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All American Institute of Medical Sciences

Medical Education Par Excellence



AAIMS

Mission

Coordinate resources necessary to deliver excellent medical education leading to generating physicians that will serve the community, and to form lifelong learners committed to excellence, faith, leadership and service.

Vision

Attain international reputation as an outstanding medical institute distinguished by excellence, leadership, research and innovation in the quality of our teaching, in student learning and achievement, and in engagement with our communities.

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ABOUT AAIMS

Overview

The All American Institute of Medical Sciences (AAIMS) was chartered by the Government of Jamaica in May 2009, and also approved by the Ministry of Education of Jamaica to confer the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. AAIMS is also listed in International Medical Education Directory (IMED), and provisionally accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP).

Location

AAIMS campus, located in Black River, the town of St Elizabeth, is situated on five acres of land overlooking the Caribbean Sea. It provides on-campus accommodation, Wi-Fi connection, a swimming pool, gym, and tennis and basketball courts. The nearest International Airport is the Donald Sangster Airport in Montego Bay (MBJ), which hosts some 25 daily flights from the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America, and is just 46 miles from the campus.

Programs

AAIMS offers a variety of programs leading to the MD Degree.

Premedical Program

A 16-month Premedical program for high school graduates to complete prerequisites and continue into AAIMS MD program.

MD Program

Students, who already have their Premedical course requirements, can be admitted to the 4-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) program, which include the traditional 2-Year Basic Sciences, with a further 2-years' Clinical Sciences to include Clinical Rotations in a variety of clinical facilities across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe and India.

The AAIMS' "small class environment" offers students personal attention and the tools needed to succeed. Their combination of didactic lectures, lab work, anatomical dissection, problem-based learning, and hospital visits help expose students to varying situations they are likely to be confronted with in the real world of medicine. AAIMS also gives students and staff access to fully equipped classrooms, tutorial rooms, and laboratories furnished with advanced computer and audio/visual systems.

Medical and Clinical Research Writing Program

The Medical and Clinical Research Writing (MCRW) program is aimed to help the students improve their written communication skills and complement their progressive careers in medicine.



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WHY CHOOSE AAIMS

AAIMS students are guaranteed satisfaction on each "levels" of credentialing necessary for the USA, Canada, UK, and other countries' Medical Practicing Licensure requirements. Other features that speak to the "why" you'd want to choose AAIMS to do your Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree includes:

- Offering Premedical, MD programs
- Excellent Leadership and Faculty
- Recognized by Ministry of Education, Jamaica
- Listed in IMED/FAIMER/WHO
- Provisional accreditation received from CAAM-HP
- Basic Sciences in Jamaica - one hour flight from Florida
- English speaking Caribbean island, No Visa hassles
- Direct flights from major USA/Canada/UK cities
- Clinical Rotations in USA/Canada/India and the Caribbean
- Low-cost tuition and living expense
- Basic Sciences campus spread over 5 acres
- Clinical Simulation rooms on Basic Sciences campus
- 5000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art library and on-campus Wi Fi
- On-campus accommodation, cafeteria and recreational facilities: swimming pool, gym etc.

Academic highlights



- **Integrated Medicine Curriculum** – The concept of this newly integrated curriculum is validated by medical organizations worldwide as an approach to focus on problem based learning (PBL). This means that students will actively participate in the learning process that prepares them to pass USMLE with high scores.
- **Low Student/Faculty Ratio** - Maintaining a low student/faculty ratio is fundamental to our PBL teaching method.
- **Early Patient Exposure** - AAIMS students begin learning to interact with patients as early as their first semester. This kind of exposure continues throughout subsequent semesters via supervised activities at local health care facilities.
- **Preparing for USMLE** – Exams, given at the end of each course in the basic sciences, are designed to help prepare students for USMLE Step 1. Our 6th semester, which is integrated into the curriculum, ensures that students pass USMLE Step 1 before entering the Clinical Rotations phase.

Licensing Examinations



- AAIMS students are eligible to take all three steps of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE), and get certified by Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). These help students to qualified students to become practicing physician in the USA.
- Graduates of AAIMS are eligible to sit the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) and Medical Council of Canada (MCC) Qualifying Examination Parts I and II (MCCQE).
- The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) allows graduates to practice medicine in UK and all CARICOM countries.
- The General Medical Council (GMC) of the United Kingdom allows graduates to apply for a license to practice in the UK and British Caribbean Overseas Territories.

Quick Facts

Official Name	All American Institute of Medical Sciences
Degree Offered	Doctor of Medicine (MD)
Duration	4 Years & 5.4 Years
Location	66 High Street, Black River, Jamaica, West Indies
Clinical Rotations	U.S.A., Canada, UK, the Caribbean and India
Campus	Located in Black River, Jamaica one of the most beautiful Caribbean islands.
Recognized by	CAAM-HP (Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine) Provisional Accreditation Ministry of Education, Jamaica IMED (International Medical Education Directory) ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination ®) Avicenna (World Health Organization Directory)
Student-to-faculty ratio	12 to 1
Teaching Faculty Composition	MD, PhD, PharD, MBBS, Msc
Curriculum	Integrated Medicine Curriculum Problem Based Learning weighted with USMLE style of questions.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

We create medical doctors who are resilient and adaptable, equipped with the knowledge and skills to become exceptional leaders in the field of medicine. We provide programs that enable our students to become successful in this competitive career:

1. Premedical Program
2. Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program
3. Medical and Clinical Research Writing (MCRW) Program

The Admissions Committee works closely with students, understanding their interests and prior education, and recommends to them the right path for a successful career in medicine.

PREMEDICAL PROGRAM (ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN HEALTH SCIENCES)

AAIMS offers a 4-semester (16 months) Premedical program for High School graduates to fulfill certain requirements before being admitted to the MD program. Once students successfully complete the program, they are transferred to AAIMS 4-year MD program. On completion of this program, students are then awarded the "Associate Degree in Health Sciences". This track is ideal for highly motivated high school students, who are committed to studying medicine. It is also the path for non-traditional students who need to complete the prerequisite courses before being accepted to the AAIMS MD program.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) PROGRAM

This 4-year MD program is for students who have Premedical requisites. The first 2 years are focused in Basic Sciences and their application to clinical medicine. Semesters begin in January, May, and September, and students can choose to start at any semester they want. In addition to didactic lectures, lab work, anatomical dissection and problem-based learning, students are required to make community and hospital visits, practice history taking and physical examinations with patients in a clinical setting. Upon successfully completing five semesters, students are given further intensive training that will enable them to easily pass the USMLE Step 1 exam in Semester 6, with an the option of receiving this training at our Jamaica campus or in the USA. Students are required to pass the USMLE Step 1 exam before entering the third year Clinical Sciences track of MD Program.

The Clinical Sciences program takes place in Years 3 & 4. During this period, students are trained in the care and study of patients in Hospital settings. The training comprises of Clinical Rotations in both core and elective subjects. Once the required Clinical Rotations are completed, students are required to pass the USMLE Step 2CK and CS exams. After completing Years 3 & 4, students will graduate with the MD degree. On successfully passing USMLE Step 1, 2CK and CS exams, graduates receive the ECFMG certification that makes them eligible to participate in the Residency Matching Process in the USA.

MEDICAL AND CLINICAL RESEARCH WRITING (MCRW) PROGRAM

The Medical and Clinical Research Writing (MCRW) Program is an online training program to help the students improve their medical writing skills and learn techniques for writing usable medical content for healthcare, medical , pharmaceutical and CROindustry worldwide. It involves communicating the medical/scientific knowledge/information customized to the specific needs of the target audience.

PREMEDICAL
PROGRAM CURRICULUM

AAIMS offers a 4-semester (16 months) Premedical program for High School graduates to fulfill the necessary requirements for entering into MD program. Four semesters of focused Premedical studies will fully prepare you for all your Basic Sciences studies at AAIMS.

Semester – I

Course Name	Course Credits
Cell and Molecular Biology (w/Lab)	04
General Chemistry I	03
Organic Chemistry I	03
College Physics I	03
Trigonometry	03
Communication Studies	03
Environmental Science	03
Total Credits	22

Semester – II

Course Name	Course Credits
Organismal and Evolutionary Biology	03
General Chemistry II (w/Lab)	04
Organic Chemistry II (w/Lab)	04
College Physics II (w/Lab)	04
Calculus	03
Expository Writing	I02
Health Psychology	02
Total Credits	22

Semester – III

Course Name	Course Credits
Biology III (w/Lab)	04
General Chemistry III	03
Principles of Biochemistry	04
College Physics III (w/Lab)	04
Medical Ethics	03
Nutrition through Life Cycle	03
Abnormal Psychology	02
Total Credits	23

Semester – IV

Course Name	Course Credits
Introduction to Anatomy	03
Introduction to Physiology	03
Introduction to Microbiology	02
Medical Nutrition	03
Genetics	03
Expository Writing Ii	03
Research Methods	03
Aspects of Basic Life Support	03
Total Credits	23

MD PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Students, who already have their Pre-Med requirements, can be admitted to the 4-year MD program at AAIMS. The first two years of the program comprise of an Integrated Basic Sciences Training Program at its Jamaica Campus that include: classroom teaching, problem based learning, labs, hospital and community health care facilities visits, intensive classroom teaching to pass USMLE Part I exam. The second two years are devoted to training in clinics and hospitals learning patient care in different clinical settings.

Basic Sciences: The two-year Basic Sciences program in Jamaica spans six (6) semesters as follows: **YEAR 1**

Semester – I

Course Name	Course Credits
Human Anatomy I	04
Developmental Anatomy	03
Molecular Medicine	02
Cells and Tissues	02
Applied Biochemistry	03
Nutrition I	02
Communication Skills I	02
Practice of Medicine I	06
Total Credits	24

Semester – II

Course Name	Course Credits
Neuroscience	04
Human Body and Disease I	06
Human Anatomy Ii	04
Medical Genetics	02
Practice of Medicine Ii	06
Complementary Medicine I	02
Total Credits	24

Semester – III

Course Name	Course Credits
Immunology and Disease	04
Human Body and DiseaseII	10
Complementary MedicineII	02
Practice of Medicine III	08
Total Credits	24

Semester – IV

Course Name	Course Credits
Human Body and Disease III	12
Practice of Medicine Iv	10
Nutrition Ii	02
Total Credits	24

Semester – V

Course Name	Course Credits
Human Body and Disease IV	10
Psychiatry & Neuropharmacology	04
Practice of Medicine V	08
Communication Skills Ii	02
Total Credits	24

Semester – VI

Course Name	Course Credits
USMLE Step I Review:	14
Comprehensive Basic Sciences Exam	10
USMLE Step 1 Examination	
Total Credits	24

Clinical Sciences

The period of clinical sciences program will take place in years 3 and 4. During this period, students will be directly involved in the care of patients and the study of disease. The training comprises clinical rotation in care and elective subjects.

The core rotations comprise: 48 Weeks

Internal medicine - 12 weeks	Family practice - 6 weeks	Pediatrics - 6 weeks
Surgery - 12 weeks	Obstetrics and gynecology - 6 weeks	Psychiatry - 6 weeks

The elective rotations revolve around the following recommended areas: 32 Weeks

Dermatology	Neurology	Orthopedic surgery
Familymedicin	Oncology	Endocrinology
Radiology	Cardiology	Gerontology
Pathology	Nephrology	Anesthesiology
Ophthalmology	Emergency medicine	Allergy and immunology
Infectious diseases	Rheumatology	Other elective subjects

Medical And Clinical Research Writing (MCRW) Program Curriculum

The curriculum consists of nine modules, with each module followed by practice assignments. The program offers more than fifteen sets of assignments and feedbacks for continuous improvement.

Module 1 - Introduction to Medical Writing
Module 2 - Overview of writing process
Module 3 - Online and offline writing environment
Module 4 - Online research technique
Module 5 - Plagiarism and Copyrights
Module 6 - Consumer Writing
Module 7 - Scientific writing
Module 8 - Marketing Writing
Module 9 - Regulatory writing

- ICH/ GCP
- IRB/IEC
- Investigator/SponsorResponsibility
- Clinical Trial Protocol Writing
- ADR Reporting



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To ensure a successful academic career at the All American Institute of Medical Sciences (AAIMS) and to correlate with licensure guidelines, all students are required to complete the following prerequisites.

All applicants for the 4-Year MD Program should have completed Bachelor's Degrees in Science or at least 90 credit hours of undergraduate studies, including one year of English, Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physics.

Students who do not fulfill the above prerequisites can get admission into the Premedical program to complete the requirements.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are selected on the basis of a number of criteria, including grade point average (GPA), personality, reference, personal and other support systems. The selection process is in five (5) stages:

Stage 1: Submit application with supporting documents.
Stage 2: Short listing.
Stage 3: Interviews.
Stage 4: Unconditional selection and conditional admission to some.
Stage 5: Final admission.

TUITION FEES

Our fees are considerably less compared with other medical training institutions in North America and elsewhere. While the average cost of completing a 4-year medical degree in the USA can be as much as US$200,000, the cost at AAIMS is LESS than $80,000.

Program	Premedical
Duration	15 weeks per semester
Semesters	4
Fee Per Semester	$ 4,200.00
Average Costs for Books	$ 500 per Semester

Program	MD Program Basic Sciences
Duration	15 weeks per semester
Semesters	6
Fee per Semester	$ 6,000.00
Average Cost for Books	$ 500 per semester

Program	MD Program Clinical Sciences
Duration	12 weeks per semester
Semesters	6
Fee per Semester	$ 7,200.00
Average Cost for Books	$ 600 per semester

Other academic expenses and accommodation costs vary each semester and can be obtained from www.AAIMS.edu.jm



FINANCIAL AID

Students are eligible to apply for private educational loans from various private loan lenders. U.S. citizens and permanent residents, as well as Canadian citizens, are eligible to apply on their own as long as they are "credit worthy" and do not require a co-signer. However, for those who require a co-signer, it is highly recommended that they consider getting one. AAIMS administration is committed to providing all the possible help from our end to facilitate the process for you.

SCHOLARSHIPS

At AAIMS, we recognize academic excellence, community involvement, and volunteerism in our student applicants. Therefore, we have set up a number of full and partial scholarships that qualified students can access each semester. The scholarships that are posted on our University website attract stiff competition as funding is limited, and eligible students are encouraged to apply early so as to facilitate the reviewing process.

PLEASE NOTE: Scholarships are only available to first-year students.

Academic Achievement Scholarship - Limited scholarships are awarded to students, who have demonstrated academic excellence in the Premedical Program. No application for this scholarship is required, as qualified, deserving students are nominated by the Admissions Committee. Details are as follows:

- MD Scholarship: A grant of $2,000 per semester for the first two semesters will be awarded to those students possessing an undergraduate GPA of either 3.8 or higher, or a prerequisite GPA of 3.5 orhigher and otherwise accepted to AAIMS by the Admissions Committee.

- Premedical Scholarship: A grant of $1,000 per semester will be awarded to those Premedical students possessing a Final High School GPA of 3.5 on the 4.0 scale and SAT score of 1,300 to include acombined verbal and math score, or a composite ACT score of 27 or higher and otherwise accepted to AAIMS by the Admissions Committee.

NOTE: A minimum Final GPA of 3.0 must be maintained for awardees to continue to receive the benefits of the awarded scholarship.

Veterans Recognition Scholarship – A grant of $1,500 per semester for 1st and 2nd years, will be awarded to a limited number of U.S. military veterans, who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, either currently or with an Honorable Discharge, which are verified by DD214.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of Student Services works closely with the Registrar's Office and Admissions Office as it relates to the quality of medical student life.

The Office of Student Affairs provides a great many resources and services. Deans and members of Faculty are always available by appointment and will try to accommodate students who "drop in" whenever possible. We respond to their e-mails in a timely manner and encourage dialogue by this medium as well.

The Director of Community Affairs has overall responsibility for Student Affairs and is concerned with all aspects of students' progress, throughout the four years they spend at AAIMS, to include:

- Student accommodations.
- Student counseling - personal, academic and professional.
- Liaison with the Curriculum Committee, Student-Faculty Relations Committee and Graduate Medical Advisory Committee.
- Advice to students about career decisions and postgraduate education.
- Liaison with Student Organizations and Parent Organizations.
- Quality of student Life
- Publication of the Elective Catalog, Student Directory and Student Handbook.

LIBRARY

AAIMS library provides a growing collection of resources and services for faculty, students and staff to support the teaching and learning process of the institution. In addition to books and print journals, the library subscribes to a number of databases, providing access to hundreds of journal titles, and electronic materials.

A Reserved Books Collection is located in the Client Services Department. Here, textbooks, pamphlets and other materials can be accessed for overnight or shorter loan periods.

Facilities include a large Reading Room with a Periodicals Section. In addition, there is a Faculty/Student Lounge and a Computer Lab.



ACCOMMODATION

Students have a choice of a variety of very comfortable, furnished housing accommodation on Campus and off Campus.

On-Campus Residency Halls

On-campus accommodation, which is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, is available to all students, and includes basic furnishings in each room - a bed, night table/s, desk, chair, chest of drawers, closet, a common dining room, plus the use of gym, swimming pool and tennis facilities. There is also Wi-Fi internet access, and 24x7-access to the library's computer lab. Concerning safety and security, all buildings are equipped with fire and smoke detection equipment and alarms, plus a dedicated security team available 24/7. Additionally, there are closed circuit cameras that are connected to a central and observatory room with electronic security systems with CCTV connected to the security company. Personally, all staff and students are provided with IDs that allow them trouble free access to and from the premises.

Off-Campus Residency Options

Apart from on-campus accommodation, guest houses and private homes, within the environs of Black River, are also available to students and faculty for rental at reasonable rates.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Students

AAIMS is committed to supporting, promoting, and celebrating individuals in an intercultural environment, and therefore, advocate for and facilitate international and cross-cultural experiences, perspectives and initiatives.

Immigration & Visa

CARICOM nationals, as well as citizens of all other Commonwealth countries, are allowed entry to Jamaica without a Student Visa.

Before traveling to Jamaica, ensure your passport is valid to cover at least the period of your course of study (academic year). You should also travel with proof of your student status (that is, a Student ID card) or if a new student, with the official Letter of Acceptance from the institute. If all your documents are in order on arrival, local immigration will issue you a temporary Visitor's Visa. For all other information, please consult Student Services.

Transfer Students

AAIMS welcomes students transferring from other institutions of higher learning as long as they meet all our admission requirements.

Transfer Students are responsible for arranging with the institution they are currently attending to forward the official transcripts to AAIMS, and the Admissions Committee will decide which courses are to be credited. Courses taken more than eight years prior to the application will be considered at the discretion of the Committee, unless Candidates obtained a Bachelor's Degree.

The Committee also has the discretion to accept students who transfer from complementary medical school programs. Transfer credits for the MD Program will be given only for those subjects who successfully passed at IMED listed MD programs. All transfer credits must be completed within seven years from the date of graduation from AAIMS.

ARRIVAL TO CAMPUS

Arrival to Jamaica
When making your travel arrangements, you are advised to travel on a return, rather than a one-way ticket. Otherwise, you will not be admitted into the island on your arrival at the Airport in Jamaica. You are to provide all your flight arrival information to the Student Services Office at least 7 days beforehand, so that arrangements can be made for your pick-up at the airport. Normal working hours and pick-up times are between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 pm local time. Should your flight arrive outside of these hours, worry not. We'll make special arrangements for your pick-up.

Arrival on Campus
If you are allocated accommodation on the Campus or off Campus, you will be transported directly from the airport to your choice of residence, where you will be met by a Student Services Officer, who will welcome you, give you the keys to your room, and assist you in settling in.

After you have settled in, you are to report to the office of the Registrar, Student Services, no later than the next working day, to pick up your Student ID and Orientation Package. The office of the Registrar is open Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm

Food and Dining
There are dining facilities on Campus to purchase meals, should you so desire. However, should you choose to prepare your own meals, you may purchase basic food items from our on-campus convenience store. Besides, there are also supermarkets, restaurants, and fast food outlets within close proximity to the Campus that you can also patronize.

JAMAICA
A CARIBBEAN PARADISE

Jamaica, one of the three islands in the Northern Caribbean forming the Greater Antilles, is the largest English-speaking country in the Caribbean region, stretching 146 miles from east to west. Jamaica is well placed on the world's major airline and cruise routes.

The country's name, derived from an Arawak (aboriginal Indian) word "Xaymaca", meaning "land of wood and water", is closely knitted with numerous waterfalls, springs, rivers, and streams flowing from it forest-clad canopied mountains to the fertile plains.

For those who like to explore, the Jamaica offers a feast of contrasts. The north coast, with its popular resort areas of Montego Bay, Runaway Bay, Ocho Rios and Port Antonio, features fine coral beaches. On the western tip of the island is Negril, a beachcomber's paradise. The southern region of the island offers a rugged coastline where majestic mountains plunge into the sea - like the inspirational Lover's Leap in St. Elizabeth, a 1,500-foot cliff of romantic legend.

The central part of the island is mostly mountainous and is dominated by the 7,402-foot Blue Mountain's Peak, and heavily wooded. And, of course, there's the famous Cockpit Country in the Northwest region, an eerie terrain of conical hills and deep sinkholes.

About 1.8 million tourists visit the Jamaica on an annual basis, with two-thirds of who come from the United States. However, besides the USA, Jamaica is well connected with other major tourist destinations like Canada and Europe through direct flights operated by major airlines and by cruises. The Donald Sangster International Airport at Montego Bay (MBJ) is just one hour's drive to our Black River Campus, where students and their regular guests find a welcoming and refreshing environment in the host and surrounding communities.



EXPLORE JAMAICA

Jamaica lies on 4,400 square miles and is the third largest island in the Caribbean. Recreational activities abound because the island's diverse landscape offers something for everyone. Vacationers enjoy beautiful mountains, coastal waters, rivers, and streams.

Beach Activities: Montego Bay, or Mobay as it is popularly known, is deservedly one of the most famous tourist destinations in the world.

Scuba Diving: The temperature of the water off of the Jamaica coast is around 80 degrees Fahrenheit year round. Licensed dive operators accompany beginners and expert divers alike and are available in Montego Bay, Negril, Runaway Bay and Falmouth. Scuba Jamaica is certified by the Jamaica Tourist Board and also offers a web based interactive course to obtain certification in scuba diving.

Deep Sea Fishing: Charters are available for travelers to try their luck at deep sea fishing. A large variety of fish call Jamaican waters their home including the Blue Marlin, Wahoo, Tuna, Kingfish and several dolphin species.

FACTS

Official Name	Jamaica
Capital City	Kingston
Size	4,411 square miles.
Length/Width	146 miles/22-51 miles
Population	2,605,800 (July 2000 estimate).
Average Temperature	82° F
Climate	Tropical. Hot, Humid, Temperate interior.
Average Rainfall	78 inches annually

