created for AUC students by AUC students.

Developed in 2019 by the Student Government Association (SGA) and voted on by members of the student body, RISE is a guideline for conduct that the typical AUC School of Medicine student should exemplify, as well as a set of standards by which students hold each other accountable.

**R**

### RESILIENCE:

I will meet adversity with fortitude, discernment, and zeal.  
I will recognize my limitations and will seek help when my level of experience is inadequate to handle a situation.  
I will engage in and promote health and wellness practices for myself and future patients.

**I**

### INCLUSION:

I will promote a community of fellowship by respecting the character and contributions of every individual.  
I will encourage an open community of interests and bond with others through academic excellence.  
I will interact with all members of the AUC community in a considerate and cooperative manner.

**S**

### SERVICE:

I will promote collective impact to achieve significant and sustainable change throughout my campus, community, and future endeavors.  
I will demonstrate gratitude and compassion for people of all cultures and backgrounds in the pursuit of our common goals.  
I will exhibit humility and accountability while dedicating time and service for the prosperity of others.

**E**

### EXCELLENCE:

I will maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and uphold a campus atmosphere that is conducive to learning.  
I will cherish and honor lifelong learning as a fundamental commitment to my journey in the field of medicine.  
I will work with faculty and my peers with professionalism by adhering to the rigor and distinction of AUC's academic coursework.



## LIVING ON SINT MAARTEN

### An Unforgettable Experience

Life on Sint Maarten is much like AUC's academic experience—both connect you to an exciting, friendly and intimate community. With residents from 90+ different nations, art and music from around the world, and cuisine ranging from French to Vietnamese to American fast food, daily life is as diverse and vibrant as you want it to be.

### HOUSING

Students have the option to live on-campus or off-campus. No matter where you choose to live—both have their advantages—you'll want to ensure that your environment is conducive to the rigors of medical school. AUC's Department of Housing and Residential Life will help you find the place that's right for you.

### STUDY IN PARADISE

Our Sint Maarten campus overlooks the beautiful Simpson Bay Lagoon and is adjacent to the 18-hole championship Mullet Bay Golf Course and Mullet Bay Beach. Our campus location enables students and their families to access stunning beaches, excellent diving, sailing, and sports activities, and countless local markets and duty-free shopping.



### FITNESS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

AUC's fitness center is centrally located and available to campus community members on a 24/7 basis, free of charge. Our open workout area features rubber flooring, cardio machines, strength training equipment, and weight racks and accessories. Students also enjoy access to two fitness rooms for group exercise, martial arts training, and open gym time.

The campus recreation team is heavily invested in activities that promote students' health and wellbeing. We maintain and regularly invest in new recreation spaces for AUC students, including on-campus basketball courts and nearby use of soccer fields and beach volleyball courts.

## LIFE IN THE U.K.

The U.K. Program Site is located on the University of Central Lancashire's Preston Campus. Situated in the heart of the North West of England, the City of Preston is vibrant, cultural and friendly with plenty of activities and events to keep you entertained. 30,000 students live in Preston, making the city a lively, diverse and contemporary place to study.\*

- **NETWORKED CITY** Preston boasts fantastic transport links. There are a variety of different ways you can access the UCLan Preston city campus, whether by rail, road or air. Preston is well served by the M6 motorway both north and south and excellent cross country rail links. There are also two major international airports in Manchester and Liverpool John Lennon.
- **CHEAPEST STUDENT CITY** It's official Preston is the cheapest city overall for students to live in the U.K.†
- **BEST PLACE TO LIVE** Preston was named the best city to live and work in the North West\*\*
- **Home To Preston North End FC** Founding member of the original football league in 1888^
- **SAFE CITY** Preston was awarded Purple Flag status for the safety and diversity of its nightlife^^

\* [www.uclan.ac.uk/life-at-uclan/index.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/life-at-uclan/index.php)

† The Tab – <https://thetab.com/uk/uclan/2015/10/05/preston-cheapest-student-city-uk-1190>

\*\* The guardian – <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/08/preston-named-best-city-live-work-north-west-england>

^ Football stadiums.com – <https://www.football-stadiums.co.uk/articles/founder-members-of-the-football-league/>

^^ BBC News: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-lancashire-13222641>

## SPORT & FITNESS

UCLan has superb sports facilities at Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre and UCLan Sports Arena . You can keep fit, healthy and play a variety of sports while you are here . Your sports membership allows you to access a range of activities at Sir Tom Finney Sports Centre including the fitness suite, health and fitness classes, sports halls, squash courts. The UCLan Sports Arena provides floodlit outdoor facilities for athletics, rugby league, rugby union, football, hockey, netball, tennis and cycling. There is also a fitness suite and an indoor room for activities, theory sessions and fitness training.

## FEEL RIGHT AT HOME AT UCLAN

We want you to feel happy and safe in your UCLan accommodation. Our experienced and friendly team of staff will help you to settle in and make you feel at home. We are on hand to help if you need assistance or advice. The vast majority of first year students choose to live in UCLan halls, where you can make friends and socialize in a modern and comfortable living environment. All our halls are on campus and within an easy walking distance of all your lecture rooms, the library and the Students' Union.







## AUC'S ALUMNI LEGACY REACHES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, AND BEYOND

Hailing from 77 countries across the globe, AUC School of Medicine graduates are accomplished physicians, researchers, patient advocates, and community leaders who help influence healthcare on a local and global scale.

In the United States—where the majority of AUC graduates practice—communities depend on our trained physicians for care, particularly in medically underserved areas and rural and low-income communities.

More than 57 percent of our graduates work in the primary care sector<sup>2</sup>, which faces a shortage of up to 55,200 physicians by 2023.



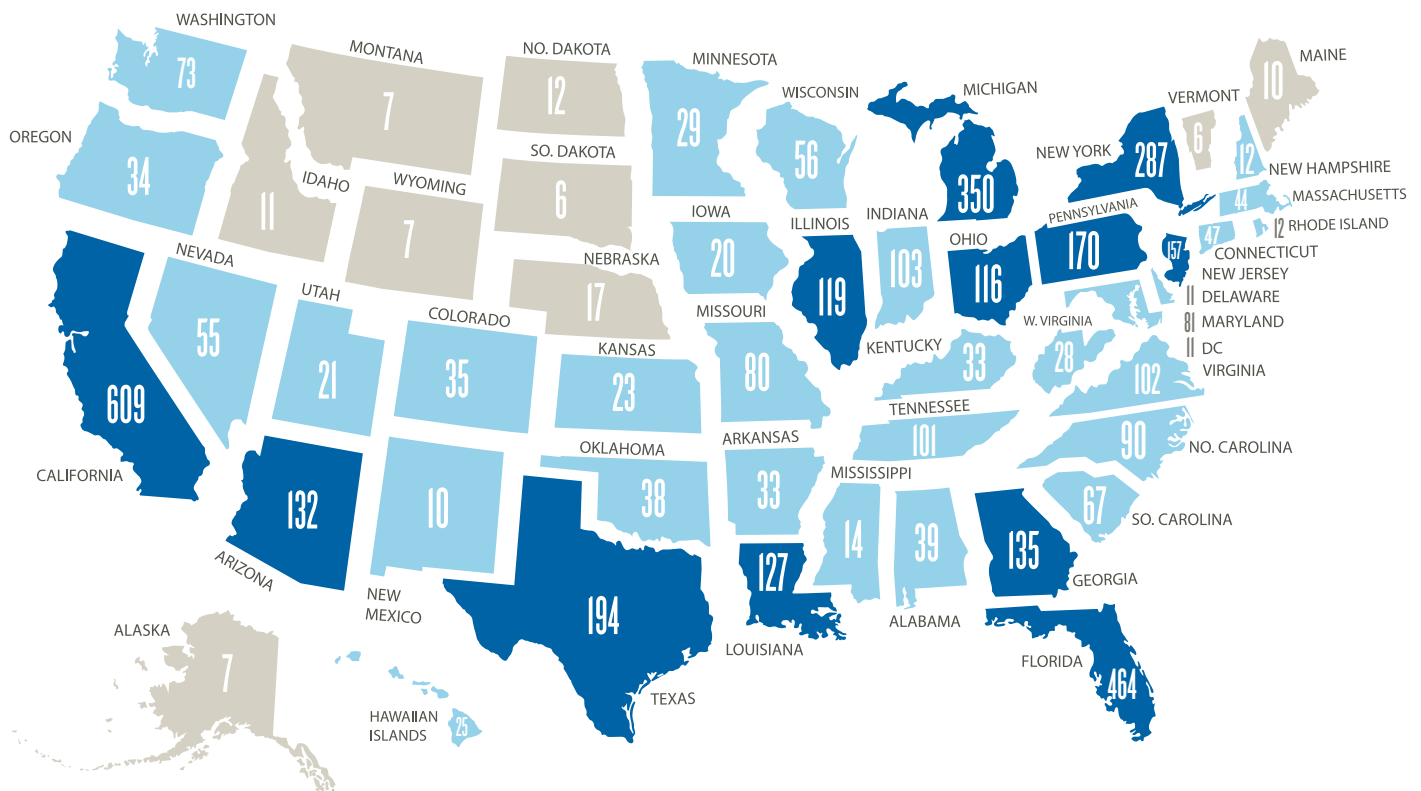
**57.1% Work<sup>1</sup> in Primary Care**



**883 Counties<sup>1</sup>**



**All 50 U.S. states<sup>1</sup> and Puerto Rico**





## JOIN A COMMUNITY OF DEDICATED PHYSICIANS

Whether you are passionate about primary care, driven to make a difference through surgery, or have your heart set on interventional cardiology, AUC School of Medicine can help you get there. More than 7,500 graduates have successfully achieved their dream of becoming physicians at AUC School of Medicine. AUC alumni practice in every medical specialty and can be found across North America and beyond. They spend their careers serving their communities with high standards of care, conducting research, and working at the highest levels of leadership to further the field of medicine—in both localized and global contexts.

AUC's Department of Alumni Relations strives to foster connections between the university and its graduates by:

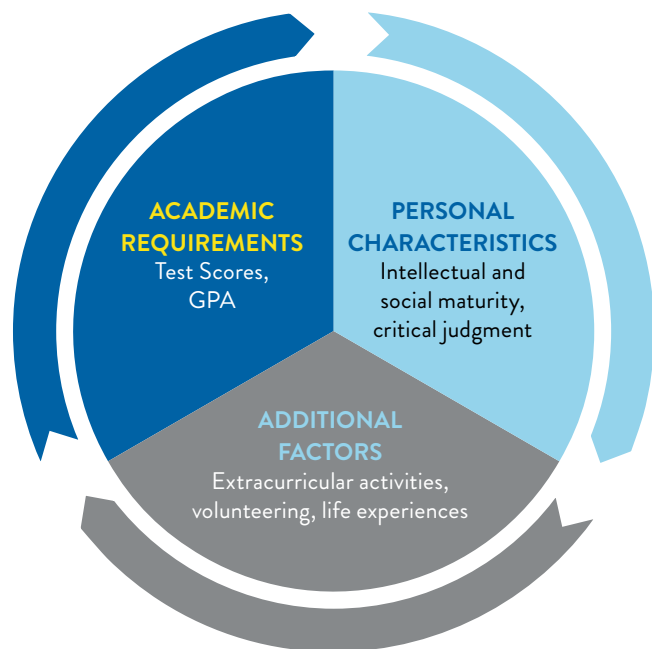
- Offering access and support
- Sponsoring academic programs and social events
- Providing our alumni with news, events, and connections to classmates
- Fostering alumni involvement



## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSION

AUC's Admissions Committee considers many factors when reviewing an applicant for admission. These include undergraduate performance and MCAT score, as well as intellectual and social maturity, critical judgment, adaptability, volunteer work, and life experiences, and graduate school performance (if applicable). We call this a holistic approach to admissions—a process that looks at an applicant as a whole person, not an exam score.

Evaluation for admission is conducted on an individual basis. We encourage all applicants to speak with a member of our admissions team to discuss their opportunity to attend AUC, including the competitiveness of their MCAT scores, GPA and other requirements.





## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Our admissions colleagues will take the time to get to know you and guide you through the application process—from start to finish.

### COMPLETE THE APPLICATION & SUBMIT DOCUMENTS

Complete the online application or submit a pdf of your AMCAS/AACOMAS application. Request transcripts & letters of recommendation be sent to AUC.

### ADMISSION REVIEW & INTERVIEW

Admissions team reviews application and submitted documents, and grants an interview for qualified applicants.

### ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE MAKES DECISION

Admissions committee makes a decision on whether a student may be admitted to the program.

### STUDENT DECISION

Student makes a decision on whether to accept the offer of admission.

### DEPOSIT & POST ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTS

Student submits deposit and sends all required post acceptance material.

### START MED SCHOOL

## HOW TO APPLY

Start your journey to becoming an MD by completing the AUC School of Medicine application.

Visit [www.aucmed.edu/apply-now](http://www.aucmed.edu/apply-now)



## PROGRAM ENTRY AND ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Our MD program is open to qualified candidates with a first degree, minimum Bachelor's or equivalent, in any discipline (science-focused study preferable but not mandatory), from an accredited university.

### MEDICAL SCHOOL PREREQUISITES

- Biology: 1 year (8 credit hours)
  - General Chemistry: 1 year (8 credit hours)
  - Organic Chemistry<sup>†</sup>: 1 year (8 credit hours)
  - General Physics\*: 1 semester (4 credit hours)
- All course include laboratory

\* Statistics or Calculus can be substituted for Physics.

<sup>†</sup> Biochemistry can be used to substitute for Organic Chemistry.

### MEDICAL ADMISSIONS TEST

- U.S. citizens/permanent residents will need to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).
- Non-U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents: MCAT, UCAT, NEET/UG, or GAMSAT.

Please note that AUC will not consider MCAT, UCAT, and NEET scores that are more than five years old. For the GAMSAT, only scores that are less than two years old will be considered.

### ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

Required for non-native English speakers, or applicants who graduated from institutions in which the education is not delivered in English, or as requested by the Admissions Committee if deemed necessary to assess success at AUC School of Medicine. One of two exams may be taken:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): AUC School of Medicine recommends scores equivalent to 6.0 in all areas.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): AUC School of Medicine recommends an overall score of 75

### EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CV or Resume A chronological history of your educational, employment, and volunteer experience.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts from all schools attended. Notarized copies of the original transcripts may be directed to AUC School of Medicine when official transcripts are not readily available. However, official transcripts must follow the notarized copies prior to matriculation.

### APPLICATION DOCUMENTS CAN BE SENT TO:

American University of the Caribbean  
School of Medicine  
Department of Admissions  
880 SW 145th Avenue, Suite 202  
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33027, USA

### TRANSFER STUDENTS

For questions about transfer eligibility, please visit [www.aucmed.edu/admissions/transfer-students](http://www.aucmed.edu/admissions/transfer-students).

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Personal Statement of no longer than 750 words.
- Letters of Recommendation: A minimum of one letter from an individual academic professor who taught you (science preferred, but not required), and one professional letter. Two academic letters can be submitted if a professional letter cannot be obtained.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

AUC School of Medicine is committed to providing medical students with information to help them fund their education through student loan programs and medical school financial aid. Various tuition payment options are available, and include:

### FEDERAL & PROVINCIAL STUDENT AID PROGRAM

AUC School of Medicine is approved by the Canadian Ministry of Education, providing most students the ability to receive Canadian Federal loans, Provincial loans and Federal grants.

### LINES OF CREDIT

Graduate students may obtain financing for education through student lines of credit offered by Canadian chartered banks. Student lines of credit are designed to accommodate the special needs of postsecondary students.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may qualify for thousands of dollars worth of scholarships, including up to \$80,000 USD for AUC School of Medicine's Canadian Scholarship\* which is automatically awarded to qualified applicants who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, or those who hold dual U.S.-Canadian citizenship. This scholarship will be awarded to qualified applicants during the enrollment process, after submission of a completed application to AUC School of Medicine.

\* For those who apply and qualify. The Canadian Scholarship is a one-time award, distributed across semesters 1-10. Current award amount applies to incoming students beginning January 2021 onward. Previous Canadian Scholarship recipients should refer to their original award letter for award amounts.

For details on award and eligibility requirements for all other sources of financial aid mentioned above, please refer to the AUC School of Medicine Canadian Financial Planning Guide: [www.aucmed.edu/media/5506/au-canadian-financial-planning-guide.pdf](http://www.aucmed.edu/media/5506/au-canadian-financial-planning-guide.pdf).

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your funding options, please reach out to:

**Office of Student Finance**

**Phone: 732-509-9027 | Email: [finaid@aucmed.edu](mailto:finaid@aucmed.edu)**



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USA

Telephone:

305-446-0600 | 866-372-2282

Email: [AUCInternational@aucmed.edu](mailto:AUCInternational@aucmed.edu)



### **Attend an Information Session: Up Close**

By attending one of our informal Up Close information sessions, you will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow prospective students and AUC alumni, and have all your questions answered by our knowledgeable admission team members. Find an event in your area by visiting: [aucmed.edu/about/events](https://aucmed.edu/about/events).

### **Request a Campus Tour**

Deciding where to attend medical school is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. An in-person visit to the AUC School of Medicine campus will give you the opportunity to explore our unique learning environment, meet one-on-one with faculty and students, and experience firsthand what it is like to live and study in Sint Maarten. Visit: [aucmed.edu/admissions/request-an-auc-campus-tour](https://aucmed.edu/admissions/request-an-auc-campus-tour) to learn more.

### **Take a Virtual Tour**

Explore our campus in Sint Maarten from the comfort of your home or office by taking a virtual tour! Visit [aucmed.edu/about/virtual-tour](https://aucmed.edu/about/virtual-tour) to learn more.

### **Explore**

Explore our U.K. program site at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), in Preston. Visit [uclan.ac.uk/vtour/index.html](https://uclan.ac.uk/vtour/index.html)

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