



How does Medical University of the Americas compare with other medical schools—particularly other medical schools located in the Caribbean? Comparing MUA to other schools is an important part of your decision process—we encourage you to look closely at all your options. When you do, we think you will see the significant advantages that MUA offers—academically, financially and otherwise.

The information provided here is designed to help you make an overall evaluation of medical school programs. For questions or to make comments, please contact the Admissions Department at MUA via email at admissions@mua.edu or call (978) 862-9500 and press “1” for Admissions.

1. What is the success rate of your graduates?

Since 1998, approximately 500 M.D.'s have received their start at Medical University of the Americas. Our graduates have an extensive track record of excellent performance on the critical USMLE Step 1 exam. In 2008, the passing rate of MUA students on the USMLE Step 1 was over 90%.

2. What recognitions and approvals has MUA obtained?

Medical University of the Americas regularly submits its program for evaluation and approval by key medical licensing and accreditation authorities:

- Medical University of the Americas' Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Program is listed in both the World Health Organization (WHO) directory and the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) of the Foundation for the Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER).
- MUA students are eligible to sit for United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE) exams. MUA graduates who successfully pass USMLE Step 1, Step 2CK and Step 2CS are eligible for Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG®) certification which is required to enter a residency in the United States. Upon completion of residency, MUA graduates are then eligible to take the USMLE Step 3 exam.
- Medical University of the Americas is accredited by the Department of Education of St. Christopher-Nevis and graduates are eligible for licensure within the federation.

- Medical University of the Americas is one of a select group of international medical schools approved by the New York State Education Department to allow students to complete more than 12 weeks of clinical clerkships in New York State.

3. What are your class sizes?

Small class sizes has always been a hallmark of an MUA education—we believe it plays an important role in the success of our graduates in licensing exams and obtaining top residencies. A typical incoming class at Medical University of the Americas is 80-90 students. This is substantially different from other medical schools, particularly other schools located in the Caribbean, that are increasing their class sizes and subjecting their students to large, impersonal classroom experiences.

4. How long will it take to earn my M.D.?

MUA makes it possible for students to earn their M.D. in four years. Our students spend 20 months studying Basic Sciences on the campus on Nevis and then return to the U.S. or Canada for 72 weeks of clinical rotations. MUA manages its clinical program to ensure that there are enough available clerkships for our students to complete their core rotations without delay. MUA has affiliations with ACGME-approved teaching hospitals in the U.S. and Canada—more than enough to ensure timely placement for our students.

Ten Questions to Ask When Applying to Medical School

5. How do your tuition and fees compare to those of other medical schools?

Medical University of the Americas has always been committed to making medical education as affordable as possible.

MUA's tuition and fees compare extremely favorably to other medical schools where charges for the M.D. program can be as much as double those of MUA. This enables our students to complete their education with far less indebtedness than students at other medical schools. Basic Science tuition (Semesters 1-5) is \$8,750 per semester. Clinical Medicine tuition (Semesters 6-10) is \$9,950 per semester.

6. What kind of financial aid is available to students at your school?

All students at MUA are eligible for commercial student loans at competitive interest rates. Many students take advantage of the Ed-Invest Financial Aid Program (<http://application.rlpcenter.com>). In addition, Canadian students are eligible for Federal Loans through the Ministry of Education in their province of residence.

7. What are the qualifications of your faculty?

All faculty members at MUA hold an advanced medical degree or doctorate (M.D., M.B.B.S., Ph.D.). in the field they teach, and are experienced teachers. In addition, our faculty are full time and live on Nevis.

8. What kind of learning facilities will I find at your school?

Throughout its campus, Medical University of the Americas makes effective use of high-tech classrooms and hands-on laboratories with the latest multi-media, instructional technology.

Campus facilities include:

- A modern Gross Anatomy laboratory with cadavers
- Nine additional laboratories and learning areas
- Classrooms and lecture halls equipped with the latest multi-media learning systems
- A fully equipped Clinical Skills Training Center
- A fully-equipped Medical Library with thousands of titles, print journals, online journals and more
- A fully-equipped test center for simulating the actual test conditions of the USMLE Step 1 Exam
- Broadband wireless Internet connectivity is available throughout the campus

9. How are you staying up to date on changes in medical education?

Medical education, globally, now emphasizes greater integration between the basic and clinical sciences portions of the medical school curriculum. At MUA, case-based learning and clinical skills development are a prominent part of the Basic Sciences curriculum. MUA convenes regular reviews of the curriculum by the academic Deans and participates in regular accreditation reviews. MUA is also focused on extending its wide range of affiliations with teaching hospitals in the U.S. and Canada where our students complete their clinical rotations.

10. What is the living environment like at your school?

Nevis is part of “the Caribbean”—or more precisely, it is one of the many islands that stretch along the eastern Caribbean sea where it meets the Atlantic Ocean. Just 200 miles southeast of Puerto Rico, which is a major point of entry to the Caribbean and served by direct flights from numerous locations throughout the U.S., Nevis is easy to get to and has been welcoming visitors for hundreds of years. Tourists come to Nevis to enjoy the warm Caribbean water, bask on the white sand beaches, hike the rain forest, snorkel and dive the reefs and investigate the ruins of the sugar cane era that dot the island. There are excellent restaurants and charming inns--many of them old plantation “great houses.” Nevis is safe and, although it has first-rate tourist accommodations and amenities, remains very much a low-key destination. Because of that, Nevis lacks many of the distractions that can interfere with studying.

Applying to Medical University of the Americas MUA makes it simple to submit your application there are two ways to do it:

Go to www.mua.edu/apply and (1) Complete the Application form online or (2) download the Application form and fax (978-862-9599) or mail it in. To contact the Admissions Office, call 978-862-9500 and press “1” for admissions.

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