

International Medical School Information

(From The Princeton Review) [When a medical school is described as *foreign*, it simply means that it's located outside of the U.S, and the language of instruction is usually the language of the home country.](#)

It's the *international* distinction that will mean something to you because at most international medical schools, the language of instruction is English.

So why would you consider attending an international medical school? International medical schools provide an alternative to nontraditional students and those who might not be eligible for admission to a U.S. medical school. Admissions requirements are a bit different from those found at U.S. schools.

For example, some international medical schools won't require you to submit MCAT scores when they're considering you for admission, though you'll have to submit them before you're allowed to enroll. They mainly serve American students and those from other English-speaking countries, although students whose first language isn't English are certainly eligible for admission. They will be required to take and achieve a certain score on the TOEFL.

Traditionally, most U.S. students who choose to attend international medical schools go to those located in Mexico and the Caribbean, many of which are a stone's throw away from white sand beaches. And though a degree from an international school might not carry the same prestige as one from some American medical schools, they train you to accomplish the exact same task that any U.S. medical school prepares you for: taking and passing the USMLE. And a licensed doctor is a licensed doctor.

One thing you should consider, however, is that **competition for a residency match may be tougher.** Be sure you discuss participation in the National Resident Match Program, (NRMP Match), with your pre-medical advisor or the admissions office of the foreign medical schools you are interested in. You will need to participate in the NRMP Match as an Independent Applicant which has certain requirements. For more information, visit the [NRMP website](http://www.nrmp.org/index.html). (<http://www.nrmp.org/index.html>).

Also Visit EACH website and talk to the school to find out what their residency match results have been for the past two or three years.

Many schools have different requirements and some have multiple start dates.

Suggested Schools to Investigate (NOT a complete list)

SABA (Caribbean)

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (Caribbean)

Ross Medical University (Caribbean)

St. George's University (Grenada)

Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (Mexico)

Technion – Israel Inst of Tech Medical School /MD and PhD (Israel)