



ROSS UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



RUSM students celebrating their Residency matches.



RUSM students in the anatomy lab.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO RUSM UNIVERSITY

ABOUT RUSM

At Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM), we understand that choosing a medical school is a huge decision. After all, it is the foundation upon which your son or daughter's life's work will be built. Established over 40 years ago, we are proud of the many successes our students have achieved—and with more than 14,000 alumni across the United States and Canada, we are inspired every day by the difference they are making in the world.

Students choose RUSM because of our dedicated faculty, integrated curriculum, international outreach opportunities, and ability to provide an education that enables our students to pass their U.S. and Canadian licensing exams and obtain excellent residencies.

Whether your child wants to be a brain surgeon, pediatrician, or primary care physician, RUSM can help prepare them to achieve their goal. As you help your son or daughter make this important decision, we welcome you to learn more about our offerings and see if Ross University School of Medicine is the right place for your child to begin their own road to residency.

OUR ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Grades and test scores are important, but they don't always let us see the bigger picture and really understand why your son or daughter has chosen to become a doctor. This is why we take a holistic admissions approach and look at everything from clinical experience to personal character. We search for strength within every single one of our students, as well as that "special something" that has led them to choose this particular path.

And our holistic approach doesn't end with admission, but is incorporated into every facet of our integrated curriculum. This is advantageous in that it allows our students to master an ever-growing body of medical information in a more effective manner through hands-on training, which our students receive from semester 1.

ACCESSING READINESS

Even before your son or daughter arrives on campus, he or she will have access to our online pre-matriculation course to help assess their readiness for medical school. This course includes practice tests and is designed to give incoming students a glimpse of what to expect in their first semester.

LEARN MORE: <https://medical.rossu.edu/current-students.html>

"The simulation lab was a very exciting part of my learning. It's set up as real-world situations, and each room is a replica of a real hospital room with all the necessary instruments and monitors. I always found those sessions very thought provoking and exciting."

-Joyce Haynes Busch, MD '16

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

YEARS 1 & 2: FOUNDATIONS OF MEDICINE



The first four semesters of your son or daughter's time at RUSM will be spent on our technologically advanced campus. Here, they will take part in our Foundations of Medicine (FOM) curriculum, which—as its name suggests—provides a strong foundation in the basic sciences for your child to build upon. Two FOM tracks are offered—a four-semester accelerated track, and a five-semester track.

At RUSM, we take an integrated, systems-based approach that is modeled after curricula used in the United States. What does this mean? In a nutshell, our students learn the physiological, anatomical, and biochemical processes of an organ system all at once. This holistic approach is educationally advantageous because it provides a broader view of how these different systems work together and makes it more relevant in the clinical context. And our students take part in hands-on training from semester 1.

YEAR 3: INTERNAL MEDICINE FOUNDATIONS



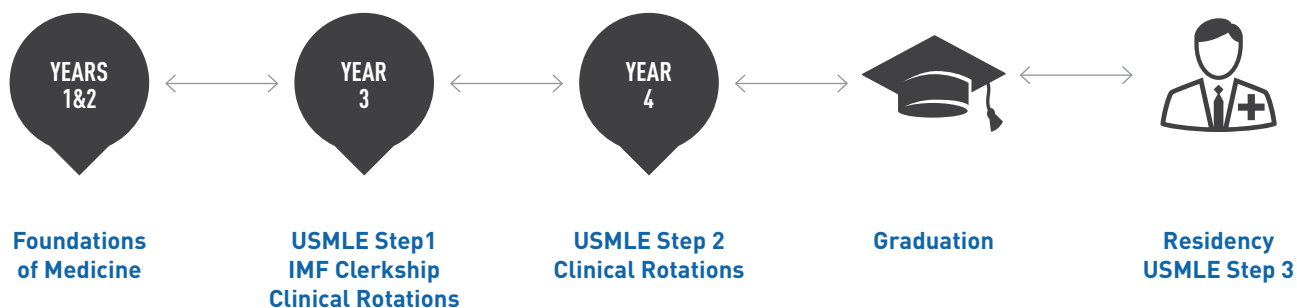
Upon successful completion of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 1, RUSM students embark on Internal Medicine Foundations (IMF), an intensive, physician-supervised six-week clinical clerkship in Miramar, Fla., specifically geared to facilitate success in subsequent clinical rotations and in the USMLE Step 2.

YEARS 3 & 4: CLINICAL ROTATIONS



This exciting period in your son or daughter's training will be carried out in our partner teaching hospitals across the United States. And while our network of hospitals spans the U.S., students have the option to fulfill all of them in one geographic location. This is important because it not only helps to ensure a consistent clinical experience as they rotate through different disciplines, but it also helps to lower related expenses. And because RUSM students are given hands-on experience from semester one, they transition into the clinical semesters with confidence and the tools they need to succeed.

PATH TO RESIDENCY TIMELINE



CLINICAL ROTATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Our partner hospitals are located in New York, California, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, Georgia, and elsewhere across the country.



California



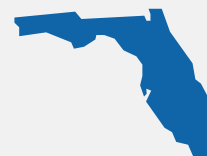
Georgia



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Florida



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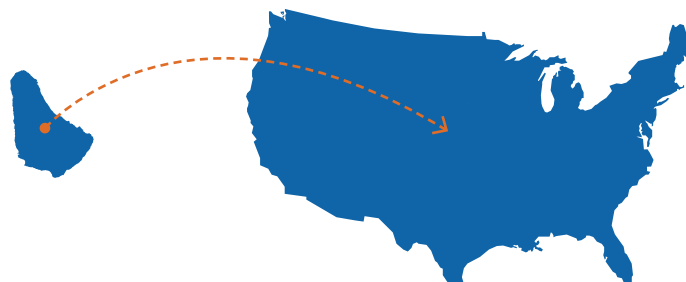
New York

LEARN MORE: <https://medical.rossu.edu/md-program/curriculum/clinical-education.html>



DID YOU KNOW?

RUSM students spend roughly one-third of their medical education abroad. The other two-thirds—and the majority of their medical school career—is spent in the U.S. at our partner hospitals right alongside U.S. medical students.



1/3

Barbados

(Starting January 2019 Semester)

2/3

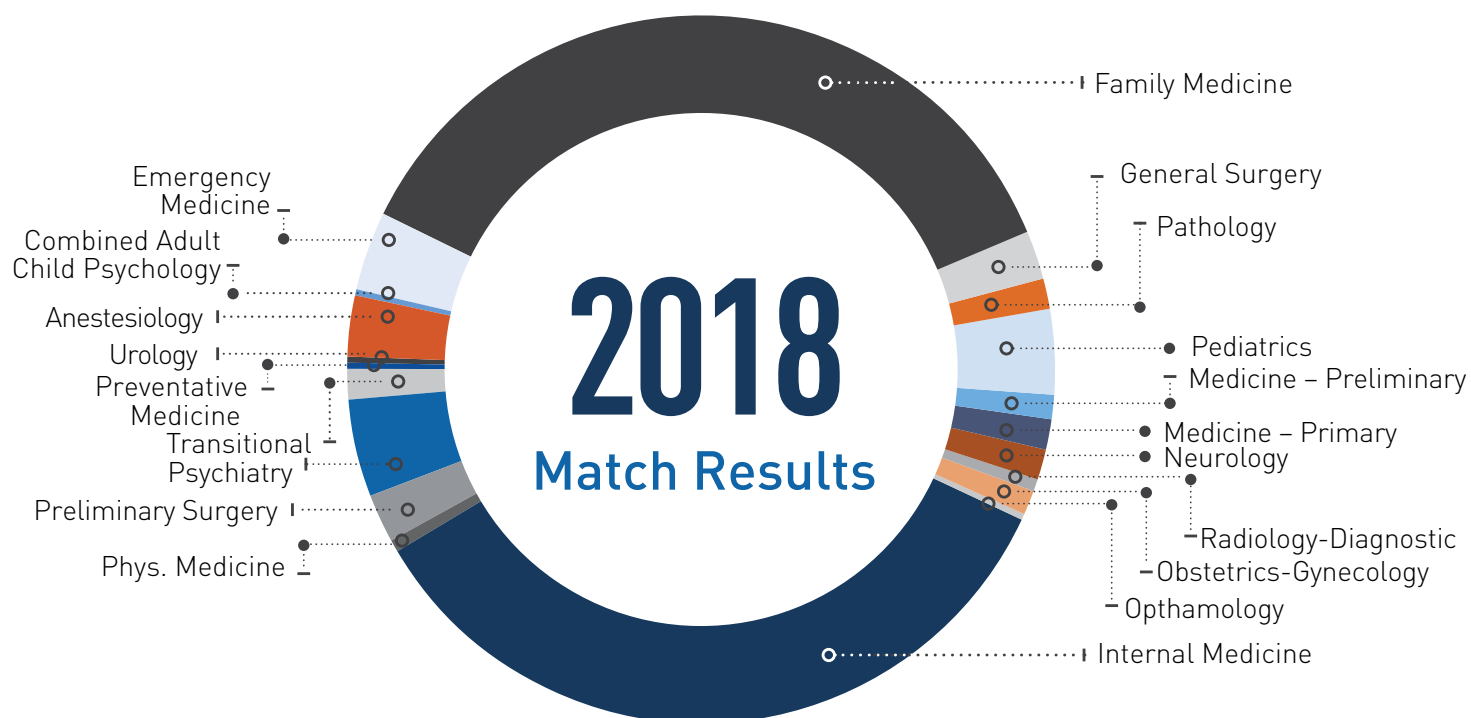
United States

GRADUATION & RESIDENCY

There's nothing quite like Match Day at Ross University School of Medicine. Each year, literally hundreds of our graduates receive the news that they have reached their goal and matched in their chosen specialties at leading hospitals across the U.S. and Canada. We are also proud of the fact that 627 of our graduates matched in 2018. These graduates matched in 20 disciplines, including neurological surgery, emergency medicine, family and internal medicine, dermatology, and pediatrics.

LEARN MORE: <http://med.rossu.edu/residency>

AND WE'RE PROUD OF THE RESULTS:



For the complete 2018 list of RUSM residency attainment rates and specialties please visit http://scripts.rossu.us/form_submit/landing/ResidencyLists/2018/index.html

*According to the National Residency Matching Program and institutionally reported data.

THE BASIC SCIENCES CAMPUS

TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED

At RUSM, we've equipped our campus with the advanced technology your son or daughter will need to leverage every aspect of their medical education and keep them ahead of the curve.

Simulation is an important part of the basic sciences curriculum at RUSM. Our progressive sims give students the opportunity to explore, acquire, and practice clinical skills through realistic patient scenarios. Under the guidance of our talented faculty, your child will take part in multiple simulations throughout their time at RUSM that will bring all the skills they've acquired together, until he or she can work together seamlessly to provide the best care possible for every type of patient care scenario.

And RUSM's Center for Anatomical Sciences and Medical Imaging features a high-tech anatomy lab that provides students with an interactive environment in which to attain the next level of knowledge of the normal and pathological aspects of the human body. How? By combining traditional anatomization with advanced digital imaging and display technology in a completely hands-on environment.

STUDENT BODY

Our student body is made up of an incredibly diverse group that includes a large number of underrepresented minorities, second career, and non-traditional students. Also, 80% of our students are between 22 to 29 years of age at the start of enrollment. RUSM also offers a truly global health perspective.



PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

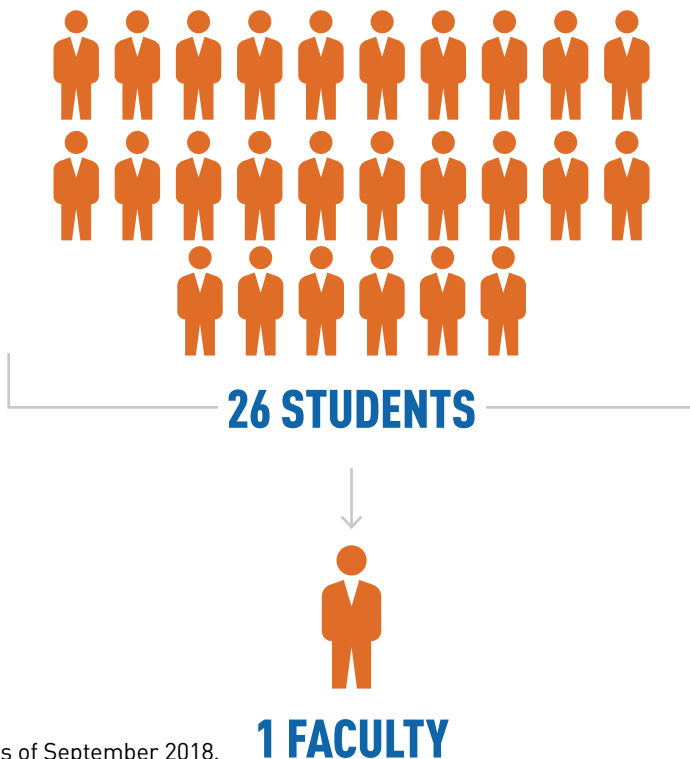
OUR FACULTY

At RUSM, we have a 26:1 student/faculty ratio¹. Small class size and the fact that our faculty's time is not split between teaching and research gives them the ability to focus their time and energy on one thing – their students. Chosen for their exceptional professional credentials, our faculty's mission is to educate future physicians, and they stand out for making sure RUSM students have the support they need to succeed. This means they will be available to your child to provide extra help, offer advice, or lend support as he or she strives to meet the rigors of the medical school curriculum.

THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

At RUSM, we understand that providing support to our students is a key part of their success. The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) strives to meet the needs of each and every student by offering individualized and small-group support using proven techniques that cater to different learning styles.

ONLY 26:1 STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO



¹As of September 2018.

“The methods we use at the CTL are very diverse because every student will come to their medical education with a different background. We try to help students develop a much more personalized approach to their own study rather than their being one common prescription for all students.”

-Stanley White, PhD, Senior Associate Dean



RUSM TUITION

TUITION

	Foundations of Medicine (FOM)	Semester 5 FOM* (Regular Track Students Only)	Clinical Clerkships, Including Internal Medicine Foundations (IMF)**
Tuition per semester (Flat Rate: 9-21 credits)	\$23,240	\$17,430	\$25,650
Student Government Association Fee per semester	\$50	\$50	\$25
Education Resource Fee	\$400	\$400	\$397.50
Health Insurance Fee per semester Price includes an administration charge.	\$766	\$766	\$766

Medical school is a major investment in your child’s future. To help offset the cost, scholarships and financial aid are available to eligible students, which is intended to fill any gaps that may exist between your family’s ability to afford educational expenses and the cost of attendance. Typically, students at RUSM finance the cost of their education by combining family resources, federal student loans and scholarships, and loans from other sources.

Because RUSM is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, students are eligible for Federal Stafford Loans. Canadian students have various options available to them to help finance their education, such as provincial and private loans. Eligible Canadian students can qualify for scholarships as well.

To learn more and see if your child meets the eligibility criteria, visit <https://medical.rossu.edu/admissions/financial-aid.html>

HOLISTIC ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Our Admissions Committee considers each applicant based on a combination of: cumulative undergraduate GPA, pre-medical coursework GPA, advanced science courses, MCAT scores, personal essay, pre-med committee evaluations, letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references,

extracurricular activities and accomplishments, personal qualities, and a personal interview. **RUSM has three class starts a year, in September, January, and May.**

While there are no application deadlines, classes do fill up as the start of the semester nears. Please encourage your son or daughter to submit their application as early as possible before their desired start date to provide ample time to work with our admissions team to complete their application, submit required documentation, and prepare for enrollment.

Learn more: medical.rossu.edu/admissions

As a parent of a prospective medical school student, we hope learning about our University and offerings has helped you as you strive to help your son or daughter find the right medical school for your family. If you would like additional information, please contact us at RUSMparents@rossu.edu. We would be more than happy to provide answers to any questions you, or your son or daughter, may have.

YOUR CHILD’S PATH TO RESIDENCY STARTS HERE.

Please see the Student Handbook for tuition and refund policies. Students must pay for all courses taken. *Students in the take 5 semesters of Foundations of Medicine and 6 semesters of clinical clerkships for a total of 11 semesters. Students in the take 4 semesters of Foundations of Medicine and 6 semesters of Clinical Clerkships for a total of 10 semesters.**The rates represented above represents a full-time, 15 week/ credit schedule each semester. Tuition will be prorated per clinical at a rate of \$1,710 per credit/week and the Educational Resource Fee at \$26.50 per credit/week. The Clinical Student Government Fee is not subject to proration. Health Insurance is billed on a periodic basis in September, January and May regardless of schedule and is not subject to proration.

WHY RUSM?

STUDENT SUCCESS

Our medical school program is designed to help your son or daughter succeed

FOUNDATIONS OF MEDICINE

Our basic sciences curriculum provides hands-on training from semester 1 and is modeled after U.S. medical school curricula

CLINICAL TRAINING

Your son or daughter will have the option to fulfill all of their clinical rotations at one of our many partner hospitals in the U.S.

LICENSING EXAMS

RUSM students take the same exact licensing exams as students from U.S. medical schools

ACCREDITATION

RUSM is accredited by the Dominica Medical Board (DMB) and the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP)

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The World Health Organization (WHO) includes RUSM in its listings of medical schools approved by recognized national authorities

RESIDENCY

Every year, hundreds of RUSM graduates match for residency in their chosen specialties at leading hospitals across the U.S. and Canada

LICENSURE

RUSM graduates are eligible for licensure to practice in every U.S. state, Canada, and Puerto Rico

FINANCIAL AID

Our tuition is on par with private medical schools in the U.S. and qualified students are eligible to receive U.S. federal funding and scholarships. Canadian students may be eligible for loans through the Canadian government and/or private loan programs.

BY THE NUMBERS

627

Number of current and former RUSM graduates who attained residency appointments in 2018 in 20 disciplines

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94%

USMLE Step 1 first-time pass rate in 2017

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14,000+

RUSM Alumni in U.S., Canada and beyond

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50

RUSM graduates are eligible to practice in all 50 US States, Canada and Puerto Rico



RUSM students celebrating at their White Coat Ceremony.

“RUSM provided me with a strong basic sciences curriculum, as well as excellent clinical rotations, the combination of which led me to obtaining a residency near my hometown in California.”

Paolo Jorge, MD '13

PAIN MEDICINE FELLOW
MAYO CLINIC, ARIZONA



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