

# What is CAAM HP ?

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The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) is the legally constituted body established in 2003 under the aegis of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), empowered to determine and prescribe standards and to accredit programmes of medical, dental, veterinary and other health professions education on behalf of CARICOM Countries.

In other words, CAAM HP is to Caribbean Medical Schools what MCI is to Indian Medical Schools.

Degree of any Caribbean Medical school which is not approved by CAAM HP won't be considered valid.

CARRICOM countries have signed a pact, an agreement that CAAM HP is the accreditation body for all medical colleges located in Caribbean.

It is important to note that CAAM HP checks the clinical rotation hospitals of the medical college before giving accreditation. Many Caribbean Medical Schools don't have ACGME Approved Clinical Rotations in USA; they just offer Cheap Observership; hence they don't get the CAAM HP approval.

The CAAM-HPP standards and processes are approved by the WFME (World Federation for Medical Education) in 2012.

WFME approval is very important because of ECFMG 2023 announcement which reads,

ECFMG® has announced that, effective in 2023, physicians applying for ECFMG Certification will be required to graduate from a medical school that has been appropriately accredited by an accrediting agency which is approved by WFME.

The accreditation system used by the CAAM-HP is based on that of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). This system functions with a clear, authoritative mandate, operates independently of governments and institutions, uses preset standards, draws on external reviewers and involves self-evaluation and site visits.

## CAAM HP Assessed Programs :-

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<http://www.caam-hp.org/assessedprogrammes.html>

CAM HP International Recognition

<http://www.caam-hp.org/documents/CAAM-HP%20Int'l%20Recognition.pdf>



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## Most Important information passed on by ECFMG

For students/graduates of a medical school to be eligible to apply to ECFMG for ECFMG Certification, ECFMG must have, among other things, confirmation from the appropriate ministry in the medical school's host country that:

- (1) The medical school is recognized as a medical school by the ministry; and
- (2) That graduates from that medical school are eligible to be licensed to practice medicine in the medical school's host country.
- (3) Most Important Point,

Starting in 2023, individuals applying for ECFMG Certification must be a student or graduate of a medical school that is appropriately accredited. More specifically, the school must be accredited by an accrediting agency that is officially recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME).

The WFME Recognition Programme is the only program accepted by ECFMG at the current time for the recognition of medical school accrediting agencies.

Thus, beginning in 2023, medical schools will need to be accredited by a WFME-recognized accrediting agency if they wish to ensure their students and graduates are eligible for ECFMG Certification.

Graduates of Caribbean Medical School are eligible for licensure in the host country only and only if that Medical School is approved by CAAM HP.

If a Caribbean medical school is not currently accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP), students are not eligible for licensure in that country and hence not eligible for ECFMG certification.

Students from such medical schools are NOT eligible to apply to ECFMG for ECFMG Certification or to register for USMLE examination as a step towards ECFMG Certification.

From 2023, students from medical schools that are accredited by an accreditation body which is not recognized by WFME will NOT be eligible for ECFMG Certification.

<https://www.ecfm.org/accreditation/>



# Why is Pre-Med Required ?

MD Doctor of Medicine course is a second entry level degree program and is based on American System of Education.

It is mandatory to have at least 90 Credit Hours of COLLEGE LEVEL study to be eligible for the 4 year MD Program (Equivalent to MBBS)

Beware of people who play with the life and career of students and offer direct entry to 4 year MD program with bogus explanations like 12th Standard students get 90 Credit hours of coursework. This is not 'college level study' and hence not applicable.

We request our students not to get trapped into this cheap enticement by people who make their living on gullible students.

Saving one year's tuition would mean that your degree is absolutely not valid anywhere in the world.

For ex :- You cannot do MCoM without BCoM and neither can you do both simultaneously.

There can be an integrated program but it cannot be simultaneous.

## Difference between Clinical Rotations and Observership

Clinical Rotations can be categorized into core clerkships and electives. Clerkship and elective rotations for international medical students are part of the medical student's clinical education curriculum normally undertaken in the 3rd and 4th year of their MD program.

This will fall under Hands on category with direct patient interaction, direct patient care and clinical training. This is usually undertaken with the affiliated teaching hospital.

Students would also be required to appear for NBME exams after each rotation which would prepare them for their USMLE Step 2 examination.

### Note :-

All the rotations offered by Spartan Health Science University are in ACGME Approved Teaching hospitals in USA and are Green Book Clinical Rotations. It is a mandatory requirement for licensure by most states in USA that core rotations should be undertaken in

ACGME approved Green Book teaching Hospital.

To be eligible for NRMP match program it is imperative that all the rotations are ACGME approved.



## What are Green Book Rotations ?

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Green book rotation is a rotation done in a hospital that has a ACGME approved Residency in that rotation or branch.

For example, if you want to do a internal medicine core clerkship then it has to be in a hospital where they have a ACGME approved Internal medicine residency program (which tells everyone that this place is a teaching hospital).

It also provides a chance to the student to impress the residency director of the hospital where he/she is doing the Clinical Rotation.

Observership refers to shadowing-only rotations, NO direct patient-care, NO direct patient interaction and NO hands on clinical training

Observership does not qualify residency requirements.

## For general information of students

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The cost (to Caribbean Medical Schools) of ACGME approved Green Book Clinical rotation in US teaching hospital is minimum 500 US\$/week.

Students are required to do atleast 72 to 80 weeks of Rotations. (Which means the cost to college for the last two years in USA is at

the very least 40,000 US\$ equivalent to 28 lakh Indian rupees. This should get the alarm bells ringing when someone offers you the entire 5 year course at 30 lakh Indian rupees)

The Cost of Observership is 100 US\$/month. At some private clinics it is 0.

Beware of people who play with the career of students by offering cheap observership. Your MD degree won't be valid in USA, India or any other country in the world.

