

# Doctor of Medicine Degree Program

## 4-YEAR MD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR US AND CANADIAN APPLICANTS

### DEGREE

A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.

### PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

The following specific undergraduate coursework (or its equivalent) is required as part of the program requirements for admission:

- One year General Biology or Zoology with lab
- One year Inorganic Chemistry (General or Physical) with lab
- One year Organic Chemistry with lab
- One semester Physics with lab
- One semester Math (Calculus, Computer Science, or Statistics)
- One semester English

### MEDICAL SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST (MCAT)

SGU's MCAT code is 21303. For information on the MCAT, including registering to take the test, test dates, test sites, fees and obtaining test results, visit the [MCAT website](#).

### Who needs to submit an MCAT score?

- US applicants must submit a Medical School Admissions Test (MCAT) score as part of their application.
- Canadian applicants are not required to submit an MCAT score *unless* an MCAT exam has been previously taken or you have a date to take the MCAT.
- Applicants from outside North America are *not* required to submit an MCAT.

## 4-YEAR MD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-US AND NON-CANADIAN APPLICANTS

### DEGREE

A bachelor's degree with a strong science background is necessary.

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

English language: An English exam is required for any prospective student whose country is not considered English-speaking as per [UKVI](#).

If you obtained your undergraduate degree in any English-speaking country, there may be an exception. In this instance, you must request a waiver in order to be determined by our committee on admissions.

- IELTS- 7.0 on each band
- TOEFL- 100 (Internet-based)
- Password-Skills –7.0 on each band
- CAE:
- PTE Academic – A score of 65 overall with 65 in each band is required for direct entry

Students who score slightly below the direct entry requirement may be offered an English support program or track. Students who qualify for this option will be notified at the time of admission.

Program	Qualifications	Entry Point
	<b>Advanced Levels:</b> Minimum 3 subjects with A's and B's in Biology, Chemistry, and either Math or Physics; Math or Physics can be accepted at AS level with strong non-science third A level.	
	<b>Approved foundation programs:</b> SGU recognizes and approves a range of science/medical pathway programs.	
5-Year MD Pathway	<b>Full IB Diploma:</b> Requires a minimum score of 32 points; 3 HL science subjects recommended; minimum of 2 HL subjects required, which must include Chemistry and Biology; results 5 or higher.	Preclinical Year 3
	<b>India 10+2 or CBSE:</b> Minimum of 80% average with no grade below 80% in Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and English.	
	<b>Secondary school diploma:</b> Exceptional science performance with AP's, SABIS High School.	
6-Year MD Pathway	<b>Further education:</b> AS Levels, Baccalaureate, South Africa Matric, Higher School Exam, Irish Leaving Certificate.	Preclinical Year 2
	<b>WASSCE:</b> B2 or better in minimum 6 subjects which include Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and English	
7-Year MD Pathway	<b>IGCSE: Strong Science Performance</b> B or better in minimum 6 subjects, which include Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and English; Scores Vary by Region	Preclinical Year 1

### St. George's University Of Grenada School Of Medicine/ Northumbria University Program

The academic admission requirements for the St. George's University of Grenada School of Medicine/ Northumbria University Program are the same as entry into the four-year Doctor of Medicine program in the School of Medicine in Grenada.

## Criteria for Student Selection

Our committee on admission, the Faculty Student Selection Committee (FSSC), is responsible for the selection of students to Saint George's University School of Medicine applicants to SGUSOM are selected individually for admission by considering each applicant's academic strengths as well as their experiences and attributes these factors are viewed in combination to consider how an individual might contribute value not only as a medical student but also as a future physician.

**The successful applicant to SGUSOM will have demonstrated the following strengths and attributes:**

- Strong academic achievement or potential
- Empathy and compassion
- Motivation towards and demonstrated interest in the profession of medicine
- Ability to learn from mistakes or failures
- Critical thinking with problem-solving ability
- Strong communication skills and ability to work in a team
- Resilience and adaptability
- Sense of community responsibility
- Curiosity and dedication to lifelong learning
- Sensitivity and openness to diversity

## The Admissions Process

The admission process is comprised of three stages:

- **Initial Review**
- **Interview**
- **Final Review**

Your Admission Officer and Admissions Coordinator will keep you updated about your progress and answer any questions you may have.

### **Initial Review**

Once your application has been submitted, and your supporting documents have been received, your Admissions Officer will send your application file to our committee on admission, The Faculty Student Selection Committee, for an “initial review”. Following the initial review, you will either be invited for a medical school interview, or you will be notified that you have not been selected for an interview. Applicants are usually notified about their interview decision within 5 business days. On occasion, the committee may request additional information before an interview decision is made. Your Admissions Officer will notify you if that is the case.

### **Interview**

The interview is your opportunity to demonstrate how your journey has prepared you for success as a medical student and for a lifelong commitment to excellence in the field of medicine. Through dialogue with our professional interview team, you are able to explore the lessons you have learned from your challenges and highlight the experiences that will guide you in being a compassionate, dedicated, and outstanding physician.

As part of our commitment to supporting students throughout the process, we invite you to review the following information to assist in preparing for and making the most of your interview experience.

### **Final Review**

Following your interview, your Admissions Officers will send the summary of your interview along with your application file back to our committee on admission, The Faculty Student Selection. The Committee will holistically review your complete file and make the admission decision. The possible admissions decisions are:

- **Admit**
- **Admit with Provisions** (Note: If you are admitted with provisions, your admissions letter will outline the specific conditions of your offer.)
- **Not Admit**

A student's acceptance into the School of Medicine is granted upon the presumption by the Faculty Student Selection Committee that:

1. All courses currently being taken by the applicant will be completed prior to registration.
2. All statements made by the applicant during the admission process, whether oral, written, or in submission of academic documentation, are true and correct. If it is subsequently discovered that false or inaccurate information was submitted, the University may nullify a candidate's acceptance or, if the student is registered, dismiss the student.

## **Technical Standards**

St. George's University School of Medicine has established technical standards for admission to, continued enrollment in and graduation from the MD program. You may review the technical standards [here](#).

## **Transfer Admission**

St. George's University School of Medicine (SGU) will consider applications from students seeking transfer from another medical school into the Four-Year Doctor of Medicine program.

Prospective students are considered for transfer at the following entry points:

### **Entry into Clinical Training (Year 3)**

Students who are in the process of completing or have completed their pre-clinical coursework at an accredited medical school within a four-year curriculum medical school **and** who are either eligible to take or have passed the [United States Medical Licensing Exam](#) (USMLE Step 1) can be considered for transfer into the beginning of **SGU Year 3: Clinical Training**.

Successful passing of USMLE Step 1 may occur before or after acceptance into SGU as a transfer student but must occur prior to matriculation into SGU Year 3. Start dates into SGU Year 3: Clinical Training are rolling and occur at six-week intervals throughout the year.

All SGU students, including applicants accepted for transfer into Year 3, are required to complete 80 weeks of clinical studies comprised of forty-two weeks of core rotations, 12-14 weeks of additional required rotations and 22-24 weeks of electives. SGU students complete clinical training at SGU-affiliated hospitals and clinics across the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and Grenada. Core clinical rotations include Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry and Family Medicine.

Students who complete all academic requirements in Year 3 and 4 will be eligible to receive a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

### **Entry into Basic Sciences (Year 1)**

Students who have completed a small portion of their pre-clinical (Basic Sciences) coursework at another medical school **and** who have not yet passed the [United States Medical Licensing Exam](#) (USMLE Step 1) are eligible to be considered for transfer into SGU's Basic Sciences Term 1.

Advanced standing is **not** granted for entry to Term 1, and no credit is awarded for prior coursework taken at another medical school.

Students who are accepted will be enrolled in Term 1 and will need to complete the full Basic Sciences curriculum and all other academic requirements.

## **MPH Program**

The Master of Public Health (MPH) program offers a Summer term beginning in May and a Fall Term beginning in August.

Our committee on admissions, the Faculty Student Selection Committee (FSSC) utilizes a rolling admission policy; therefore, applications are accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The final deadline for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is June 15th of the current year for the August class and March 15th for the May class.

### **Admission Requirements for North American Applicants**

- A bachelor's degree from a recognized university or college, with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Work experience or a strong interest in public health
- Two letters of recommendation

### **British Applicants**

- A first- or second-class degree
- Work experience or a strong interest in public health
- Two letters of recommendation

## **Other Models of Education**

- A bachelor's degree, BSc or equivalent with a strong science background
- Work experience or a strong interest in public health
- Two letters of recommendation

If English is not the applicant's principal language, the official record of a score of at least 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a 7.0 overall score in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

St. George's University participates in the Schools of Public Health Application Service (SOPHAS)—the centralized application service for schools accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

SOPHAS will verify your coursework for accuracy, calculate your GPA, and send your application to as many public health schools and programs as you wish to designate who utilize the service.

## **MSc and PhD Programs ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

### **FOR NORTH AMERICAN APPLICANTS**

A bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) with a GPA of 3.0 and a strong science background.

- GRE tests are not required, but a strong GRE performance enhances an application.
- Two letters of recommendation are necessary.
- Prior research experience is a benefit, but not a requirement.

### **FOR BRITISH APPLICANTS**

- Applicants from the United Kingdom system must have a first- or second-class degree.
- Two letters of recommendation are necessary.
- Prior research experience is a benefit, but not a requirement.

### **FOR APPLICANTS FROM OTHER SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION**

- A bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) with a strong science background.
- Two letters of recommendation are necessary.
- Prior research experience is a benefit, but not a requirement.
- If English is not the principal language, the applicant must have achieved a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based), or 100 (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a 7.0 overall score on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). (The University's TOEFL code is 2864.)

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students interested in applying solely to an MSc or PhD program must submit a School of Medicine graduate application and all the supporting documentation.

## **Dual Degree Programs**

### **BS/MD Degree**

Students interested in the BS/MD degree must submit an application to the Office of the University Registrar and the Office of the Preclinical Program during their first term of enrollment. Students who enter the final year of the preclinical program directly (e.g., with Advanced Levels or Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination [CAPE]) cannot earn a BS degree without spending additional semesters in the program.