Non-AUB Medical School Graduate Applying to a Residency Program  
For Academic Year 2016-2017

I. General Information

1.1 Applicants with one of the following qualifications are eligible to join the post-graduate programs at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center.

- Graduates of medical schools in the United States and Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
- Graduates of colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- Graduates of medical schools (outside the United States and Canada) registered in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) [http://www.faimer.org](http://www.faimer.org) and who meet one of the following qualifications:
  i. Have received a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to appointment
  ii. Having passed the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge or equivalent (International Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science Examination -IFOM CSE) and an English Proficiency Exam
- Graduates of medical schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school

1.2 GME Programs at AUB provide equal opportunities to all regardless of their gender, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, marital status, age, creed, citizenship, or veteran status.

II. Qualifying Examinations

1. English Proficiency Examination: Applicants must show a level of proficiency in the English language by obtaining the minimum scores in any of the below exams:

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<th>Exam</th>
<th>Minimum Score in English Language Proficiency Requirements (ELPR)</th>
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<td>TOEFL (Computer Based)</td>
<td>230</td>
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<td>TOEFL (Paper Based)</td>
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<td>TOEFL (Internet Based)</td>
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<td>IELTS</td>
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<td>ELPR Exemption</td>
<td>Applicants other than AUB graduates and graduates of recognized colleges or universities in North America, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand are exempted from ELPR.</td>
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<td>English Exam Validity Period</td>
<td>Two years</td>
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2. Clinical Medical Science Examination can be either:

   a. International Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science Examination (IFOM CSE) that covers the international core of clinical knowledge expected of students in the final year
of undergraduate medical education in Family Medicine, Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Psychiatry.

Exam details: Refer to NBME website at http://www.nbme.org/Schools/iFoM/index.html

Exam Registration at:

**AUB:**
- Applicants interested in sitting for the exam at AUB in January 2015 can register for the exam while submitting their application at the GME Office from November 15, 2015 to December 11, 2015.
- Exam Date: At AUB: On Saturday January 09, 2016. *For more information on IFOM CSE registration at AUB, please refer to the “Guideline for Registration to the IFOM CSE at AUB”.*
- Exam Minimum Score: GME required passing score differs annually depending on the percentile rank of the current year’s applicants. We consider applicants who score 70th percentile and above are eligible and their applications will be forwarded to the departments
- Validity Period: Two Years

**Prometric Center:**
- Refer to https://wbt.nbme.org/order*

b. US Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK):
- All USMLE step II CK applicants are required to request their USMLE step 2 CK official transcripts ECFMG.
- To obtain your USMLE transcript or have it sent to a third party, please visit the ECFMG website.
- The USMLE Step 2 CK minimum passing score is 204 for applicants who sat for the exam before July 1st, 2014 and 209 for applicants who sat for the exam on or after July 1st, 2014.

*For the academic year 2017-2018, AUB and non-AUB MD graduates will also be required to sit for a Basic Science Examination that can be either USMLE Step 1 or its equivalent, the International Foundations of Medicine Basic Science Examination (IFOM BSE).*

**III. Available Programs:**

Applications are accepted for the following residency programs at:

- First Postgraduate Year Level (PGY I)
  - Anesthesiology - Categorical\(^1\) Track

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\(^1\) Categorical track leads to certification in the chosen specialty where the length of training depends on the specialty.
- Diagnostic Radiology - Categorical Track
- Emergency Medicine - Categorical Track
- Family Medicine - Categorical Track
- General Surgery - Categorical & Preliminary Designated² & Preliminary Non-designated³ Tracks
- Internal Medicine - Categorical, Preliminary⁴ & Preliminary-Neurology Tracks
- Laboratory Medicine - Categorical Track
- Neurosurgery - Categorical Track
- Obstetrics and Gynecology - Categorical Track
- Orthopedics Surgery - Categorical Track
- Pathology - Categorical Track
- Pediatrics - Categorical & Preliminary Tracks
- Psychiatry - Categorical Track
- Urology- Categorical Track

- Second Postgraduate Year Level (PGY II) provided that applicants who have completed their first postgraduate year (PGY I) in an ACGME-I accredited institution:
  - Dermatology - Categorical Track
  - Neurology where applicants must have completed at least one year of post graduate training in Internal Medicine. *The Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at AUB offers a PGY I Preliminary Track for residents interested in completing their residency training in Neurology at AUB.*
  - Ophthalmology - Categorical Track

For information on the duration of each GME Program, please check the GME webpage on the “Information List on GME Training Programs”.

IV. Requirements for Admissions

Applicants to any of the programs are required to submit:

- An online application form available from November 13, 2015 to December 11, 2015
- Certification of Identification Form, which will be emailed to the applicant after submission of the online application
- Two recent, passport size, colored photograph of the applicant
- A photocopy of the applicant’s valid identity card and passport
- A Curriculum Vitae (CV) prepared within three months of the application
- A Personal Statement describing your interest in the specialty and career plans (only if applying to the Psychiatry program)
- Certified copy of the Medical Degree (MD) or if not applicable a Dean's letter from the Medical School from which the applicant is enrolled
- Certified copy of the medical school transcript of record

² Preliminary designated positions for residents who at the time of admission to a program have not been accepted into any specialty.
³ Preliminary non-designated positions for residents who at the time of admission to a program have not been accepted into any specialty.
⁴ Preliminary track is a one year track that doesn’t lead to certification in the specialty. It is designed to provide a clinical training experience that will serve as knowledge and skill base for applicants seeking to continue their training in other specialties that require previous graduate medical education such as such as Dermatology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Radiation Oncology and Plastic Surgery.
• A minimum of three letters of recommendation provided by faculty members who had an academic contact with the applicant
• Application fee of $100.00 and an additional $100.00 examination fee for applicants registering for the IFOM CS Examination
• Score report of the USMLE Step 2 Clinical knowledge from applicants NOT registering for the IFOM CS Examination (Official transcript is to be provided from ECFMG)
• Score reports on the International Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science Examination (IFOM CSE) (if applicable)
• Score reports of the English Language Proficiency examination

Any document not printed in English must be accompanied by an acceptable original English translation performed by a qualified translator. Each translation must be accompanied by an affidavit of accuracy acceptable to AUB.

V. Acceptance

Applicants with a competitive score on the IFOM CSE or USMLE Step 2 CK may be invited for an interview in one or more of the Departments of their choice. Several Departments require additional clinical examination supervised by a faculty member. Acceptance to any of the residency programs is highly competitive. The total number of applicants accepted is determined by the availability of positions.