



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
College of Medicine

5.5 Years MD Program

PROSPECTUS : 2025-26

A TRULY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

EDUCATING TOMORROW'S DOCTORS TODAY

Become Part of
CUCOM



CUCOM MEANS
GROWTH
IT MAKES YOU
A BETTER DOCTOR.

A truly international university

Commonwealth University College of Medicine (CUCOM) was established in early 2010 for promoting medical research and educational projects in St. Lucia. CUCOM has been providing students with the foundation they need to pursue successful careers in medicine.

At CUCOM, we understand that a successful medical career requires more than just theoretical knowledge. It demands the practical application of this knowledge in real-world scenarios. That's why our program is designed to equip students with both.

We offer you an accredited, "Active Learning" and virtual technology medical school education, to prepare you for not only a rewarding medical career but competitive with their Canadian or US Counterparts.

Upon passing the necessary licensure exams, CUCOM graduates are eligible to practice medicine in US, Canada, the United Kingdom, India and other countries.

Choosing CUCOM as your destination, you will be assured for your successful career in any condition.

Studying at CUCOM, International students get a wide range of benefits, during academically and afterwards academic.

CUCOM benefits

Proven quality of education ►

Commitment to student success ►

Exceptional faculty ►

Cutting-edge anatomy labs ►

Comprehensive library resources ►

Community impact ►

Affordable tuition ►

A vibrant campus on saint lucia ►

Join a proudly
Accredited
University.


Settle as a Doctor in
US and Canada.

FMGE/NExT not required
with US medical degree.

Successful Medical Career
Without USMLE/MCCQE.

Work as a Doctor in all
CARICOM Countries after
CAMC Registration Exams.





**Preparing you
to become the
very best doctor
you can be.**

Medical education for the 21st century

An Institution of Excellence ►

Health systems serve the world best when they reflect more of the world. CUCOM has been providing students with the foundation they need to pursue successful careers in medicine.

CUCOM has become a leading center for academic excellence in St. Lucia. With students and faculty drawn from countries around the world, we truly are an international institution, with a uniquely global perspective, perfectly poised to help educate students in this rapidly shrinking world.

Problem-Based Learning ►

Problem-based learning (PBL) is a student-centered teaching method where students learn by actively engaging with a complex, real-world problem. This approach encourages students to develop problem-solving skills and understand concepts through the experience of working on a problem, rather than simply absorbing facts.

Personalized Student Supports ►

CUCOM provides individualized support to students. Our counsellors are available to help improve your study habits, time management, and professional skills.

Simulation Center ►

CUCOM Simulation Center's advanced, high-fidelity simulation tools create a realistic environment for you to master skills and behaviours. Here, you can learn from mistakes without compromising the well-being of human patients. Develop and grow crucial clinical behaviours such as performing a history and physical exam, using appropriate interpersonal communication, and engaging in accurate clinical reasoning.

Commitment to Innovation ►

CUCOM is committed to providing educational programs of the highest quality to medical students. CUCOM's innovative approach to medical education has made us a pioneer in the use of technology to teach medicine in ways that are now emulated by other leading medical schools.

A Vibrant Campus ►

CUCOM campus is located on the beautiful Caribbean island of Saint Lucia, where as a CUCOM student, you'll be immersed in this vibrant community as you complete your medical education.

10 good reason to choose CUCOM

Think Seriously & Carefully

Whether you've already checked us out at an Open Day and want to know more, or you've never even heard of CUCOM, we're sharing our top 10 reasons why you should choose us

1



US Curriculum

CUCOM offer a highly reputed, well-accredited & internationally acclaimed US-based problem based learning curriculum.

2

Affordable Fee

CUCOM has the lowest tuition among all Accredited Medical Schools in Caribbean with affordable accommodation and cost of living compare to US & Canada.



3



Clinical Rotation in USA

Students have options available to go USA after 2.5 years of study and continue their MD and PG in USA Universities further settle as a doctor after clearing USMLE.

4

Active Learning & VR

CUCOM uses active learning and virtual technology in teaching similar to American universities to ensure that students are competitive with their Canadian or US Counterparts.



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License to Practice in Caribbean

After completing the course, Students eligible to obtain certificate of license for medical practice in all 15 member countries of CARICOM.



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Language & Climate

English speaking country, So no need to learn local language & the pleasant tropical climate similar to India, This is perfect for Indian students to study and live there.

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FMGE/NExT Not Required

According to NMC (erstwhile MCI), Medical PG degree from USA is valid in India and can practice without FMGE or NExT.



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Student Teacher Ratio

Personalized instruction and focuses on small class sizes with a 30:1 student-to-faculty ratio in classroom.



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Department of Education Enhancement (DEE)

DEE assigned an Advisor from 1st year to each student to monitor their progress and provide proactive outreach when you need it.



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Office of Career Guidance & Development (OCGD)

CUCOM is one of the only medical school to have a OCGD for students to provide career coaching & resources to settle in US or Europe without FMGE/USMLE.



Your decision set the course for your entire medical career.



Doctor of medicine (MD) program

Course of duration for Indian Students is five and half years and the entire five and half year of course shall be conducted at Saint Lucia in the University campus which includes six month of preclinical sciences, two years of Medical sciences, two years of clinical sciences and 1 year of compulsory rotational internship in our affiliated hospitals at Saint Lucia.

CUCOM offers a comprehensive MD degree program that not only meets but also sets the highest standards in medical education. Our curriculum is thoughtfully divided into three pivotal phases: preclinical sciences, Medical Sciences and clinical sciences, each designed to provide a robust foundation for your medical career.

At CUCOM, we don't just adhere to standards—we set them. Choose our MD program for a transformative medical education experience that goes beyond textbooks and classrooms.

4.5 Years + 1 Year Compulsory Internship

Pre-Medical Sciences - 6 Month

The First six month of the MD program is called Pre- Medical program, acts as a foundation course for the MD Program and is an important part of the complete course in order to understand the next level.

Medical Science - 2 Years

Medical Sciences comprises of Pre-clinical and Para-clinical subjects. In order to succeed in USMLE and practice in USA, students provided extensive USMLE training throughout 2 years.

Clinical Science - 2 Years

Clinical Sciences comprises of intensive 72 weeks of physician-supervised clinical training. This includes 48 weeks of Core Rotations and 24 weeks of Elective Rotations at our teaching affiliate hospitals and specialized clinical facilities in USA and St. Lucia.

Internship

Indian students must complete 12 months of internship in CUCOM approved hospitals in Saint Lucia where they will be posted in rotation to different departments.

Clinical Training

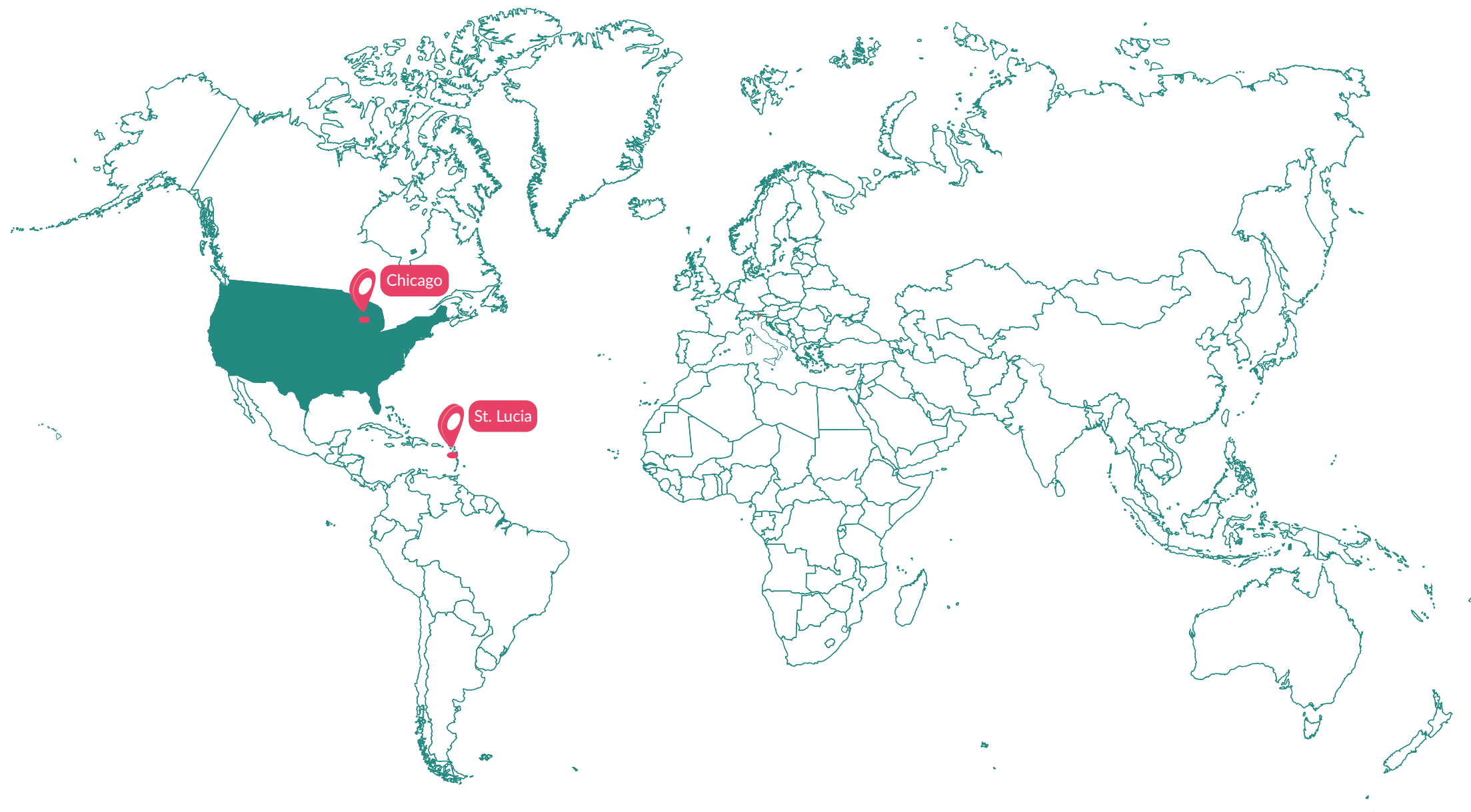
Clinical study is conducted at CUCOM's affiliated hospitals in St. Lucia and United States. To continue the same level of student support provided at the Medical science level, the University has administrators, faculty, and staff dedicated to CUCOM students at each hospital, as well as our dedicated clinical student support services at the University. Each person plays a key role in supporting our students both academically and professionally, and ensuring that the clinical curriculum stays consistent at each hospital.

CUCOM's Affiliated Hospitals in Saint Lucia & USA



CUCOM was a life-changing experience for me. You have faculty members and students from all over who come together with one goal in mind—to study medicine and provide good doctors to the world.

Md. Saqlain Ansari
MD – Class of 2019



Thorek Memorial Hospital ▶

North Chicago

Located on Chicago's North Side, a 218-bed, high-quality, progressive hospital has the history of over 100 years.



St. Bernard Hospital ▶

South Chicago








St. Bernard Hospital has served Chicago's Englewood neighborhood since 1904. It has 174 licensed beds.

Becoming a doctor in US

It's a common dream to be a doctor in USA for Indians. However, the system to pursue medical study in USA is absolutely different from India. In order to get the admission in US medical school, the student should have studied the Pre-Medical course leading to Bachelor of Science (B.S.) program before appearing in MCAT (Required for admission to medical schools in the US). This is an extremely difficult way and quite an expensive road map to pursue medicine in USA.

Hence, CUCOM, a highly reputed & fully accredited university give students a chance to initiate the route to become a physician in USA. The cost of US medical school comes down drastically once you choose CUCOM. The university provide education for Premed & Basic Science till USMLE-1 Exam (2.5 years) in Saint Lucia and Clinical Science (2 years) would be in USA.

Reasons to consider the US as a destination for study & practicing medicine.

-  **A well established healthcare system.**
-  **Highest quality learning environment**, hands-on and practical teaching method, modern and state-of-the-art equipment, facilities, and learning methods.
-  **Job opportunity available across the country**, due to a shortage of doctors leading to high demand.
-  **A variety of medical cases and conditions**, and access to multiple specialties, as the US is home to some of the world's leading hospitals and medical centers.
-  **Modern technologies and treatments**, with many breakthroughs and discoveries originating in the US.
-  **Earn while learn**, the average annual stipend for medical residents in the US typically ranges from \$60,000 to \$75,000 during Residency (PG).
-  **High earning potential**, the average salary for a doctor ranges from \$277,000 to \$394,000 annually.

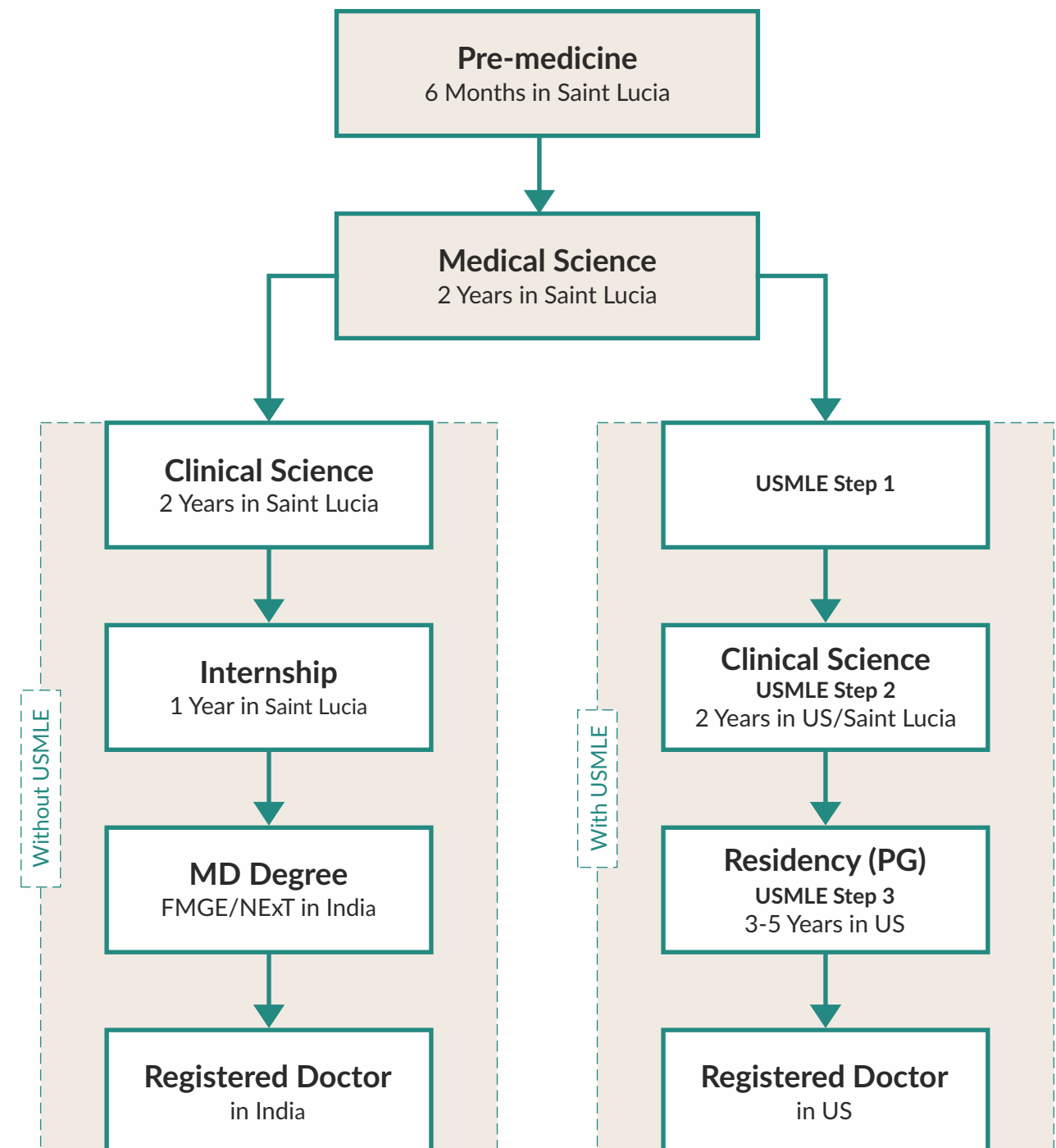


If the US sounds like somewhere you would like to practice medicine, read on to learn about the steps you will need to take to get there.

Roadmap to be a doctor from CUCOM

Students will spend first 2.5 years in Saint Lucia and may do 2 years of clinical rotation in the US.

Students who do not wish to appear in USMLE will complete 2 years of clinical rotation and up to one year of Internship in Saint Lucia, meaning they will have to study in Saint Lucia for the entire 5.5 years.



Medical School Tuition & Cost

At Commonwealth University College of Medicine, we believe that a medical career should be attainable for everyone with the commitment and ability to succeed. We offer a quality medical education at the most affordable tuition amongst all accredited medical schools.

Because our mission is to offer an accessible medical education, we keep our fees as affordable as possible. In fact, we offer the lowest tuition amongst all accredited medical schools. Our tuition is still competitive even to non-accredited medical schools. Choose CUCOM and start your medical career.

The Lowest Tuition Amongst All Accredited Medical Schools.

Year	First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year (1.5 Years)	
Yearly Fee	\$12000		\$12000		\$10500		\$10500	
Semester wise	\$7000	\$7000	\$7000	\$7000	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000	\$6000

Other Charges

- Hostel & Mess Caution Deposit (Refundable) : \$1200 (one time).
- Hostel, Mess & Utility Charges : approx \$450/month on actual (1st Year Compulsory 2nd Year Onward Optional).
- Visa Extension Charges : \$500/year (On Actual).
- Online Resources Fee : \$500/year.

Important Notes

- All students are responsible for their books, transportation and living expenses.
- Insurance, Lab Fee, Immigration Charges, USMLE Exam Fee, Enrolment Fee, NBME Exam Fee, Resit Fee, Transcript Fee, AMSA Club Fee and Graduation Fee are applicable.
- All tuition and fees are expressed in USD & subject to change without notice.
- Books and stationery costs may vary each year.

Accreditation & Approvals

CUCOM is listed with WDOMS, and Graduates of the university are eligible for ECFMG certification as International Medical Graduates. CUCOM is at its first stage of CAAM-HP Accreditation, reaching the second stage. Its Continuing Professional Development Programs (CPD) are organized per the World Federation of Medical Education Standards, covering International Academy for Continuing Professional Development Accreditation (IACPDA) guidelines.

I really owe everything to CUCOM. Without CUCOM, I would not have reached where I am today and I've seen several of my classmates do extremely well also.

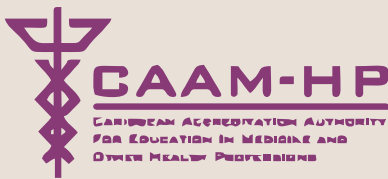
Lewis Musoke
MD - Class of 2016

CAAM-HP ▶

Join A Proudly Accredited Institution

CUCOM is granted candidacy by Caribbean Accreditation Authority or Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP).

Through this accreditation, the CAAM-HP provides assurance that programs leading to qualifications in medicine meet appropriate national and international standards for educational quality.



Other Important Recognition & Approvals ▶



NMC, India



WHO



ECFMG, USA



Ministry of Health,
St. Lucia



Government
of St. Lucia

Medical School for Indian Students

Studying medicine is a dream for many Indian students, and pursuing an MBBS degree from a foreign university has become a popular option in recent years.

When considering the best university to study medicine, a lot of factors must be taken into consideration, such as: Recognition, Education Quality, Climate and Language.

Recognised by NMC, India ►

Fully compliant with NMC guidelines

Indian students are enrolled in 5.5-years MD program. The program meets all the requirements established by the National Medical Commission of India.

After completing this educational program, Students need to clear licensing examination in order to be eligible to obtain certificate of license for medical practice in all 15 member countries of CARICOM.



Education Quality ►

CUCOM offers you a high quality & well-established American medical education systems at an affordable price, a better alternative to private medical universities in India.

Climate ►

Saint Lucia has a tropical, humid climate moderated by northeast trade winds that allow for pleasant tropical climate similar to India, This is perfect for Indian students to study and live there.

Language ►

Language acts as a huge barrier for Indian students abroad. The official language of Saint Lucia is English, making the best destination for Indian students.

Benefits for Indian students

Settle in USA as a Doctor ►

CUCOM provides an excellent pathway for medical residency and postgraduate training in the USA. After finishing of Residency you can settle in USA or return back to your country.

No FMGE/NExT Required ►

According to NMC (erstwhile MCI), students can register directly to Medical Council in India after completing Residency (PG) from USA.

NMC, India Approved Course ►

Course of duration for Indian Students is 5 years 6 months and the entire course including 1 year of rotational internship is conducted at Saint Lucia.

Can Practice in Caribbean ►

CUCOM's students are eligible to practice in all 16 member countries of CARICOM, after clearing CAMC examination.

Can practice in India ►

After completing 5.5 years of MD Program, student can return back to India and get registered in Medical Council after clearing FMGE/NExT.

100% Successful Career ►

We assist student to get settle their medical career other than clinical In US, Europe, or Canada, In case of not qualified in FMGE/NExT/USMLE.

The Lowest Tuition ►

CUCOM offer a quality medical education similar to medical school of USA/Canada at the most affordable tuition amongst all accredited medical schools in Caribbean.

Earn while Learn ►

Student will get \$67,400 average annual salary as stipend during their residency (PG) in USA, according to Medscape's 2023 Residents Salary and Debt Report.



A student centric campus

Medical school isn't limited to the classroom; it should provide a well-rounded and rewarding academic experience.

Student support is at the core of the Commonwealth University College of Medicine's mission. The CUCOM offers a wide range of services that ensure that the University is in partnership with each student during his or her academic journey. The university has dozens of opportunities for our students to expand their medical education beyond the confines of their lectures and textbooks.



Department of Educational Enhancement (DEE) ►

Holistic Support for the Whole Journey

The DEE provides services and activities that assist students in the development of organizational skills and effective study habits, time management, note-taking skills, improve student performance, and advance instructional goals for learning, retention, and curriculum progression. Most fundamentally, DEE assists students individually and in groups as they prepare for course and licensure examinations.



DEE Advantages ►

- Personalized Advising
- Mentoring from the Start
- Time Management Assistance
- Group Study Sessions and Tutoring
- Preparation for FMGE/NExT/USMLE
- Communication Development Program
- Wellness & Counseling
- Personal and Professional Development

Office Of Career Guidance And Development ►

We'll help you prepare for the real world !

CUCOM is one of the only medical schools to have a Office of Career Guidance and Development (OCGD) for medical students. The Center provides one-on-one career coaching and resources to help medical students make informed decisions and plan their medical school years and beyond. Career advising is available on an individual basis and through a variety of programs, workshops, and specialty student interest groups.



OCGD Advantages ►

- Taking a proactive approach to career development early in your career
- Getting an edge on the competition
- Developing skills for future career decisions
- Assist in application process for Residency (PG) in USA
- Settle as a doctor in USA & Canada
- Medical Career in USA, Canada or Europe without FMGE/NExT/USMLE

Student life @ CUCOM



Housing Facility ►

When you're in medical school, you need a place to call home. CUCOM offers both on-campus housing and selected third-party housing units— apartments with the comforts of home. We have a diverse selection of housing options available for students.



Cafeteria ►

CUCOM's cafeteria provides a variety of healthy, wholesome options to keep you energized and focused throughout the day. There is homemade lunch and dinner served to students. The place is open from 8AM to 9PM.



Fitness Club ►

CUCOM students looking to take a break from their studies can take advantage of Club Fitness, a local gym complete with elliptical machines, treadmills, bikes, spin bikes, a squat rack, a full dumbbell set with adjustable benches, and more.



Health Care Assistance Services ►

CUCOM students, faculty, and staff can use the on campus health clinic for their medical needs. The clinic provides: counseling services, routine medical care and screenings, vaccinations, blood tests, and electrocardiograms.



Security ►

There is round-the-clock security on campus to ensure safety of students and other members of the University.



Your island home away from home

Equal parts beauty and mystique, Saint Lucia captivates anyone who sets foot on her coastline. Always evocative, she welcomes visitors with her soothing waves, warm beaches, and hospitable people.

Saint Lucia is a North American country under the British Commonwealth. It is located centrally in the OECS region. All major airlines like American Airlines, US Airways, Air Canada, Delta Air Lines, American Eagle, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Caribbean Star flies to Saint Lucia.

Language ▼

Saint Lucia's principal language is English, but a French-based patois also widely spoken.

Climate ▼

Saint Lucia's climate is hot and tropical, with year-round temperatures of 20* to 33*C. Temperature is never an issue in Saint Lucia, making it a year-round destination for tourist.

Crime ▼

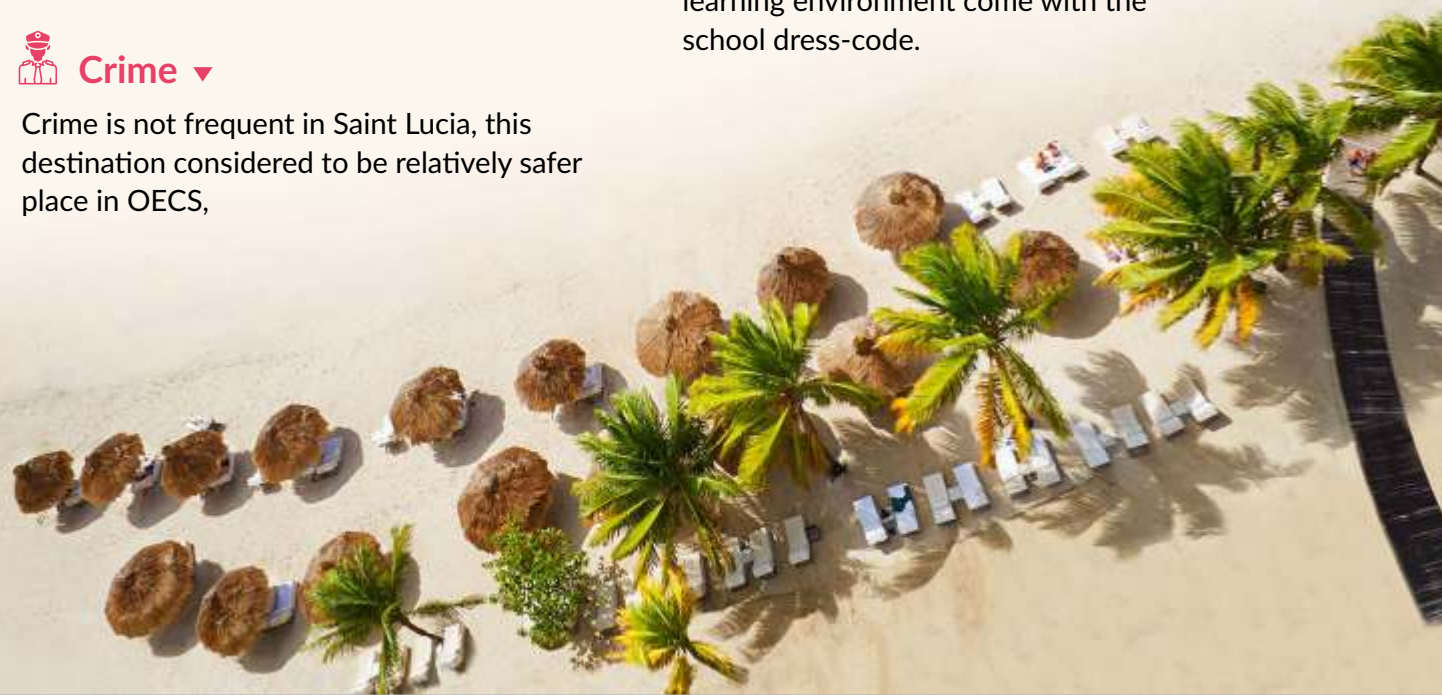
Crime is not frequent in Saint Lucia, this destination considered to be relatively safer place in OECS,

Currency ▼

US Dollars are accepted throughout the island, however the currency of Saint Lucia is Eastern Caribbean Dollar which is linked to the USD at the exchange rate of US\$1 to EC\$2.7.

What to wear ▼

Students should bring cool, comfortable clothing. Formal pants shirts with tie appreciated for the school but during learning environment come with the school dress-code.



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