1. General Information

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

2. Qualifying Examinations

Graduates of medical schools (outside the United States and Canada) and who have obtained their medical degree from an approved a medical school listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) other than AUB are required to sit for (1) an English proficiency examination and (2) Clinical Medical Science Examination that can be either USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge or its equivalent, the International Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science Examination (IFOM CSE).

1. English proficiency examination includes either TOEFL (minimum score of 573, 230, or 88 on PBT, CBT, or IBT respectively) or IELTS (minimum score of 7.0).

2. Clinical Medical Science Examination can be either:

   - The IFOM CSE* the covers the international core of clinical knowledge expected of students in the final year of undergraduate medical education in Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Psychiatry. For more information on the exam please refer to the NBME website at [http://www.nbme.org/Schools/iFoM/index.html](http://www.nbme.org/Schools/iFoM/index.html). For more information on registration to IFOM CSE at the AUB, please click on Guideline for Registration to IFOM CSE at AUB.

   As for the IFOM CSE recommended score; it differs at our institution each year depending on the percentile rank of the current year’s applicants. We consider applicants who score 70th percentile and above as eligible and their applications will be forwarded to the departments.
Or the US Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)

As for the USMLE step 2 CK passing score is 204 and applicants who scored 204 and above will be considered as eligible and their applications will be forwarded to the departments.

For the coming academic year 2016-2017, 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).

3. Available Programs:

Applications are accepted at the:

- First Postgraduate Year Level (PGY I) at the Departments of:
  - Anesthesiology (Categorical Track)**
  - Diagnostic Radiology (Categorical Track)**
  - Emergency Medicine (Categorical & Preliminary Tracks)**
  - Family Medicine (Categorical Track)**
  - General Surgery (Categorical Track)**
  - Internal Medicine (Categorical, Preliminary and Preliminary-Neurology Tracks)**
  - Laboratory Medicine (Categorical Track)**
  - Neurosurgery (Categorical Track)**
  - Obstetrics and Gynecology (Categorical & Preliminary Tracks)**
  - Orthopedics Surgery (Categorical Track)**
  - Pathology (Categorical Track)**
  - Pediatrics (Categorical & Preliminary Tracks)**
  - Psychiatry (Categorical Track)**
  - Surgery (Preliminary Track)**
  - Urology (Categorical Track)**

- Second Postgraduate Year Level (PGY II) at the Departments of:
  - Dermatology where applicants have completed their PGY I in any discipline
  - 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 where applicants must have completed their PGY I in any discipline
  - Radiation Oncology where applicants must have completed their PGY I in any discipline

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

4. Requirements for Admissions

Applicants to any of the programs are required to submit:

- An online application form available from November 14, 2014 to December 19, 2014
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
- 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 $10.00 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
- Score reports on the International Foundations of Medicine Clinical Science Examination (IFOM CSE) (if applicable)
- Score reports of the English Language Proficiency examination for the Graduates of medical schools outside the United States other than Graduates of the American University of Beirut.

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.

5. 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.

* IFOM CSE is offered once a year at AUB premises. Applicants can register for the exam at AUB or at a limited number of Prometric centers throughout the Middle East. 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 14, 2014 to December 19, 2014. For more information on IFOM CSE registration at AUB, please refer to the “Guideline for Registration to the IFOM CSE at AUB”. Applicants interested in sitting for the exam at a Prometric center can register online at https://wbt.nbme.org/order.

** Categorical track leads to certification in the chosen specialty where the length of training depends on the specialty. 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 Dermatology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery, Radiation Oncology, and Plastic Surgery.