



Choosing the Right International Medical School for You

This may be one of the most important decisions of your life. You have many choices when considering an international medical school; some are well-established, respected institutions while others may not have all the attributes necessary for you to become a successful physician. You can use this guide to compare schools on these key points (information on Ross University School of Medicine is already filled in) to find the one best suited to deliver on your dream of becoming a doctor.

1. How long ago was the school established?

I. Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM): Founded in 1978, RUSM has been providing students with a quality medical education for over 40 years and has more than 15,000 graduates.

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2. Does the school have graduates who are eligible to practice in all 50 US states, Canada and Puerto Rico?

I. Yes, our graduates are eligible to practice all over the United States, Canada, and beyond. This includes the four US states (NY, NJ, FL, CA) that require formal approval for international medical schools.

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3. Does your medical school have an experienced US medical school leadership?

I. Yes, our Chief Academic Officer and Provost James M. Record, M.D., J.D., FACP previously oversaw Chicago Medical School (CMS) at Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, IL as dean (2015–2019). During his tenure, he oversaw all operations of the medical school and led the administration in developing and executing the school's strategic priorities to strengthen the clinical, educational, and research missions.

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4. Do students have access to financial aid to finance their education?

I. Yes, US citizens and eligible non-citizens who apply and meet US Department of Education eligibility requirements may receive Federal Direct Unsubsidized and Graduate PLUS Loans. Canadian students may apply for provincial loans, private loans with US co-signers, and educational lines of credit in order to fund their studies. Other foreign nationals may apply for private loans with a US co-signer. RUSM also offers a suite of scholarships and grants for those who apply and qualify.

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5. How many current and former RUSM graduates attained residencies in 2020?

I. 597 current and former RUSM graduates attained Residencies in 24 specialties in 2020.

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6. What was the 1st-time residency attainment rate for 2019–2020 RUSM graduates?

I. In 2020, 2019–2020 RUSM graduates achieved a 95.2% 1st time residency attainment rate.

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7. How long do students spend studying at your Medical Sciences Campus in Barbados?

I. Depending on which curriculum track they select, students spend between 16 to 20 months, less than half of their medical school education, before returning to the US for clinicals¹, which is a majority of their education.

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8. Does the medical school have a permanent campus specifically designed for educating medical students?

I. Yes, the completely wireless campus includes high-tech multimedia classrooms, patient examination facilities, a Simulation Institute accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare², and an anatomy lab that integrates high tech medical imaging technology.

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9. Is the faculty permanent and full-time? Are they residential?

I. Yes to both questions. Even when not lecturing, our faculty run small group sessions and maintain office hours/tutoring sessions throughout the semesters on campus.

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10. Does the school offer an organ-systems based curriculum with small group learning?

I. Yes, RUSM offers a progressive, US modeled curriculum with a heavy emphasis on small group education at local clinics, teaching hospitals, on campus labs, and patient encounters.

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11. How quickly are students exposed to clinical medicine?

I. Our curriculum integrates clinical concepts and includes clinical interaction from the very first semester. This exposure allows students to learn in context.

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12. Does your medical school offer the ability to complete core clinical rotations in one geographical location?

I. Our school has clerkships in teaching hospitals across the U.S. We offer regional RUSM-affiliated clinical clerkships, where you can train and study in a single geographic location.

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13. Does the school conduct regular site visits with the hospitals to see how your clinical education is progressing?

I. RUSM is able to keep in close contact with our clinical faculty and even offer student support such as exam reviews, mock interviews, and career counseling ahead of the residency process.

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¹Select students may also undergo clerkships in Canada when applicable.

²Ross University School of Medicine's Simulation Institute is accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH, www.ssih.org) in the areas of Teaching/Education, since November 2013.