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SPARTAN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY  
**CATALOG**

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**“35 Years  
of Academic Excellence  
in Training  
Doctor’s”**



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## **PROGRAMS OFFERED AT SPARTAN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

The School of Medicine was established in 1980. The University is Chartered and Licensed under the seal of the Government of Saint Lucia. The following are the Program's and disciplines:

- A. SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (Associate Degree / Bachelor's Degree )**
- B. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (M.D Degree)**
- C. SCHOOL OF NURSING (ADN/ BSN)**



### **A. SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (Associate Degree / Bachelors Degree)**

#### **1. Pre-Medical Program:**

Spartan Health Sciences University offers a sixteen (16) month Pre-medical Program leading to an Associate Degree. Upon successful completing of the Pre-medical Programme students gain acceptance into the Medical Program where they commence at the Basic Sciences Level.

## **2. B.Sc-Biomedical Sciences:**

In addition, the university has established a B.Sc. Biomedical Sciences (Biochemistry) Program consisting of 6 trimesters, 36 courses, 140 credits – a total of 2160 hours. It is anticipated that this degree Program will allow students the option to branch out to other allied Health Care Professions should they wish to opt out of the Medical Program for whatever reason(s).

## **B. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (M.D. Degree)**

The M.D Program is accredited by the Saint Lucia Medical Schools Accreditation and Monitoring Committee and holds Provisional Accreditation status with the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medical and other Health Professional (CAAM-HP) which is the official Regional Accreditation Authority for medical schools. Spartan School of Medicine offers a four-year (40 calendar months) academic program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.), and is taught on a trimester (four months) schedule.

## **C. SCHOOL OF NURSING (ADN/ BSN)**

The School of Nursing (ADN) was established in 2012. The University's Associated Degree Program in Nursing has been officially approved by the General Nursing Council of Saint Lucia and the Government of Saint Lucia via the Ministry of Education. However; the ADN Program will end in early 2017 to be replaced by Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Hence; all due diligence and standard requirements for the Bachelor's Program has been implemented and full approval has been granted by the General Nursing Council of Saint Lucia and the Ministry of Education. Graduates are eligible to sit the Regional and International exams.



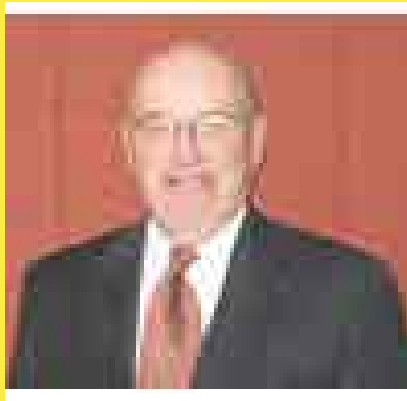


## WELCOME MESSAGES

**Chairman of Board of Trustees**  
**President**  
**Dean**  
**Administrator**

## WELCOME MESSAGE

### Chairman of Board of Trustees



**Joseph Marotta, Ph.D**

The Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine is managed and monitored by a Board of Governors that is made up of two distinctly different groups of professionals; both groups are dedicated to ensuring that all Spartan students receive the highest quality education.

The Board of Trustees is an oversight board responsible for selecting all key academic and fiscal management personnel at Spartan University and has the overall responsibility for the school's quality education and accreditation.

The Board of Trustees is made up of professionals who volunteer their time for the sole purpose of advising Spartan University management to ensure that the school is meeting the highest academic standards while maintaining a healthy learning environment that responds to the changing needs of the students. The Board of Trustee members have no monetary interest in the school what-so-ever and exist solely as a quality control Board for academics and student welfare by advising management and the President.



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MESSAGE  
President

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**William R Ayers, M.D.**

For those interested in our academic program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree, I wish to emphasize what I believe are the distinguishing characteristics of the School of Medicine at Spartan Health Sciences University.

Our mission is clear: to prepare our graduates for further training in the profession of Medicine. We admit students we expect to graduate. We expect our graduates to take their places in a global community of dedicated physicians and empathetic practitioners of the art and science of Medicine. No one achieves such lofty goals without effort - not staff, not faculty, not students.

In order to fulfill our mission and objectives the School has revised its curriculum, upgraded its faculty, improved its facilities and expanded our clinical sites. Our program is built on learning and understanding principles, not test-taking preparation alone. Skill sets are practiced not merely introduced. We concentrate on the integration and associations between medical disciplines, not on the disciplines alone.

We utilize a variety of off island clinical sites but always under an umbrella of planned, coherent experiences. Our achievement in international licensing examinations is exemplary and our placement in graduate medical education programs is enviable. Our tuition, fees, and overall cost structure are among the lowest of the Caribbean Schools.

I encourage your careful consideration of the details that follow in these pages. I ask you to bear in mind our overriding principle at Spartan: everyone here is always a student.

## WELCOME MESSAGE

### Dean



**Gurumurthy, M.B.B.S**

The medical profession is a career for those prepared for a lifetime of service to the ill and needy. This requires motivation, maturity, compassion, dedication, integration and commitment.

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine, represents excellence in the teaching art of medicine. It offers students a completely integrated program of theory and practice as an ideal teaching module.

Our medical school is geared towards a continuous development of an excellent basic and clinical science programs. We make students understand and acquire knowledge of key concepts with emphasis on principles and mechanism of health, disease and mode of therapy. We have a group of determined, dedicated, and devoted faculty.

The people of St. Lucia are very friendly and hospitable. During your pleasant stay here, you will experience a high degree of diversity in terms of language, religion and custom.

The faculty, administration, staff, students and the various student organizations are here to guide you through this challenging and rewarding experience.

We welcome you and wish you the very best.

## WELCOME MESSAGE

### Administrator



**Mr. Percival McDonald**

I take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and Senior Management of the University for their steadfastness, commitment and hard work in all their achievements over the years.

I have been affiliated with the University since 1985, when I held the position of Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health. During this early period, many challenges and difficulties had to be overcome by the school. Nevertheless, with determination and commitment of senior management, together with the assistance and support of the Ministry of Health, the Institution has developed and improved over the years and continues to grow and expand.

By charter, the government of St. Lucia has given legal authorization to the University to operate in St. Lucia as a Medical School. However, the St. Lucia Medical Schools Accreditation and Monitoring Committee, continues to monitor and oversee Spartan to ensure guidelines are followed in keeping with universal standards, procedures and arrangements set for the medical school. Thus, the University is continuously being monitored for improvements in respect to its educational program and related activities.

In this regard, the school is presently reviewing and adjusting, where necessary, its administrative structure and arrangements to better suit its mission and objectives.

Hence, my present role with the University is to assess the effectiveness of its on going administrative structure and processes and to recommend changes where needed.

No doubt, the future outlook of the University in St. Lucia is bright and optimistic. The University anticipates training the best physicians to meet the challenges of the future in the delivery of health care.





## The University

Statement of Equal  
Educational Opportunity  
Charter & Accreditation  
Mission & Objectives  
Campus Facilities  
The Students

# Statement of Equal Educational Opport

No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by Spartan Health Sciences University on any basis prohibited by applicable law, including, but not limited to, race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicap.

Spartan Health Sciences University hereby reserves the right to change fees, rules, calendar, curricula, degree program, degree requirements, graduation procedures, change or withdraw courses, and any other requirements affecting students at any time. Changes will become effective whenever proper authorities so determine and will apply to both prospective students and to those who are already enrolled.

The provisions on the website and this catalogue do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between any applicant, student or faculty member and Spartan Health Sciences University.

## Charter & Accreditation

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine is an independent medical institution established on January 7, 1980.

The Government of St. Lucia chartered and licensed Spartan Health Sciences University and provided accreditation through the St. Lucia Medical schools Accreditation and Monitoring committee appointed to oversee the school's academic, fiscal and management standards. Currently, the Government of St. Lucia has endorsed the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) as the official Accreditation Authority for the state. Therefore, Spartan University has been in compliance by being Provisionally Accredited by CAAM-HP.

The University is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (now called Avicenna Directories), published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland. Spartan is also in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED), maintained by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) of U.S.A.



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Spartan Graduate, 2015



## Mission

The Mission of Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine is to provide access to an exemplary academic experience, which will prepare our students to think critically, communicate effectively and engage in a lifelong quest for ever-improving medical skills and learning that will serve the global community.

## Objectives

Spartan Health Sciences University provides a learning environment that enables serious students with the opportunity to acquire medical knowledge, competent skills and a compassionate attitude for the practice of medicine in the broad world community of physicians.

The University's goal is to continuously grow and improve in order to establish and sustain a very high standard of education with affordable tuition and fees.

Located on beautiful St. Lucia, Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine provides an outstanding educational opportunity without compromising the quality of the medical education.



To fulfill this mission and to reach its objectives, we have created a program of medical education leading to the Doctor of Medicine that prepares our graduates to:

- Enter postgraduate medical training and qualify for licensure;
- Provide high competent medical care;
- Acquire a level of knowledge in both theoretical and clinical competence and analytical thought processes to make safe clinical decisions;
- Pursue advanced medical and clinical research at reputable institutions, attain an educational background and disposition necessary for continued learning;
- Become sufficiently familiar with disease conditions in St. Lucia as well as cultural aspects of medical practice;
- Serve the public and medical profession in a patient-friendly and compassionate ways;
- And, deliver exemplary medical care in a scientific way with high ethical standards.

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine works in conjunction with institutions such as the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College in its execution of the Department of Health Sciences program. Faculty and students at Spartan must satisfy local standards set by the St. Lucia Medical Council that monitors the achieved qualifications, experience and competence. They ensure that graduates can function appropriately within the country's hospitals and health centers.



## Campus Facilities

The University is located in Vieux-Fort on a spacious property. It has a spectacular view of the surrounding green landscape, the Caribbean Sea and the island of St. Vincent. The facilities have continuously evolved into a modern multi-million dollar medical school complex. Classrooms are large and climate-controlled for year round comfort. Students find our classrooms, laboratory, library, dining and exercise facilities exceptional. Faculty and administrative offices are located within the campus allowing students easy access to any needed assistance.

The library has a comprehensive collection of books, audio visual aids, periodicals and on-line medical journals. It is equipped with computers and wireless Internet access and also has quiet areas conducive for studying.

The University is equipped with ancillary electricity generation equipment and a 46,500 gallon water storage to ensure that infrequent power and water outages do not interrupt instructions.

## The Students

The University's student body comprise of a wonderful mix of students from multiracial and multicultural backgrounds. The entry-level repertoire of our students ranges from recent graduates to professionals from various fields such as: pharmacist, biochemists, engineers and researchers with postgraduate degrees.

Students come from different continents around the world - North & South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia. The University is a microcosm of the United Nations and shares the International goal of the eradication of diseases that plague the Human Race. Many of our students have seen these dire environments first hand.



# Academic Calendar 2018

Orientation and Registration for Spring Trimester	January 8, 2018
Commencement of Instruction for Spring Trimester	January 8, 2018
Application for Deadline for Summer Trimester	March 16, 2018
End of Spring Trimester	April 27, 2018
Orientation and Registration for Summer Trimester	May 7, 2018
Commencement of Instruction for Summer Trimester	May 8, 2018
Application for Deadline for Fall Trimester	July 13, 2018
End of Summer Trimester	August 24, 2018
Orientation and Registration for Fall Trimester	September 3, 2018
Commencement of Instruction for Fall Trimester	September 3, 2018
Application for Deadline for Spring Trimester	November 16, 2018
End of Fall Trimester	December 21, 2018

## Public holidays in Saint Lucia observed by the University

New Year's Day	January	01, 2018
Independence Day	February	22, 2018
Good Friday	March	30, 2018
Labor Day	May	01, 2018
Corpus Christi	May	31, 2018
National Day	December	13, 2018
Christmas Day	December	25, 2018
Boxing Day	December	26, 2018

# Academic Calendar 2019

Orientation and Registration for Spring Trimester	January 7, 2019
Commencement of Instruction for Spring Trimester	January 7, 2019
Application for Deadline for Summer Trimester	March 15, 2019
End of Spring Trimester	April 26, 2019
Orientation and Registration for Summer Trimester	May 6, 2019
Commencement of Instruction for Summer Trimester	May 6, 2019
Application for Deadline for Fall Trimester	July 19, 2019
End of Summer Trimester	August 23, 2019
Orientation and Registration for Fall Trimester	September 2, 2019
Commencement of Instruction for Fall Trimester	September 2, 2019
Application for Deadline for Spring Trimester	November 15, 2019
End of Fall Trimester	December 20, 2019

## Public holidays in Saint Lucia observed by the University

New Year's Day	January	01, 2019
Independence Day	February	22, 2019
Good Friday	April	19, 2019
Labor Day	May	01, 2019
Corpus Christi	June	20, 2019
National Day	December	13, 2019
Christmas Day	December	25, 2019
Boxing Day	December	26, 2019

# Academic Calendar 2020

Orientation and Registration for Spring Trimester	January 6, 2020
Commencement of Instruction for Spring Trimester	January 6, 2020
Application for Deadline for Summer Trimester	March 13, 2020
End of Spring Trimester	April 24, 2020
Orientation and Registration for Summer Trimester	May 4, 2020
Commencement of Instruction for Summer Trimester	May 4, 2020
Application for Deadline for Fall Trimester	July 10, 2020
End of Summer Trimester	August 21, 2020
Orientation and Registration for Fall Trimester	August 31, 2020
Commencement of Instruction for Fall Trimester	August 31, 2020
Application for Deadline for Spring Trimester	November 13, 2020
End of Fall Trimester	December 18, 2020

## Public holidays in Saint Lucia observed by the University

New Year's Day	January	01, 2020
Independence Day	February	22, 2020
Good Friday	April	10, 202
Labor Day	May	01, 2020
Corpus Christi	June	11, 2020
National Day	December	13, 2020
Christmas Day	December	25, 2020
Boxing Day	December	26, 2020

# Academic Calendar 2021

Orientation and Registration for Spring Trimester	January 04, 2021
Commencement of Instruction for Spring Trimester	January 04, 2021
Application for Deadline for Summer Trimester	March 12, 2021
End of Spring Trimester	April 23, 2021
Orientation and Registration for Summer Trimester	May 03, 2021
Commencement of Instruction for Summer Trimester	May 03, 2021
Application for Deadline for Fall Trimester	July 11, 2021
End of Summer Trimester	August 20, 2021
Orientation and Registration for Fall Trimester	August 30, 2021
Commencement of Instruction for Fall Trimester	August 30, 2021
Application for Deadline for Spring Trimester	November 12, 2021
End of Fall Trimester	December 17, 2021

## Public holidays in Saint Lucia observed by the University

New Year's Day	January	01, 2021
Independence Day	February	22, 2021
Good Friday	April	02, 2021
Labor Day	May	01, 2021
Corpus Christi	June	03, 2021
National Day	December	13, 2021
Christmas Day	December	25, 2021
Boxing Day	December	26, 2021

## Students in the Library







## The Program

### *Curriculum*

**Basic Sciences**

**Clinical Sciences**

**Course Descriptions**



## The Program

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine offers a ten-trimester (40 calendar months) academic program leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.), and its taught on a trimester (four months) schedule.

The curriculum of the University's Doctor of Medicine degree program includes a traditional set of comprehensive courses that include: Basic Sciences, Bridging Curriculum and Clinical Sciences that is taught over Four (4) academic years. The trimester system commences in January, May, and September of each year. A student may elect to enter in any one of the three (3) trimesters.

The quality and modernization of the curriculum is under continuous review by the Deans of the Basic and Clinical Sciences in conjunction with the Faculty, Consultants, and Board of Trustees.

## Length of the Program

The length of the medical program at Spartan Health Sciences University is four (4) academic years (forty (40) calendar months) or ten (10) trimesters. The basic Sciences Program is five (5) trimesters and the Clinical Sciences Program is five (5) trimesters. A trimester is four (4) months long. The period from the beginning to the end of the clinical training must not be less than twenty (20) calendar months. Every enrolled student is expected to graduate/complete the program within the stipulated time frame, depending on the placement level upon admission. Students must complete the program of four academic years consisting of 5,600 hours.



Every student is expected to complete the program within forty-eight (48) calendar months allowing for un-scheduled leave of absences from the program due to personal or health concerns. Allowed leave of absence is four (4) months extendable to eight (8) months under unavoidable circumstances and is considered on a case by case basis. Student will not be eligible for any Financial Aid Program beyond the forty (40) calendar months or ten (10) trimesters of the program.

A student will lose the privilege of graduation if he/she does not fulfill graduation requirements such as submission of all documents including clinical evaluations, payment of fees and other supporting documents within four (4) months of completion of last clinical rotation.

## The Basic Sciences Program

This is an integrated presentation of the following academic and practical curriculum areas and is taught over a five trimester period.

Basic medical sciences include:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Behavioral Science
- Pharmacology
- Pathology

A Bridging Curriculum is introduced to integrate the Basic Sciences to Clinical Sciences and to provide a comprehensive review.

## The Bridging Curriculum

The Bridging Curriculum is part of the Basic Sciences and consists of a series of problem solving exercises and clinical case studies, in small group settings, intertwined with the Basic Sciences and Introduction of the clinical sciences. Students will apply acquired basic knowledge to pre-clinical science topics using critical decision making techniques.

They will also engage in a sequential process involving:

- Acquisition and presentation of medical knowledge
- Data Interpretation
- Problem Analysis
- Guided and self-directed learning activities
- Application of New Knowledge

The completion of Basic sciences includes passing the Comprehensive Basic Sciences Examination offered by the independent National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME-CBS). Students are required to pass the CBS Exit Examination in order to register for USMLE Step I.



## The Clinical Sciences Program

The Clinical Science Program consist of five (5) trimesters of broad exposure in the major clinical disciplines of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Psychiatry in an approved teaching hospital setting. Affiliated hospitals are selected by their adequacy to provide University student the appropriate training.

The conclusion of Clinical sciences program includes completion of all required core and elective rotations including NBME shelf exams for each core courses, and passing the Comprehensive Clinical Sciences Exit Examination (CCS-NBME).

### USMLE Step II CK and CS eligibility criteria:

Students are required to pass the CCS Examination (CCS-NBME) in order to register for USMLE Step II CK. Completion of all the core rotations in order to register for USMLE Step II CS.

Graduation from Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine is achieved when students have successfully completed all Basic Sciences and Clinical Sciences Program requirements and have fulfilled all financial obligations to the University.



**Course Curriculum**  
**Basic Sciences**  
**4 Years Medical Program**

### Trimester One

CODE	COURSE	HOURS
100A	Anatomy I	190
110MP	Medical Physiology I	90
120BIO	Biochemistry I	80
130H	Histology	80
140D	DPR & Medical Ethics	40
<b>Total</b>		<b>480</b>

### Trimester Two

CODE	COURSE	HOURS
200A	Anatomy II (Head & Neck)	60
210MP	Medical Physiology II	80
220BIO	Biochemistry II & Genetics	130
230NEU	Neuroanatomy I	50
240M	Microbiology I	100
250EPI	Public Health & Epidemiology	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>480</b>

### Trimester Three

CODE	COURSE	HOURS
300P	Medical Pharmacology I	110
310P	Pathology I	100
320M	Microbiology II	100
330BS	Behavioral Sciences I	60
340NEU	Neuroanatomy II	50
350PD	Physical Diagnosis	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>480</b>

### Trimester Four

CODE	COURSE	HOURS
400P	Medical Pharmacology II	50
410P	Pathology II	150
420I	Introduction to Clinical Medicine I	200
430BS	Behavioral Science II	80
<b>Total</b>		<b>480</b>

### Trimester Five

CODE	COURSE	HOURS
500ES	Essentials of Clinical Sciences	240
510ICM	Introduction to Clinical Medicine II	240
520SL	Skills Lab	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>500</b>

### Clinical Phase Outline

Clinical clerkship shall mean a supervised educational experience, which is part of the clinical component of the medical education program that will take place in a teaching hospital acceptable to the University.

#### Basic Required Core Clerkships (66 weeks)

- Internal Medicine (12 weeks)
- Obstetrics & Gynecology (8 weeks)
- General Surgery (8 weeks)
- Surgical sub-specialties (12 weeks)\*\*
- Pediatrics (6 weeks)
- Family Medicine (6 weeks)
- Psychiatry (6 weeks)
- Radiology ( 4 weeks)
- Clinical Pathology ( 4 weeks)

\*\* Must include a minimum of three (3) of the following surgical electives each for four (4) weeks duration:

- Anesthesiology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Neurosurgery
- Ophthalmology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Urology
- Emergency Medicine and Trauma

## Electives (14 WEEKS)

Students must complete a minimum of four (4) different electives before he or she can graduate. These Electives must be at a minimum of three (3) weeks in duration and NOT to exceed more than six (6) weeks. Electives must be drawn from the following list and must meet these criteria.

- Anesthesiology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Dermatology
- Pathology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Family Medicine
- Forensic Medicine
- Gynecology
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Radiology
- Obstetrics
- Ophthalmology
- Otorhinolaryngology
- Occupational Medicine
- Surgery
- Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine

\* Students are not permitted to do any rotation that is less than three (3) weeks in duration.

Grand Total for Clinical Sciences: 80 Weeks

## Clerkship Placement

For further information on student placement in various clinical programs, contact the Clinical Director at Spartan Health Sciences University. A detailed, comprehensive orientation will be given to all fifth trimester students about the application process and procedures for different hospitals. The list of hospitals will be made available during the orientation including any new additions.

## Malpractice Insurance

All students in clinical training are required by the hospitals to obtain professional Malpractice Insurance coverage. This can be purchased through the university. The required Insurance binder will be sent directly to the hospital only once the payment is received.

The annual cost of malpractice insurance coverage is subject to change and information can be obtained from the clerkship office.



# THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM







## General Information

Student Services

Library

Laboratory Equipment and Supplies

Student Housing

Recreation Facilities

Financial Aid

## Library Facilities

The University has a modern well cataloged library with adequate access to books, journals, and audiovisual aids. The Library is open from 6 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. daily with night transportation service. MEDLINE access is available to all students on and off the campus.

## Student Services



## Laboratory Equipment and Supplies

Microscopes, microscopic slides and skeletons are available for students' use. However, all equipment must remain in the laboratory.

## Student Housing

Students are advised to contact the Admission Office or the Housing Committee at telephone numbers (1758) 454-6128 / (718)-841-7660 to get information on available apartments, houses, rent, location, etc., when they arrive in St. Lucia.

Notify Spartan of your Itinerary: Students must inform the school of their itinerary in order for the Housing Committee to arrange for their pick up at the airport. Students arriving at the Hewanorra International airport will be picked at no cost with prior arrangement. Students arriving at George F. L. Airport will be

charged U.S. \$80.00 (approximately). In case where a student arrives very late, he/she will have to spend a night at a hotel. Housing arrangements will be made the following day.

Local Hotels: There are three hotels in the Vieux Fort area that are in close proximity to the school (10 minutes' drive) where students can stay:

Hotel	Cost
Clear Sky	USD \$50.00 - \$60.00 per night
Cedar Palm Villa	USD \$65.00 - \$75.00 per night
Coconut Bay Hotel	USD \$150.00 - \$300.00 per night

Apartment and house rental rates vary based on the facilities and location. (Some of the rental prices may be negotiable)

Types of Apartments	Cost USD
Single Bedroom Apartment	\$ 300 - \$ 350 + Deposit
Two Bedroom Apartment	\$ 350 - \$ 500 + Deposit
Three Bedroom Apartment	\$ 450 - \$ 600 + Deposit

All apartments rented to our students are fully furnished with:

- Cooking utensils
- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Stove and oven
- Kitchen and dining areas
- Study desks in living/bedrooms.
- A/C units
- Good lighting
- Burglar bars for security
- Water Tank

Note: Students are responsible for the connection of their own internet and telephone lines from LIME or FLOW if there is no connection in place. Cellular telephones are available from local service providers Digicel and LIME.

Note: Maid-Services are available.



Blood Drive, 2016



BP Clinic , 2016





## Blood Drive, 2016

## Recreation Facilities

A variety of sports, recreation and gym facilities are available for Spartan students on campus.

## Financial Aid

### **CANADIAN LOANS**

Financial Assistance may be available through the Canadian Student Loan Program for eligible Canadian citizens. Their addresses and telephone numbers are as follows:

#### **Ontario Students Assistant Program (OSAP)**

Student Support Branch  
Ministry of Training, College & Universities  
189 Red River Road, 4th Floor  
P.O. box 4500  
Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 6G9  
Canada  
Telephone (809) 343-7260

#### **British Columbia Students Assistance Program (BCSAP)**

Ministry of Advanced Education,  
Training & Technology  
Station Provincial Government  
Victoria B. S V8W 9H9  
Canada  
Telephone: (250) 356-9455







# Admissions



Admission Requirements & Procedures

Tuition and Fees

Refund Policy and Registration

Academic Policies

Student Records and Leave Of Absence

Withdrawal

Code of Conduct

# Admission

In evaluating individual applicant's credentials, the Admission Committee looks for the applicant's capacity to do academic work for absorption of the material needed for sound foundation in the Basic medical sciences. Evaluation is also carried out on Grade Point Averages (G.P.A) from individual colleges and universities and letters of recommendation. However, academic background is not the main criterion for selections; individual character and motivation to become a physician are essential determinants for admission.

## Requirements for Admission

### Fresh Applicants

The minimum requirement for admission is ninety (90) semester credit hours of college level work. A Bachelor of Science (BS) degree is strongly recommended as of January 2013. No preference for an undergraduate major.

### Required Courses

College studies should include:

### Requirements for Extra-Regional countries

General Biology with Laboratory	1 year
General Physics with Laboratory	1 year
General Chemistry with Laboratory	1 year
Organic Chemistry with Laboratory	1 year
English and Mathematics	

### Requirements for National and Regional Applicants

Caribbean Examination Council Grade with a minimum of 7 subjects. Grades One and Two are preferable

- A. Two years Advanced Level
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
  - English
  - Mathematics
- B. G.C.E. Certificate is required (science subjects).
- C. Two trimesters of premedical program at Spartan University

### Health Care Professionals

Registered Nurses, X-ray technicians, Emergency Medical Technicians, Dietitians, Physical Therapists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, PhD degree holders along with the more traditionally qualified applicants can become excellent physicians and are encouraged to apply if they believe that the University can help them to fulfill their ambition.

## **Transfer Students**

Students from recognized medical school may be admitted as transfer students upon evaluation of their credentials. However, evidence of non-monetary commitment to their previous medical schools must be demonstrated.

- The Admission Committee of the University shall review all candidates' applications before admission.
- Spartan University considers students up to the first year of the medical program.
- Transfer students may be affected in terms of class time, availability of seats and special scheduling.
- A transfer student on financial aid who wants to continue receiving those funds must re-apply.

## **Transferring Applicants Criteria**

- a. Submit application for admission and pay appropriate fee with the required documentation.
- b. Meet admission requirements as individuals applying for admission into the medical program for the first time
- c. Must be transferring from an accredited institution recognized by the state and official entity.

Any applicant who has been detached from the medical education program for more than five years will not be allowed any credit for course work done previously. Such applicants will be considered for admission into the First Trimester only.

## **Acceptance to the Program**

Successful applicants, following notification of acceptance by mail, are expected to sign an offer of acceptance form and return it to the University within 15 days along with the tuition deposit.

## **Conditional Acceptance**

Conditional acceptance into the program is granted only to those individuals who show academic promise on an individual basis.

## **Non-Discriminatory Policy**

Admission is granted without regard to race, religion, color, gender or national origin. The University does not discriminate on the basis of age or marital status.

It is the objective of the Admission Committee to form a class of students that are emotionally mature, possess the capacity to do academic work that will represent the high standard of the University and are dedicated to provide quality patient care in any part of the globe.

## **Diversity Policy**

The School of Medicine embraces the commitment of the University to create and sustain an environment that values a variety of perspectives and experiences. The medical school actively promotes an inclusive environment in which all students, faculty, and staff can work, learn, teach, research, and serve. Diversity is essential to fulfilling our mission of improving the health of St.Lucians and others whom we serve and in achieving our vision of being the nation's leading school of medicine.

## Tuition & Fees (All Fees in USD)

Application fee (non-refundable)	\$100
Deposit (non-refundable)	\$1000
Student Services (onetime fee)**	\$1070
Basic Sciences per Trimester	\$6250
Make Up Fee per subject	\$500
NBME Exam Fee (Basic Sciences per trimester)	\$100
NBME Exam fee Fifth Trimester	\$150
Clinical Sciences per Trimester (inclusive of Hospital fee)	\$12,500
NBME Exam Fee per core rotation	\$150
NBME Exam Fee CCS (one time)	\$150
Malpractice insurance coverage per year	\$500
Revalidation fee- For transfer students	\$1000
Graduation (Document processing fee)	\$500
Official transcript	\$20
Official transcript (Issued to Student)	\$20
Unofficial transcript (Student Copy)	\$20
Re-Application Fee	\$60

\*\* It includes 2 years UWorld and Examsoft Subscription.

## Registration

The deposit is paid only upon formal acceptance to hold a place in the current entering class or the next class only (i.e. up to 8 months) and can be applied towards the tuition fees. The deposit is payable within 15 days of notification of acceptance application.

Tuition fees are due on the first day of classes. Failure to pay by the tenth day of classes will attract late fees of U.S. \$500.00. Students remaining in St. Lucia after completion of their studies and are using University facilities will be assessed a fee of U.S. \$500.00 per trimester. Students cannot remain in St. Lucia without the approval of the University and St. Lucia Immigration authorities.

## Transcript Policy

1. The original clinical evaluation forms have to be on file.
2. No partial clinical credit transcript will be issued.
3. Student has to be in Good Standing and current with his/her account with the university.
4. For transfer students: No transcript will be issued unless official transcript from the transferring institution is on file.

## Refund Policy

1. Withdrawal on the first day of class. There will be a refund of U.S. \$5150.00.
2. Withdrawal after one week of the enrollment period. There will be a refund of U.S \$4625.
3. Withdrawal after two weeks of the enrollment period. There will be a refund of U.S. \$3837.50.
4. Withdrawal after three weeks of the enrollment period. There will be a refund of U.S \$2525.
5. Withdrawal after four weeks of the enrollment period. There will be a refund of U.S \$1212.50.
6. Withdrawal after five weeks of the enrollment period. There will be a refund of U.S \$425.
7. No refund of tuition fees will be given if withdrawn after the six weeks of the trimester.
8. No refund of Clinical tuition once the student has started a rotation.

Tuition refund checks will be mailed to the student's address on file in the Registrar's office. Each student is expected to notify the office of any address change.

The act of registration comprises the payment of tuition within the announced dates, the completion of Registration Form provided by the University, and the participation in all courses for which the student is registered.

Students who do not register within the announced dates will be deprived of the right to attend classes.

## Academic Policies

1. **Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. At least 80% attendance is required in Basic Sciences lectures and 90% in the Clinical Sciences. Attendance in all laboratory classes is mandatory.

2. **Examinations:** The function of an examination is to assess the progress of students and to evaluate the quality of instructions. Examinations are considered to be an integral part of the learning process and as such, are designed to emphasize concepts, and to develop problem solving abilities. The format will be similar to that used in the United Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

### 3. Grading System

#### Basic Sciences

H: Honors. Grade is assigned for performances of 85% and above in the course(s) completed.

P: Pass. Grade is assigned for performances of 70% to 84% in the course(s) completed.

F: Fail. Grade is assigned for performances of 55% to 69% in the course(s) completed.

R: Repeat. Grade is assigned for performances of 54% and below in the course(s) completed. Course to be repeated.

## **IE: Incomplete Examination**

A student who by an Act of God is unable to take an examination will be permitted to complete the course (must be approved by the Student Promotion Committee), and will receive an "IE" for both the examination grade and the course grade. The student must re-sit for the missed examination when the course is offered and the grade "IE" will become P or F. If the student fails to re-sit for the missed examination, then the "IE" will become a permanent "R" and the student has to repeat the entire course.

## **IA: Incomplete Attendance**

A student who has less than eighty percent (80%) of attendance for every twenty (20) hours class will not be allowed to sit for the subsequent examination. If the absence is due to an Act of God (must be approved by the Student Promotion Committee), then the student will be allowed to continue the course with a grade of "IA". The student will be allowed to complete the missing hours and sit for the examination in the following trimester when the course is offered, and will receive a grade "P" or "F" but not "H". If not, the "IA" will become a permanent "R" and the student has to repeat the entire course.

## **W: Withdrawn**

The letter grade "W" is assigned only if a student withdraws after the official census date, generally two weeks after registration of a trimester. Student receiving a "W" have not met the minimum requirements of the course.

## **Make-Up**

If a student scores between 55%-69% in any individual course, he/she is eligible to take a make-up test in the following trimester if student has not failed greater than 240 hours of trimesters course work. If the student failed greater than 240 hours of course work he/she has to repeat the failed courses.

If the course work is not completed by the following trimester, the grades "IE", "IA" and "F" will revert to an "R".

## **Clinical Sciences**

**H: Honors** Grade is assigned for performance of 85% and above in the clinical rotation(s) completed.

**P: Pass** Grade is assigned for performance of 70% to 84% in the clinical rotation(s) completed.

**U: Unsatisfactory** Poor to sub-optimal performance in the clinical rotation(s) completed. This grade may be changed by successfully repeating the clinical rotation involved.

**I: Incomplete** Grade indicates that a student was performing at an acceptable level but due to unexpected circumstances (e.g. sickness) not all of the course requirements have been met.

Note: When multiple clinical evaluations are received for a clinical discipline, the average of the lowest grade is recorded.

## **4. Promotions**

A. Students shall be promoted from one trimester to another when all requirements are fulfilled including:

- When one has passed all required or assigned courses for the trimester.
- When one has met all financial obligations to the University.

B. Student shall be promoted to Clinical sciences only after passing Comprehensive Basic sciences Examination

- C. Students will be eligible for graduation when all requirements for graduation are fulfilled, including:
- When a student has passed all Basic Sciences and completed all clinical rotations including submission of all original evaluations and supporting documents.
  - Passed Comprehensive Basic Sciences Examination and Comprehensive Clinical Examination.
  - When the Graduation Committee has made its recommendation.
  - When a student has fulfilled all financial obligations to the University.

A student will lose the privilege of graduation if he/she does not fulfill graduation documentation requirements within four (4) months of completion of last clinical rotation or specified graduation date. An additional administrative charge of \$500.00 will be assessed for failure to meet above criteria.

## 5. Satisfactory Academic Progress (Sap)

To ensure that every student progresses satisfactory through the medical program, the following standards will govern academic progress as well as Financial Aid guidelines.

### Good Standing

A student who passes all required courses at the end of each trimester (480) will be considered in Good Standing.

### Student Loan

The University defines students as being full-time if they are registered for all courses in the trimester (480 hours). Transfer students that are assigned specific courses based on their level of placement to meet University's required course work will be considered full-time for that specific trimester.

## 6. Failure to Progress

### Basic Sciences Phase of the Medical Education Program

The University defines students as being full-time if they are registered for all courses in the trimester (accounts for 480 hours).

- If a student fails the courses with score above 54 then he or she will be eligible to take make-up exam in the beginning part of the following trimester provided the failed courses accounts for less than 240 hours of a trimester.
- If a student fails the courses with score below 55 then he or she has to repeat the course in the following trimester.
- If a student fails two (2) or more courses which accounts for more than 240 hours of a trimester then the student has to repeat entire trimester.
- If a student fails to pass the repeated courses in two attempts then he or she will be withdrawn from the university.

### Clinical Sciences Phase of the Medical Education Program

A grade of 'U' (Unsatisfactory) in any clinical rotation will place the student on Academic Probation and the rotation will be repeated in its entirety. The student will receive counseling and will be allowed to continue the program. A student on Academic Probation due to a 'U' grade will be suspended for a month if he obtains another unsatisfactory evaluation. The student will be eligible to reapply to continue the program. However, readmission is not guaranteed.

A student will be given an "Academic Dismissal" from the program if he/she obtains a "U" grade again in any clinical rotation after a suspension, prior to completion of all clinical requirements for graduation.

## 7. Right to Appeal

Any student placed on Academic Probation or Suspension will have the right to appeal. Such an appeal can be initiated with Clinical Director, Administrative head or Authorized designee within thirty (30) days from the end of the trimester in which placement status has occurred; basis for such appeals will be limited to challenges of final grades on clinical evaluations.

## STUDENT RECORDS

**Office of the Registrar:** The Office of the Registrar maintains student's official academic records. This office also prepares and issues transcripts of the student.

A. **Transcripts:** The student's permanent academic record at Spartan Health Sciences University lists the student's name, courses taken and grades received. These records are updated and copied for each student at the end of each trimester when grades are received by the Registrar's Office. When impressed with the University's seal and certified by the Registrar, a copy of the record becomes an official transcript. Official transcripts are released at the request of the individual student.

B. Student can request an official/student copy transcript at the end of Basic Sciences program provided his/her account is current, file is complete and appropriate fees are paid.

C. Once student starts his/her clinical rotations, clinical trimester fees have to be paid, even if requesting a Basic Sciences transcript.

D. Clinical clerkship evaluations will only be updated for every sixteen (16) weeks provided original evaluations are on file. No exceptions.

**Privacy Act of 1974:** The University adheres to the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974 of the United States of America (FERPA) and its provisions.

**Leave of Absence:** A Leave of Absence may be granted to the student by submitting a letter explaining the circumstances to the university. Leave of Absence is granted on the basis of student's need, academic or financial ability and desire to complete the curriculum.

The University permits a Leave of Absence for a maximum of one trimester (16 weeks) at a time. If more than a trimester is taken, the student is required to re-apply by submitting a completed application form with appropriate application fee.

If a student's Leave of Absence is not approved or the student fails to return to the school at the end of an approved Leave of (maximum eight months), the student is considered to have withdrawn from the university.



**Voluntary Withdrawal:** Students who wish to leave the University at any time during the trimester are required to file a formal letter of withdrawal with the Registrar's or the Dean's office. If this procedure is not complied with, the student will not be entitled to honorable withdrawal.

**Administrative Withdrawal:** Falsification of admission documents or other university records and the exhibition of behavior that constitutes a clear and present danger to one's self or others are reasons for dismissal.

The students are responsible for discharging their financial responsibilities to the University. Delinquent student may be denied the right to register for classes, and be denied the right to receive transcripts, grades and degree.

Notification to students concerning pending action will be initiated by the University; if no effort is made to correct the situation after two weeks of notification, Administrative Withdrawal recommendation will be sent to the Dean's office for final disposition.

However, the University reserves the right at any time, to ask a student to withdraw when it considers such an action to be in the best interest of preserving the integrity of the program and the University.

## UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Spartan Health Sciences University expects each student to demonstrate acceptable standards of behavior on and off-campus and in the community as a law-abiding individual. A favorable scholastic standing in the courses enrolled will enhance the continuity with the University. Unwillingness or inability to comply with these will result in the dismissal from the program.

## TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUMENTS

Each student is expected to provide himself with textbooks and equipment recommended for each trimester. Appropriate materials (stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, ophthalmoscope, percussion hammer, tuning forks [128 and 512 cps] and nasal speculum are required for the Physical Diagnosis course and clinical rotations.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The following are guidelines that apply to all members of the University Community (Students, Staff and Faculty) which may result in suspension, dismissal or expulsion from the University upon violation.

1. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, administration, disciplinary procedures or other University activities.
2. Dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism or willfully furnishing false information to the University.
3. Forgery, alteration or misuse of University documents, records or identification.
4. Physical abuse of another individual (or threat thereof) or abuse of any University property.
5. Violation of University policies: rules and regulations concerning student organizations; use of student facilities, misuse of time, place, manner of meetings or demonstrations on University property.
6. Use, possession or distribution of illicit drugs.
7. Disorderly conduct or obscene expression of any kind on University property.
8. Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting in the performance of their duties.
9. Attendance in class is mandatory; less than eighty percent (80%) attendance invokes disciplinary action.
10. Rumor mongering; do not start or spread or be involved in rumor perpetuation.



## Personal Property

Students must assume responsibility for the safekeeping of all their belongings. The University is not responsible for the loss of any personal property.

## Dress Code

Light, casual clothing is recommended for off campus to suit the island's climate. All students must wear scrubs and closed toe shoes to school from Monday to Friday. There is no color preference for the scrubs. Sandals or flip-flops and hats will not be allowed.

## Language Requirement

All classes are taught in English; therefore fluency in English is required.



# DISCLOSURES

1. Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine (SHSU) is a foreign medical school which is not located in the United States. It is located in the country of St. Lucia in the West Indies.
2. SHSU is located in the country of St. Lucia and thus is not accredited by the Liaison Committee for medical Education (LCME). LCME is an accrediting agency only for all programs in medical education leading to the M.D. degree located only in the U.S.A. and Canada.
3. SHSU does not have a certificate or authority to offer courses or grant degrees from any Higher Education Coordinating Board in the United States. Spartan Health Sciences University has a Charter granted by the Government of St. Lucia, and is accredited by the Monitoring Committee of St. Lucia and thus authorized to offer courses and grant degrees in St. Lucia.

**Note that** each state in the United States has different licensing requirements for international medical students, many of which are restrictive.

4. For information regarding the licensing requirements of a state in which a student may wish to practice medicine, one should contact the medical licensing board of that state.
5. SHSU coordinates its students' clerkships at different hospitals during the clinical phase of their training.
6. Spartan Health Sciences University graduates are licensed to practice medicine in more than forty six (46) states of the United States of America, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and many other countries worldwide including St. Lucia.



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

A. Each student must assume responsibility for abiding and complying with all conduct policies. A professor shall not waive, substitute, or exempt any student from any established University requirements. The University reserves the right to withdraw, suspend, or terminate the registration of any student who does not meet the standards of conduct or who behaves in a manner tantamount to an attempt to dishonor the University, fellow students, or the medical profession. Therefore; the University's 'General Code of Conduct' applies also to the general student body and any violation may result in suspension, dismissal or expulsion from the University:

### B. DRESS CODE

Dress Code is an essential part of the school's code of professionalism and conduct. At Spartan Health Sciences University, it is no different. Our goal is to provide an environment that is free of distractions, safe, orderly and conducive to learning.

All students must wear scrubs and closed toe shoes to school from Monday to Friday. There is no color preference for the scrubs. Sandals or flip-flops and hats will not be allowed.

### C. ACADEMIC CONDUCT

All students and faculty of the S.H.S.U. School of Medicine are expected to subscribe to an honor system which is implicit in accepting admission to the School of Medicine. The student is responsible for his/her own integrity, and is likewise responsible for reporting possible violation of the Code by fellow students. The faculty shall take all reasonable steps to prevent violations and each faculty member likewise is responsible for reporting possible violations.

#### **Examples of conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken include but are not limited to:**

1. Dishonesty which includes, but, is not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to an examination or to obtain unfair advantage, using unauthorized sources of information during an examination, assisting a fellow student in committing an act of cheating, collaborating on assignments without explicit permission of the instructor, entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage, taking an examination for another student, or altering grade reports.
2. Plagiarism which is the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own an idea, expression, or production of another without proper credit to its source.
3. A student who witnesses any of the above or who is approached with an offer to gain unfair advantage is obligated to report that violation to the appropriate authority. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

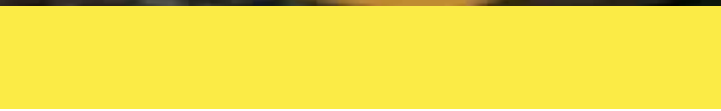






# Certificate and Licensure

ECFMG Certification  
State Licensure





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The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), through its program of certification, assesses whether international medical graduates are ready to enter residency or fellowship programs in the United States that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

To be eligible for certification by ECFMG, international medical graduates must meet the following examination and medical education credential requirements.

Examination Requirements for ECFMG Certification includes passing Step 1 and Step 2 of the USMLE. The Step 2 exam has two separately administered components, the Clinical Knowledge (CK) component and the Applicants for ECFMG Certification must document the completion of all requirements for, and receipt of, the final medical diploma. ECFMG verifies every applicant's medical school diploma with the appropriate officials of the medical school that issued the diploma. When ECFMG sends your medical diploma to your medical school for verification, ECFMG will request the medical school include your final medical school transcript and the school returns the verification of your medical diploma to ECFMG. An applicant's credentials are not considered complete until ECFMG receives verification of the medical diploma and the final medical school transcript directly from the medical school. For detailed information see Medical Education Credentials (ECFMG 2005 Information Booklet).

Eligibility Requirements: you must send two (2) photocopies of your medical diploma and one (1) full-face color photograph to ECFMG.





## **Policy Regarding USMLE Step I, Step II CK, AND Step II CS Examinations For Medical School Students:**

To be eligible for Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 2 CS, you must be officially enrolled in a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is listed in the International Medical Education Directory (IMED) of the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER), both at the time that you apply and at the time you take the exam. In addition, the “Graduation Years” in IMED for your medical school must be listed as “Current” at the time you apply and at the time you take the exam. Your Medical School Dean, Vice Dean, or Registrar must certify your current enrollment status on the application. This certification must be current; the official must have signed the application within four (4) months of its receipt by ECFMG.

In addition to being currently enrolled as described above to be eligible for Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 2 CS, you must have completed at least two (2) years of medical school. This eligibility requirement means that you must have completed the basic medical science component of the medical school curriculum by the beginning of your eligibility period.

Applicants are no longer required to have passed Step 1 before applying for Step 2 CS. Applicants for ECFMG certification may take Step 1, Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS in any sequence, provided that they meet all other eligibility requirements.

## **State Licensure**

In order to secure a State Licensure, most states in the United States have the following requirements:

1. ECFMG certification (USMLE Step 1, Step 2CK & Step 2 CS)
2. USMLE. (Step III)
3. Be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States
4. Successfully complete at least three (3) years of Postgraduate training (residency)

**For additional information about USMLE Step 3, contact:**

**The Federation of State Medical Boards  
400 Fuller Wisser Road, Suite 300  
Eules, Texas 76039, U.S.A.  
Telephone: (817) 571-2949**





## **St. Lucia**

**Travel and Visa Requirements**  
**Country Description**  
**Points of Interest and Necessity**

# Travel Formalities to St.Lucia

All students traveling to St. Lucia are required to have a passport and must be in possession of a return ticket to their respective country of origin. Visas are required by all except those exempted on the passports and nationals of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Turkey, United States of America, Uruguay, India (Visa on arrival) and those in direct transit.

*For future information on travel and immigration write or call:*

## **THE ST. LUCIAN EMBASSY**

800 2nd Ave., Suite 400 J  
New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A.  
Telephone: (212) 697-9360  
Facsimile: (212) 697-4993

## **ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS**

1. A Visa Application Form with appropriate fees
2. Two (2) Certified passport size photographs
3. A valid Passport (valid for at least six months)
4. You must be in possession of a round trip airline ticket.
5. An Offer of Admission from the University
6. A receipt of tuition deposit paid to the University.
7. You must be able to prove you financial status in the form of:
  - a) Financial Statement attested by your bank, or
  - b) Letter of financial support by parents' bank duly signed by an authorized Bank Official or
  - c) An affidavit of financial support by student's sponsor (if other than parents) notarized in the presence of a Bank Official or Justice of the Peace or a Magistrate or a Notary Public.

## **United Kingdom Transit Visa**

For information on obtaining a United Kingdom Transit Visa, please visit their website at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)

**For more information on St. Lucia Visa:** The following are Embassies/Consulate/High Commission of St. Lucia.

### **Toronto**

Consulate of Saint Lucia  
65 Overlea Blvd., Suite 250, Toronto, ON, M4H 1P1, Canada. Tel: 416-203-8400.  
Fax: 416-203-8486, email [infoslutoroconsulate@rogers.com](mailto:infoslutoroconsulate@rogers.com)

### **Canada**

High Commission for Eastern Caribbean States  
130 Albert Street, Suite 700, Ottawa, Ontario K1P5G4  
Canada, Tel: 613-236-8952, Fax: 613-236-3042  
Email: [echcc@travel-net.com](mailto:echcc@travel-net.com)

### **Washington**

Embassy of Saint Lucia to the United States and OAS  
3216 New Mexico Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016 USA  
Tel: 202-364-6792/95, Fax: 202-364-6723



## **Martinique**

St. Lucia Consulate General de St. Lucie  
3 Rue de la Liberation, 97200 Fort de France,  
Martinique  
Tel: 011-569-718-350, Fax: 011-596-638-258

## **Student Visa Extension**

In order to obtain Student Visa or Student Visa Extension while enrolled at Spartan Health Sciences University, the following guidelines are to be met:

### **FOR NEW STUDENTS (FIRST TRIMESTER AND/OR TRANSFER STUDENTS)**

1. Registration forms have to be completed on the first day of class.
2. Passports should be submitted within first or second week of the trimester. The passports are usually required for identification purposes to open bank accounts and for telephone connection. This should be done during the first two weeks of the trimester.
3. Student Visa process takes approximately 3 – 4 weeks. The students will be given a 1 year Visa extension which has to be renewed when it expires.

### **ENROLLED STUDENTS**

1. All financial obligations to the school have to be met in order to obtain a visa extension after the first six (6) months.
2. A student must be in possession of a valid student visa to attend the University (any short term entry visas are unacceptable).



## About Saint Lucia

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine, is located in the former British Colony of St. Lucia. St. Lucia gained her independence from the British on February 22, 1979. The population of St. Lucia at the end of 2014 was approximately 183,600. The people of Saint Lucia are English speaking, friendly and very accommodating.

Before becoming a British Colony, Saint Lucia changed hands 14 times between the French and the British. The island became a British possession in 1814. Hence, French and British mannerisms among the people are not uncommon. The local language is Creole (or Patois, and adulterated French) emerged as a result of British and French influences with English as the official language.

## A Brief History

The island now known as Saint Lucia has been subjected to many changes in name, and the differing designations have been the object of many variations in spelling.

According to some sources, the Amerindian name was Louanalao, meaning “there where the Iguana is found”. Later, there was a change and the island became known as Hewanorra; and eventually the name appeared as “Hewanorra”.

## Saint Alouzie

The first record of an approach to the present name seems to have started in the 1500s. Around 1593, the name of the island was given as “Saint Lucia”, and some records of 1605 show it as “Santa Lucia”. However, it appeared as “Saint Alouzie” in certain French nautical documents, and some 40 years later, it was listed as “Saint Alousie”.

St. Lucia is part of the Windward Islands Group of the Lesser Antilles and lies between the Longitude limits 60 degrees 53’ and 61 degrees 05’ West and the Latitude limits of 13 degrees 43’ and 238 square miles. The island lies between the fellow- Independent and former British Island of St. Vincent to the South, and the French island of Martinique to the north.

## Seasons

There are not well-defined wet or dry seasons but the wettest month is generally July while February is usually the driest time of the year. The hot season occurs between February to May and the months from December to March are normally very cool. The relative humidity is high, ranging from 60% to 95%, according to the time of day and seasons.

## Mountains

St. Lucia is very mountainous, with the main ridge running almost through its entire length, the highest peak is Morne Gimie (3145 ft.) but there are several other mountains ranging between 3,000 and 2,000 feet. The best known mountains, however, are the twin peaks Gros Piton (2619 ft.) and Petit Piton (2416 ft.) – old volcanic cones to the south of Soufriere Bay, on the West coast, which gave inspiration for the motif on the island’s flag, and have become known throughout the world as St. Lucia’s “trade mark.”

In contrast to the center of the island, the northern and southern ends are not mountainous. In the north, the few peaks that exist are scarcely higher than 400 feet while the south is almost a flat plain for about four square miles.



## Communication and Shipping

St. Lucia is in direct communication with the main ports of the world. The two major ports of Castries and Vieux Fort provide a wide range of facilities for the berthing of ships and the handling of utilized general cargo in pallets and containers as well as non-utilized cargo.

## Airports

The island is the only East Caribbean territory with two (2) commercial airports. Hewanorra International Airport, at the south of the island, just outside the town of Vieux Fort, has an asphalted runway of 9,000 feet



with the capacity to accommodate long-range jet aircraft of the 747 and Tri-Star category. The runway is fully lit and the airport possesses facilities for all weather landing. Scheduled flights are maintained by Air Canada, Virgin Atlantic Airways, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue, British Airways, U.S. Airways, and WestJet.

George F.L. Charles Airport (Vigie) is within limits of the capital city of Castries. It has an asphalted runway of 5,700 feet with facilities for night landing. Scheduled flights to this airport are maintained by Air Caribe, Caribbean Star Airlines and LIAT. Shuttle service between this airport and Hewanorra is also regularly available. "Vigie" is also used by some air-cargo carriers like Amerijet.

## Tourist Attractions

St. Lucia's beauty has drawn many people to its shores, since the sound of military cannon has ceased to reverberate through its valleys; and this English-speaking but French-oriented island continues to be a favorite for vacationers. Among the resorts mostly visited are: Coconut Beach Resort, Sandals, Windjammer, Rex St. Lucian, Club St. Lucia, Marigot Bay and Ladera Resort.

## Sulphur Springs

One of the major attractions for visitors to Saint Lucia is the Sulphur Springs Volcano which has been compared to the Soufriere of Onzendaki in Japan and the famous Solfatara of Pozzuoli in Italy. This wonder of nature has been found to be the "most interesting; perhaps the most potentially active; possibly the most highly curative, and certainly, the most accessible of them all". It is known as the "drive in volcano" because you actually drive through it!





## **Morne Fortune**

No visitor to Saint Lucia can really say that the island has been visited without making a tour of Morne Fortune, for this is the most historic spot in this 238- square mile territory. The hill, one of the principal former battlegrounds of the Caribbean, is less than two miles to the South of the city of Castries, which it overlooks. It was the scene of countless battles between the English and the French as they fought for possession of “Fair Helen”.

## **Pigeon Island National Park**

To the north of the island, is the Pigeon Island National Park. This area played a significant role in St. Lucia’s past from 1550 and up to World War II and has been permanently engraved in English history by Admiral Lord Rodney who sailed from there to defeat the French fleet in 1782, in the Battle of the Saints.

Besides these attractions connected with Saint Lucia’s past, the tourist can find many other areas of interest like rain forests, guided tours, mountain walk, scenic drives into rural areas, and aquatic pastimes.

## **Roads**

All the island’s towns, villages and main residential centers are linked by some 1520 kilometers of all- purpose roads. There are also several kilometers of roads running through the agricultural areas and these are continually being improved and extended.



## TELEPHONE SERVICES

**FLOW:** Provides landline, internet and cable T.V. For further information:

Telephone number: (784)-570-1600  
Facsimile: (784)-570-1666  
Email: info@karibcables.com  
Website: www.karibcables.com

**DIGICEL:** Provides mobile and internet service. For further information:

Telephone number: (758)-456-3400  
Facsimile: (758)-450-3872  
Email: customercare.stlucia@digicelgroup.com  
Website: www.digicelstlucia.com

## BANKS AND BANKING

There are nine (9) commercial banks operating in Saint Lucia. The main center of business is the capital of Castries, but some of the banks have branches in the town of Soufriere and Vieux Fort which are areas of agricultural and commercial activity. The banks are:

- A. The Bank of Nova Scotia
- B. Bank of Saint Lucia Ltd
- C. First Caribbean International Bank
- D. 1st National Bank of St. Lucia Ltd.
- E. Royal Bank of Canada
- F. St. Lucia Development bank

## EASTERN CARIBBEAN CURRENCY

The island's currency is the East Caribbean dollar, which is pegged to the United States Dollar at the parity of EC \$2.6882 to U.S. \$1.00. The currency is controlled by the East Caribbean Currency Authority, a regional body with its headquarters in St. Kitts.









# **Student Information Organizations**



## **SPARTAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SSA)**

The SSA represents collective interests of students with regard to the proper administration and improvement of the University. Individual student grievances will be channeled through the SSA President to the appropriate Committees.

The SSA is governed by a slate of elected officers and an elected representative from each trimester class. The SSA recently introduced a new body, the SSA senate which comprises of the elected class representative from each class. Outings, Taste of Spartan and intramural sports are regular events organized by SSA .

## **AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AMSA)**

American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is a national organization representing 35,000 physicians-in-training. U. S citizens in international medical schools are eligible for affiliate membership in AMSA. AMSA offers a number of exceptional benefits and services:

- The New Physician AMSA magazine focuses on social and political issues of concern of physicians-in-training.
- Discounts on Books- such as the CIBA collection of medical illustrations
- NOVARTIS clinical symposia





- Group Insurance Plans – health, life, disability, auto and tenants
- MasterCard Program – employment-related HIV supplemental income protections and Spring service
- Revolving Line of Credit
- Discount Travel – for interviewing seniors and for leisure
- Career planning Publications
- Conference and Workshops

**AMSA lifetime membership is U. S \$75.00. For more information and eligibility for benefits, please contact:**

Spartan AMSA chapter or Membership Services,  
AMSA 1902 Association Drive,  
Reston,  
Virginia 20191  
Telephone: 1 (800) 767-2266, (703) 620-6600  
Email Address: [members@www.amsa.org](mailto:members@www.amsa.org)  
Web Address: <http://www.amsa.org>

Spartan Health Sciences University, School of Medicine has a local chapter of the American Medical Students Association (Spartan Chapter) which represents physicians in training. They are committed to the improvement and delivery of healthcare to the people by assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems. By addressing social, moral, and ethical issues they wish to advance medical education and ultimately the profession of medicine. With respect to this, they are involved in a number of exciting and progressive community projects.



## SPARTAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SAA)

S.A.A participates in all student activities at the school along with S.S.A and A.M.S.A. They actively make contact with the graduates and update their networking onto the school's website. They invite graduates (alumni) to St. Lucia to give lectures to the entire student body regarding how to prepare for USMLE Exams, acceptance in Residency programs and the experiences in their private practice, etc.

## HEARTBEAT JOURNAL

The heartbeat is the student newsletter of Spartan Health Sciences University. It is published on trimester basis, produced and edited by students, and focuses on keeping the university community informed about student activities, issues in medicine, developments of particular concern to medical students, academic changes and regulations, administrative announcements, and human interest stories relating to Spartan students. Contributions are welcome from students, faculty and the administration but publication is at the discretion of the editor. The Heartbeat strives for quality and responsible reporting and is an important means of communication among the student body and the greater university community.







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