MUA AT A GLANCE

First Class: 1998
Graduates: 1250+
USMLE Pass Rate: MUA students have a 95% pass rate on the USMLE Step 1.
Tuition: The Basic Sciences tuition (Semesters 1–5) is $13,200 per semester. Clinical Medicine tuition (Semesters 6–10) is $15,850 per semester.
Financial Aid: U.S. students are eligible for Title IV U.S. Federal Direct student loans. Canadian students can take advantage of loans through the Canadian federal and provincial governments.
Gainful Employment: Please reference www.mua.edu/gainful-employment
WHY CHOOSE MUA?

Make no mistake about it, when you are ready to start your journey to become a physician, Medical University of the Americas is ready to get you where you want to go. As you take a close look at what MUA has to offer, here are four key things to keep in mind:

MUA’s Focus on Education: Throughout your education at MUA, you will benefit from our modern campus and superb faculty as well as our commitment to small class sizes and one-on-one student-teacher interaction.

The Performance of Our Graduates: MUA graduates have a track record of outstanding performance—on licensing exams (i.e., USMLE Step 1 and Step 2) and in obtaining excellent residency placements across a wide range of specialties.

Location: MUA’s location is ideal and convenient—Nevis is one of the most beautiful and historic islands in the Caribbean, and easily reached from anywhere in North America.

Value: MUA is affordable—our tuition and fees compare very 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 debt than students at other medical schools. In addition, eligible students in the U.S. can take advantage of Title IV U.S. Federal Direct student loans.
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEAN

We are very pleased that you are considering Medical University of the Americas. Everything about our academic program—small class sizes, committed faculty, superb facilities—is designed to support the success of our students. MUA students do extremely well on the USMLE Step 1, and we are extremely proud of the significant number of MUA graduates who have won coveted residencies at top medical centers.

Our Admissions Department is delighted to answer any questions you have about our program. Call or e-mail us at any time.

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MUA is focused on the future—your future. The vast majority of our students are graduates of U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities. They come to MUA for one reason: MUA can help them achieve their dream of a medical career in the U.S., Canada or anywhere else in the world.

MUA has a well-earned reputation for helping students achieve their goals. MUA students have obtained residency appointments in virtually every medical specialty and subspecialty at renowned teaching hospitals and leading medical centers across the U.S. and Canada. In a typical year, more than half of our students obtain residencies in fields outside of Family Medicine. A significant number are selected as Chief Residents, and many pursue Fellowship (subspecialty) training following their residencies.
CHOOSING A MEDICAL SCHOOL IS A BIG DECISION.
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK CLOSELY AT YOUR OPTIONS.
WHEN YOU DO, WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THAT MUA OFFERS SOMETHING TRULY UNIQUE.

YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS: When you come to MUA, you will be surrounded by students who share your goal to succeed in medicine. MUA students achieve excellent performance on the critical USMLE licensing exams, and MUA students have a successful track record of obtaining residencies in a wide range of subspecialities at leading medical centers.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: The anonymous, big lecture hall environment that is standard at many schools (particularly other schools in the Caribbean) does not exist at MUA. Our class sizes are a fraction of what you will find at other schools. At MUA, starting with your very first semester, you will get the attention you need to succeed.

FINISH IN FOUR YEARS: All of our students spend five semesters studying the Basic Sciences curriculum on the MUA campus and then complete another five semesters of clinical rotations (or clerkships) at U.S. or Canadian teaching hospitals. MUA maintains close control over its clinical program to ensure that there are enough clerkships for you to receive your M.D. in a timely manner and move on to your residency.

NEVIS—THE ISLAND: Nevis is unquestionably one of the most delightful locations in the Caribbean with beautiful beaches, excellent restaurants and first-rate accommodations. Easy to get to, Nevis is a great place to go to school.

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A COMMITMENT TO TEACHING

From its first class in 1998, MUA has emphasized a traditional medical school curriculum delivered through small class sizes and close student-teacher interaction.
LEARNING HOW TO BECOME A PHYSICIAN

Medical University of the Americas offers a highly integrated curriculum in the Basic Sciences through in-depth examinations of individual systems and associated disease. This experience also provides significant opportunities for early and continued development of a clinically-relevant skill set through the five-semester, progressive Clinical Skills courses:

BASIC SCIENCES CURRICULUM (SEMESTERS 1-5)

1. **Semester 1**: In the first semester at MUA, you will start with foundational material including concepts in Molecular Biology, Genetics, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. The workings of the human body including Cell/Tissue Structure & Function and Human Body Structure & Function with human cadavers will follow. You will also take Clinical Skills I.

2. **Semester 2**: Move on to an integrated examination of the body’s molecular building blocks in Metabolism & Nutrition as well as Genetics & Development. Learn about the complexities integral to our body’s defenses in Infection/Defense/Response. The course, Research Curriculum—Evidence-Based Medicine, will give you the skills necessary to assess medical literature and help achieve competency in lifelong learning. During Clinical Skills II you will continue to learn and practice skills essential to the successful physician. All of the material in this semester is integrated into the course, Foundational/Applied Clinical Correlate, demonstrating the applications of basic science to medicine.

3. **Semester 3**: Start to learn about the inner workings of the brain in Neuroscience, Mind & Behavior. Tackle important moral and ethical challenges in Medical Ethics. Epidemiology and Foundational/Applied Clinical Correlate courses will further develop your understanding of important concepts and applications to medicine. You will continue to learn and practice the essentials of clinical practice in Clinical Skills III as well as delving into the first of the systems-based courses, Systems & Disease I.

4. **Semester 4**: Explore major bodily systems and their associated diseases in the courses Systems & Disease II–IV. Continue to develop your clinical skills with the fourth course in the Clinical Skills series (IV)—great preparation for the clinical clerkships in the U.S. and Canada that will be starting soon.

5. **Semester 5**: Expand your knowledge of human systems in Systems & Disease V and further develop your clinical preparation in Clinical Skills V. You will also start the Research Curriculum—Critical Appraisal module which will bring your knowledge of the basic sciences together with your developing research skills to investigate and prepare a critical appraisal of medical literature. In this final semester on the Nevis campus you will also prepare extensively for the USMLE Step 1 Exam.
CAMPUS FACILITIES

• A modern Gross Anatomy laboratory with cadavers
• A wide array of additional laboratories, classrooms, lecture halls and patient examination rooms equipped with the latest multimedia learning systems
• A fully equipped Clinical Skills Training Center
• A fully equipped medical library
• A fully equipped test center for simulating the actual test conditions of the USMLE Step 1
• Wireless capability throughout the campus
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

In your clinical education—Semesters 6–10—you switch gears, moving from the world of the classroom and theory to the patient’s bedside and the life and death decisions of real medicine.

MUA students leave the Nevis campus and join students from other schools at teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada. MUA carefully manages the clinical program to ensure that there are enough clerkship positions to enable our students to complete their clinical semesters without delay.

During these clinical rotations, students work directly with physicians and hospital staff, conducting physical examinations, taking histories, presenting cases, analyzing laboratory data, and attending workshops, conferences and grand rounds.

Your onsite experience in the hospital is supplemented by additional case studies and associated assignments.
REQUIRED CORE ROTATIONS
Third-year students complete core rotations in Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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ELECTIVES
In the fourth year, students choose among elective clinical rotations based upon their projected medical specialty.

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PARTIAL LIST OF TEACHING HOSPITALS AFFILIATED WITH MUA
Brentwood Behavioral Health            Shreveport, LA
Community Health of South Florida      Miami, FL
Griffin Memorial Hospital              Norman, OK
Griffin Hospital                       Derby, CT
Harbor Hospital                        Baltimore, MD
Holy Cross Hospital                    Silver Spring, MD
Jackson Park Hospital                  Chicago, IL
Larkin Community Hospital              South Miami, FL
Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center      Houma, LA
Northwest Hospital                     Randalstown, MD
Sheppard Pratt Hospital                 Baltimore, MD
St. Anthony Hospital                   Oklahoma City, OK
St. Vincent’s Medical Center           Bridgeport, CT
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center         Brooklyn, NY
Ontario Shores Center for Mental Health Sciences Canada

Note: Since a few states in the U.S. require a clinical rotation in Primary Care Medicine as a prerequisite to licensure, it is highly recommended that all students complete an elective rotation of at least four weeks in a Primary Care field, such as Family Medicine.
If you have the desire and ability to earn an M.D.—but lack the pre-medical educational requirements—Medical University of the Americas offers its Pre-medical program designed to address the missing elements in your undergraduate coursework and provide a smooth transition into the Doctor of Medicine Basic Science program.

MUA’s Pre-medical program is especially valuable for students who decided to focus on medicine as a career late in their undergraduate experience.

Students may enter the program in the September, January or May semesters.

The MUA Pre-medical program consists of two semesters (one academic year) of coursework including:

| Principles of General Chemistry |
| Medical Terminology            |
| Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II |
| Advanced Organic Chemistry   |
| Introduction to Cell Biology |
LIFE ON NEVIS

The Medical University of the Americas campus is located on Nevis, one of the most historic and beautiful islands in the Caribbean.

A much desired destination for tourists who are seeking a more private, boutique experience in an environment that is extremely safe, Nevis offers beautiful Caribbean beaches, snorkeling, diving, many restaurants and a wide range of accommodations—including inns that were once “great houses” in the sugar cane era.

Just 200 miles southeast of Puerto Rico, Nevis is easy to get to via San Juan, Antigua, St. Maarten or St. Kitts.

For most students, housing is a major concern. Where will you live? At MUA, all first-semester students live in dorms affiliated with the school. After that, MUA works closely with the local community to help arrange off-campus housing—there are many options, often with stunning views of the Caribbean.
**NEVIS AT A GLANCE**

**Location:** 220 miles southeast of Puerto Rico.

**Nationality:** Nevis is an independent nation and (with neighboring St. Kitts) part of the sovereign democratic state of St. Christopher and Nevis.

**Inhabitants:** 12,000

**Language:** English

**Getting there:** By air, via connecting flights from Antigua, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten or St. Kitts. Travelers going through St. Kitts have the option of taking a short ferry ride to Nevis.

**Currency:** The U.S. dollar and Eastern Caribbean dollar (ECD) are accepted. Visa and MasterCard are accepted widely also.

**Electricity:** Electrical outlets on Nevis are 220v cycle. The university and dorms are 110v—same as in the U.S. and Canada.

**Immigration:** U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport.
MUA has built its reputation through a careful admissions process that looks at each applicant individually. We want to know as much as possible about you, and what you will bring to the practice of medicine, as we do about your GPA and performance on standardized tests.

Applying is easy—you can do it anytime, online at www.mua.edu/apply. If you have any questions, e-mail the admissions office at admissions@MUA.edu or call 978-862-9500 and press “1” for admissions.

MUA has three start dates every year—new students can begin their medical studies in September, January or May. For that reason, we accept applications throughout the year. Applicants are encouraged to submit their documents early—generally six to eight months in advance—to ensure that their files are complete for consideration at least three months prior to the semester of their first choice. Since the number of students in each class is limited, and the application pool competitive, early applicants have a better chance of securing a place in the semester of their choice.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following are required to complete the application process:

- A completed application form along with a personal statement
- Application fee (US $75.00)
- Official transcript(s) from each college/university or professional school attended. Student-issued copies may suffice, pending official transcripts.
- Two letters of recommendation from college/university professors or physicians who have supervised you in a medically relevant setting. Evaluations from a college pre-medical committee are accepted in lieu of individual letters.
- Two (2” x 2”) passport-size color photos
- MCAT official report (recommended)
- TOEFL official report, if applicable

PRE-MED PROGRAM

Students are also invited to consider the highly structured Pre-medical program, which offers comprehensive preparation and a smooth transition to the M.D. program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants from the U.S. or Canada are expected to have a minimum of three years of undergraduate studies or the equivalent of 90 semester hours or 135 quarter hours, including pre-medical requirements, from an accredited college or university. A baccalaureate degree is recommended but not required.

The following courses are considered standard pre-medical requirements for admission. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.

- General biology, or zoology
- Inorganic chemistry (with lab)
- Organic chemistry (with lab)
- English
- MUA encourages students to complete courses in the arts, social sciences, philosophy, literature and the humanities.

TUITION AND FEES

The application fee is $75. Upon acceptance, students can ensure a place through a $250 nonrefundable deposit. The tuition at MUA is $13,200 per semester for the Basic Sciences program (Semesters 1–5), and $15,850 per semester for the Clinical Sciences program (Semesters 6–10).

Note: University policies, academic requirements and tuition/fees are subject to change from time to time.
Of course, we have a set of admissions requirements. But the most important factor in determining whether you are right for MUA is what you, as a person, will bring to the study and practice of medicine—your overall commitment to learning, intellectual curiosity, sense of responsibility, moral outlook, commitment to your fellow man and, most important, your very sincere interest in the profession of health care.

Medicine is a science. It’s evidence-based. It’s a world of protocols and procedures. But doctors are human beings, too. The first criteria for success: you must really want to become a doctor. If that’s you, we want to know more about you.
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Visit us on the web at www.mua.edu.
Apply online. Take advantage of our interactive tools for planning your medical education, including our webinars.

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