



How does Saba University School of Medicine compare with other medical schools—particularly other medical schools located in the Caribbean? We invite you—in fact, we strongly encourage you—to compare Saba University with other schools. When you do, we think you will see the significant advantages that Saba University offers—academically, financially and otherwise.

The information provided here is designed to help you make an overall evaluation of medical school programs. For questions or to make comments, please contact the Admissions Department at Saba University School of Medicine via email at admissions@saba.edu or call (978) 862-9600 and press “1” for Admissions.

1. What is the success rate of your graduates?

Since 1993, more than 1,500 M.D.'s have received their start at Saba University School of Medicine. Our graduates have an extensive track record of excellent performance on the critical USMLE Step 1 exam. In 2010, the passing rate of Saba University students on the USMLE Step 1 was over 95%. In addition, over 20 percent of Saba University graduates are selected as Chief Residents or for sub-specialty fellowships.

2. Can your graduates be licensed to practice anywhere in the United States and Canada?

Yes. Saba University School of Medicine students who successfully complete the requisite licensing examinations are eligible to practice medicine in Canada, Puerto Rico and all 50 U.S. states. Specifically, Saba University School of Medicine has received approvals from the following states:

- Approved by the New York State Education Department
- Recognized by the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California
- Licensed by the Florida Department of Education Commission for Independent Education
- Approved by the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
- Saba is one of the few international medical schools approved by the licensing boards in New York, California and Florida.

3. What are your class sizes?

A typical incoming class at Saba University is approximately 100 students. This makes it possible for Saba to maintain small classes and close student-teacher interaction. This is substantially different from other medical schools that are increasing their class size and building bigger auditoriums/classrooms to accommodate a greater number of students.

4. How long will it take to earn my M.D.?

Saba University makes it possible for students to earn their M.D. in four years. Our students spend 20 months studying Basic Sciences on the campus in Saba; complete the Research: Literature Review and Analysis module; and then return to the U.S. or Canada for 72 weeks of clinical rotations. Saba University manages its clinical program to ensure that there are enough available clerkships for our students to complete their core rotations without delay. Saba University has affiliations with ACGME-approved teaching hospitals in the U.S. and Canada—more than enough to ensure timely placement for our students.

Ten Questions to Ask When Applying to Medical School

5. How do your tuition and fees compare to those of other medical schools?

Tuition and fees at Saba University are substantially lower than they are at other medical schools—even though Saba University is one of the very few medical schools located in the Caribbean whose students have obtained licensure in all 50 states and Canada. The cost of tuition at Saba is 30-50% less than those of international medical schools that have a comparable program and recognition. This enables Saba students to complete their education with far less indebtedness than those of virtually any other school.

6. What kind of financial aid is available to students at your school?

All students at Saba University are eligible for commercial student loans at competitive interest rates. Many students take advantage of the Ed-Invest Financial Aid Program (<http://application.rlpcenter.com>). In addition, Canadian students are eligible for Federal Loans through the Ministry of Education in their province of residence.

7. What are the qualifications of your faculty?

Our faculty is at the core of what makes the learning experience at Saba University different than other medical schools. All faculty members at Saba University hold an advanced medical degree or doctorate (M.D., M.B.B.S., Ph.D.) in the field they teach, and are experienced teachers. Many faculty come to Saba University because of the school's strong commitment to teaching and academic performance. In addition, our faculty are full time and live on Saba.

8. What kind of learning facilities will I find at your school?

Saba University is committed to providing the facilities that support efficient, effective learning. We offer a modern anatomy lab and a full complement of classrooms and auditoriums with the latest multi-media equipment, a fully-equipped library, student lounges and a fully-equipped test center. The entire campus is wireless. First semester students live in on-campus dorms.

9. How are you staying up to date on changes in medical education?

Medical education, globally, now emphasizes greater integration between the basic and clinical sciences portions of the medical school curriculum. At Saba University, case-based learning and clinical skills development are a prominent part of the Basic Sciences curriculum. Saba University convenes regular reviews of the curriculum by the academic Deans and participates in regular accreditation reviews. Saba University is also focused on extending its wide range of affiliations with teaching hospitals in the U.S. and Canada where our students complete their clinical rotations.

10. What is the living environment like at your school?

Saba is convenient to get to—it is 28 miles south of St. Maarten, which is a major point of entry to the Caribbean and served by direct flights from numerous locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Saba is a beautiful country—its nickname is the “Unspoiled Queen”—and is also extremely safe. Discriminating tourists have long sought out Saba for its diving, its restaurants, charming inns and stunning Caribbean vistas. Because Saba is small and off the well-worn tourist track, it lacks many of the distractions that can interfere with studying. Yet there is plenty to do, from hiking to deep sea diving.

Applying to Saba University

Saba University makes it simple to submit your application—there are two ways to do it: Go to www.Saba.edu/apply and (1) Complete the Application form online or (2) download the Application form and fax (978-862-9699) or mail it in. To contact the Admissions Office, call 978-862-9600 and press “1” for admissions.

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