

Dear Student,

As you know, each academic year, many excellent candidates are denied an opportunity to attend U.S. medical schools because of the limited number of available spaces, yet the number of residency appointments in U.S. hospitals regularly exceeds the number of U.S. medical school graduates. **In fact, approximately 20% of residency appointments are filled by graduates of international medical schools.** American University of Antigua College of Medicine was created in response to the seriously growing shortage of U.S.-trained physicians available to fill residency positions.

In 1998, the Eastern Caribbean island of Antigua adopted a national mandate to become the preeminent provider of medical services in the Caribbean. As part of this mission, **Antigua is building the most technologically advanced hospital in the Caribbean**, the Mt. St. John Medical Centre. A group of outstanding medical educators was chosen to create a medical school of the same caliber to affiliate with the new hospital, providing the first hospital-integrated medical education in the Caribbean. The medical school provides students with a **superior medical education**, preparing them to **pass the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and the Clinical Skills Assessment test (CSA) and for licensure to practice medicine in the United States.**

Students take their first four semesters of basic sciences courses at the Antigua campus. Our **faculty** is experienced and dedicated to teaching, and many have received **distinguished teacher awards** from the students of the medical schools at which they taught before they came to AUA. The fifth semester Preliminary Clinical Training course is taught through the auspices of the **Greater Miami Health Education and Training Campus (GMHETC)**. After the fifth semester students take the **USMLE Step I**, and **then proceed to clinical rotations, both mandatory and elective, at AUA affiliated hospitals in the United States.**