

STUDY IN THE CARRIBEANS



Here are some advantages to studying in the Caribbean:

- **Less Tuition:** Caribbean medical schools typically cost less than U.S. medical schools (both public and private). Some schools may approach the costs of U.S. medical schools but they are, overall, still less expensive.
- **Global Medical Training:** In today's global society, students who are able to have a global medical education have an advantage in residency applications and when they become physicians. Since Caribbean medical schools are affiliated with numerous teaching hospitals, it gives students the opportunity to participate in clinical rotations throughout the United States or Canada. Some schools even offer clinical rotations throughout the globe.
- **Clinical Rotation Opportunities:** There are clinical rotation opportunities in the U.S and Canada. In many of the Caribbean schools, the first two years of basic science is done on their campuses overseas, while clinical rotations are done in U.S. hospitals. Though your home school is still overseas, you have the advantage of the same clinical exposure and opportunities as the hospitals' home medical students. Many past students cite this as an advantage in applying to United States and Canada residencies.
- **Reputation:** In many countries such as the UK, US and Canada, the reputation of the medical school matters mostly for your own personal satisfaction because wherever you go, you will get an equivalent degree and an equivalent training.
- **Less Competitive:** US and Canadian medical schools are too choosy because they can only take a small number of students, and don't admit enough people to fill the demand for doctors in the US. So even if you didn't have the top GPA of your class, or didn't score high enough on the MCAT for Harvard, there's still a good chance you could get into a Caribbean medical school and fulfill your dream of becoming a doctor. It is also important for you to know that 25% of practicing US physicians are from international medical schools.
- **Supportive Environment:** Medical school professors in the Caribbean want you to succeed, both for your well-being and for their school's reputation.

Visa application Requirements to Caribbean

- There are many Regions in the Caribbean Islands to study, however, the following Visa Application Rules are applicable all Visas.

Your application form must be completed in full and signed, and must at least be accompanied by:

- A recent passport photograph, in colour, that satisfies prevailing international standards on size and composition;
- Proof of reservation for the journey (return ticket);
- Proof of a hotel reservation, if you are staying in a hotel or apartment;
- A valid travel document (e.g. passport) valid at least three months beyond the validity of the visa;
- A copy of the travel document's personal details page;
- A guarantor's declaration if your purpose of travel is a family visit or if you are travelling to the country concerned at the invitation of a resident, organisation or other body.
- Proof of sufficient means of support;
- If you are not a national of the country in which you are resident, a copy of your valid residence permit;
- Valid health insurance or travel insurance (including medical coverage) providing cover of at least 15,000 US dollars.

There may be extra requirements depending on your purpose of travel. For more information, contact the Dutch embassy in your country of residence.

Processing times for a Caribbean visa

Visa applications are usually processed between one week to one month, but processing times can differ depending on the country, the purpose of travel or personal circumstances. It's always advisable to apply for a visa well before your trip.

More information on applying for a Caribbean visa:

The embassy or consulate in your region will be able to tell you about the requirements and conditions that apply to your intended destination/destinations and purpose/purposes of travel, and about the documents you will need for the visa in question. This information is also available on the embassy or consulate's website.

UNIVERSITIES IN THE CARRIBEAN

All Saints University Dominica

B.Sc. (MEDICAL SCIENCES) PROGRAM

All Saints University School of Medicine conducts Bachelor of Medical Science Degree programs with three specialty categories. Students are given the option to choose one of the following specialties.

1. Analytical Chemistry Laboratory
2. Pharmaceutical Technology
3. Laboratory Medicine

ELIGIBILITY FOR B.Sc. (MEDICAL SCIENCES) PROGRAM –

- Completion of High School (Grade 12)
- Enrollment in the 5 Year MD Degree program
- Successful completion of the Premedical program of All Saints University
- Successful completion of the Basic Medical Science Program
- Satisfactory completion of Introduction to Laboratory Medicine and Research
- All Saints University, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

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2. Pharmaceutical Technology
3. Laboratory Medicine

ELIGIBILITY FOR BSC. MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

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- Enrollment in the 5 Year MD Degree program
- Successful completion of the Pre-Medical program of ASUM
- Successful completion of the Basic Medical Science Program
- Satisfactory completion of Introduction to Laboratory Medicine and Research

American University of St. Vincent

Courses: Medicine

Tuition Fee:

1st Year – \$7,500

2nd Year – \$10,300

3rd Year – \$11,700

4th Year – \$13,400

5th Year – \$13,400

6th Year – \$6,700

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