

Program Overview

The UHSA Doctor of Medicine (MD) program follows a U.S.-modeled medical curriculum delivered entirely in English and designed for students entering with a bachelor's degree.

Program structure

- Two years of Basic Sciences completed on campus in Antigua
- Two years of Clinical Sciences in affiliated teaching hospitals
- Preparation for USMLE, PLAB, and MCCQE examinations
- Small class sizes with instruction from experienced M.D. and Ph.D. faculty

This structure allows students to build a strong scientific foundation while progressing into hands-on clinical training in diverse healthcare environments.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) CURRICULUM

SECOND DEGREE OPTIONS

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

Basic Sciences - Year One and Two

The first two years of the UHSA MD program are completed on campus in Antigua and focus on the foundational medical sciences using a U.S.-modeled curriculum. During this time, students develop the scientific knowledge and early clinical exposure necessary for success on licensing examinations and in clinical training.

Term I - Year One

Human Engineering I:

- ✓ Clinical Anatomy and Imaging
- ✓ Embryology and Histology
- ✓ Cell Biology

The Practice of Medicine I:

- ✓ Clinical Observership (Primary Care)

The Physician and Society:

- ✓ Medical History and Professionalism

Term II - Year One

Human Engineering II:

- ✓ Biochemistry
- ✓ Physiology
- ✓ Medical Genetics

The Practice of Medicine II:

- ✓ Clinical Observership (Primary Care)

Perspectives of the Mind:

- ✓ Behavior and Health

Term III - Year One

Human Engineering III:

- ✓ Neuroscience
- ✓ Medical Microbiology and Immunology

The Practice of Medicine III:

- ✓ Clinical Observership (Primary Care)

Healthy Communities:

- ✓ Wellness and Prevention

Term IV - Year Two

Disruption, Repair, and Care I:

- ✓ Pathology
- ✓ Pharmacology

The Practice of Medicine IV:

- ✓ Clinical Observership (Internal Medicine Wards)

The Physician as a Scientist:

- ✓ Enquiry and Evidence-based Medicine

Term V - Year Two

Disruption, Repair, and Care II:

- ✓ Pathology
- ✓ Pharmacology

The Practice of Medicine V:

- ✓ Clinical Observership (Internal Medicine Wards)

The Medical Ethos:

- ✓ Intersections of Medicine, Law, and Ethics

TERM VI - Year Two

Basic Sciences Comprehensive Review (Kaplan Review) – Seven weeks online

Clinical Sciences - Year Three and Four

After completing the Basic Sciences in Antigua, students progress to Years Three and Four for full-time clinical training in UHSA-affiliated teaching hospitals. During this period, students complete 78 weeks of core and elective clinical rotations under the supervision of attending physicians.

Core Rotations - 48 Weeks (Term I- II)

Students complete required core rotations in the following areas:

- ✓ Family Practice – 6 weeks
- ✓ Internal Medicine – 12 weeks
- ✓ Obstetrics and Gynecology – 6 weeks
- ✓ Pediatrics – 6 weeks
- ✓ Psychiatry – 6 weeks
- ✓ Surgery – 12 weeks

Elective Rotations - 30 Weeks (Term III- IV)

Students select electives based on their interests and career goals from a wide range of specialties.

- ✓ Allergy and Immunology
- ✓ Orthopedic Surgery
- ✓ Anesthesiology
- ✓ Otolaryngology
- ✓ Colon and Rectal Surgery
- ✓ Pathology
- ✓ Dermatology
- ✓ Pediatrics

- ✓ Emergency Medicine
- ✓ Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- ✓ Family Practice
- ✓ Plastic Surgery
- ✓ Internal Medicine
- ✓ Preventive Medicine
- ✓ Medical Genetics
- ✓ Psychiatry

- ✓ Neurological Surgery
- ✓ Radiology
- ✓ Nuclear Medicine
- ✓ Surgery
- ✓ Obstetrics and Gynecology
- ✓ Thoracic Surgery
- ✓ Ophthalmology

Second Degree Options

UHSA students have the option to pursue an additional online degree through a partnership with Walden University while completing the MD program. This opportunity allows interested students to expand their academic credentials in areas such as Public Health, Health Sciences, Business, and Public Policy.

Learn more about this option on the [Walden partnership page](#).

Hospital Affiliations

Affiliated Hospitals And Clinical Centers

UHSA students complete clinical training in affiliated teaching hospitals across multiple countries and healthcare systems.

Antigua & Barbuda

- ✓ Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre

Canada

- ✓ Labrador-Grenfell Health

Ghana

- ✓ 37 Military Hospital

Nigeria

- ✓ Babcock University Teaching Hospital
- ✓ DIFF Medical Centre
- ✓ Garki Hospital Abuja

Zambia

- ✓ Medland Hospital
- ✓ University Teaching Hospital

USA

Colorado

- ✓ Advent Health Avista
- ✓ Advent Health Castle Rock
- ✓ Advent Health Littleton
- ✓ Advent Health Parker
- ✓ Advent Health Porter

Illinois

- ✓ Harrisburg Medical Center
- ✓ Southern Illinois Hospital Services
- ✓ Southern Illinois Medical Services

United Kingdom

- ✓ The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust
- ✓ North London NHS Foundation Trust
- ✓ Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- ✓ Queen Mary University London*

*Elective placements at Queen Mary University of London are available to final-year medical students, except those required to complete an elective during the break between their penultimate and final years.

Puerto Rico

- ✓ Bayamon Medical Center
- ✓ Costa Salud Community Health Center
- ✓ Hospital Auxilio Mutuo
- ✓ Hospital Metropolitano – Guaynabo
- ✓ Hospital Metropolitano de la Montaña
- ✓ Hospital Pavia – Hato Rey
- ✓ Hospital Pavia – Santurce
- ✓ Hospital Perea – Mayagüez
- ✓ Hospital Psiquiátrico Metropolitano
- ✓ Manati Medical Center
- ✓ Metro Pavia Health System/Perea Hospital
- ✓ Neo Med Center
- ✓ Puerto Rico Women's and Children's Hospital Bayamon
- ✓ San Juan Municipal Hospital
- ✓ University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine