GRADUATES OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS

25% of all actively practicing physicians in the U.S. and Canada are graduates of international medical schools.

There are more than 150 medical schools in the U.S. and Canada. Because these schools receive far more applications from qualified students than they can accept, many students now attend international medical schools—i.e., schools located outside the U.S. and Canada—and then come back home for their post-graduate residency training. Graduates of international medical schools now make up approximately one-fourth of the physician workforce and are critical to meeting health care needs in both the U.S. and Canada.

LISTING OF INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOLS

All leading international medical schools, such as Saba University School of Medicine, are included in the World Directory of Medical Schools. The World Directory was created by merging the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) maintained by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER), and the Avicenna Directory that was developed by the World Health Organization (WHO).

For more information about the World Directory of Medical Schools, go to http://www.wdoms.org/

CURRICULUM

International medical schools, like their counterparts in the U.S. and Canada, typically offer a four-year curriculum that includes classroom learning in the basic sciences and clinical experience in a teaching hospital. In many cases, such as at Saba University School of Medicine, students complete the clinical portion of their medical education back in their home country. Students at international medical schools also receive preparation for the licensing exams that all students must pass before being accepted into a post-graduate residency or fellowship.

CERTIFICATION

In recognition of the significant role that international medical schools play in educating physicians and surgeons, medical authorities in the U.S. and Canada have established specific certification processes for graduates of these schools.

Canadian Certification Process: The certification process in Canada includes both the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Exam (MCCEE) and the National Assessment Collaboration (NAC) Exam.

- **MCCEE:** In order to practice medicine in Canada, all students must first pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (Parts 1 & 2) as a pre-requisite to obtaining the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. Prior to taking these exams, graduates of international medical schools must first pass the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE), a general assessment of the candidate’s basic medical knowledge in the principal disciplines of medicine.
NAC: The National Assessment Collaboration (NAC) exam is a national, standardized examination that assesses readiness for entrance into a Canadian residency program. All NAC examination candidates are, at a minimum, required to have passed the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) before being eligible to take the NAC examination. Some jurisdictions may add region-specific criteria. The Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) accepts NAC examination results as part of match application packages. The NAC examination is not a prerequisite to obtain the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada. However, depending on the provincial IMG assessment program, a pass result on the NAC examination may be a prerequisite for eligibility for residency training programs.

Canadian students can obtain more information about the MCCEE and the NAC at http://mcc.ca/examinations/

U.S. Certification Process: Any physician who receives his/her basic medical degree or qualification from an international medical school and seeks to practice medicine in the U.S. or Canada must obtain certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical School Graduates http://www.ecfmg.org/ (ECFMG). Certification by the ECFMG involves (but is not limited to) the following steps:

- Applying to the ECFMG for a USMLE/ECFMG Identification Number and completing the application for ECFMG Certification.
- Achieving passing performance on the USMLE including the USMLE Step 1 and the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) and Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) exams.
- Verification of a graduate’s medical education credentials, including the final medical diploma, final medical school transcript, and (if applicable) transcript(s) that document any transferred academic credits.

Both medical school students and graduates may begin the certification process and apply for the required exams as soon as they meet the eligibility requirements for examination. However, completion of the ECFMG certification process cannot take place until after graduation from medical school.

The ECFMG verifies the authenticity of an applicant’s credentials directly with authorized officials of the applicant’s medical school. An applicant’s credentials are not considered complete until the ECFMG receives and accepts verification of these credentials directly from the issuing school(s). Since 2012, ECFMG has offered credentials verification over the Internet.

U.S. students can obtain more information, including how to apply for the examinations required for ECFMG Certification, by download the ECFMG Information Booklet at http://www.ecfmg.org/certification/index.html

Why Saba University School of Medicine

Saba University sets the standard in international medical education. And we’ve been doing it for over 20 years. No other international medical school can match Saba’s track record:

- The 99% first-time pass rate of Saba students on the USMLE Step 1.
- The residencies Saba students earn at leading medical centers across Canada and the US.
- The accreditations and approvals Saba has been awarded by U.S. and international medical authorities, include the NVAO, a leading European accreditation organization.

Saba has a residency placement rate on par with U.S. medical schools and far above both U.S. osteopathic and comparable international schools. And Saba is one of the few medical schools located in the Caribbean whose graduates can be permanently licensed to practice medicine anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

The U.S. Department of Education has approved Saba students to apply for U.S. Federal Direct student loans to help finance their education.

Applying to Saba University

Saba University makes it simple to submit your application: Go to www.Saba.edu/apply and complete the Application form online. You can launch your application at any time for any of Saba’s three start dates: September, January and May.

To contact the Admissions Office, call 978-862-9600 and press “1” for admissions or email admissions@saba.edu