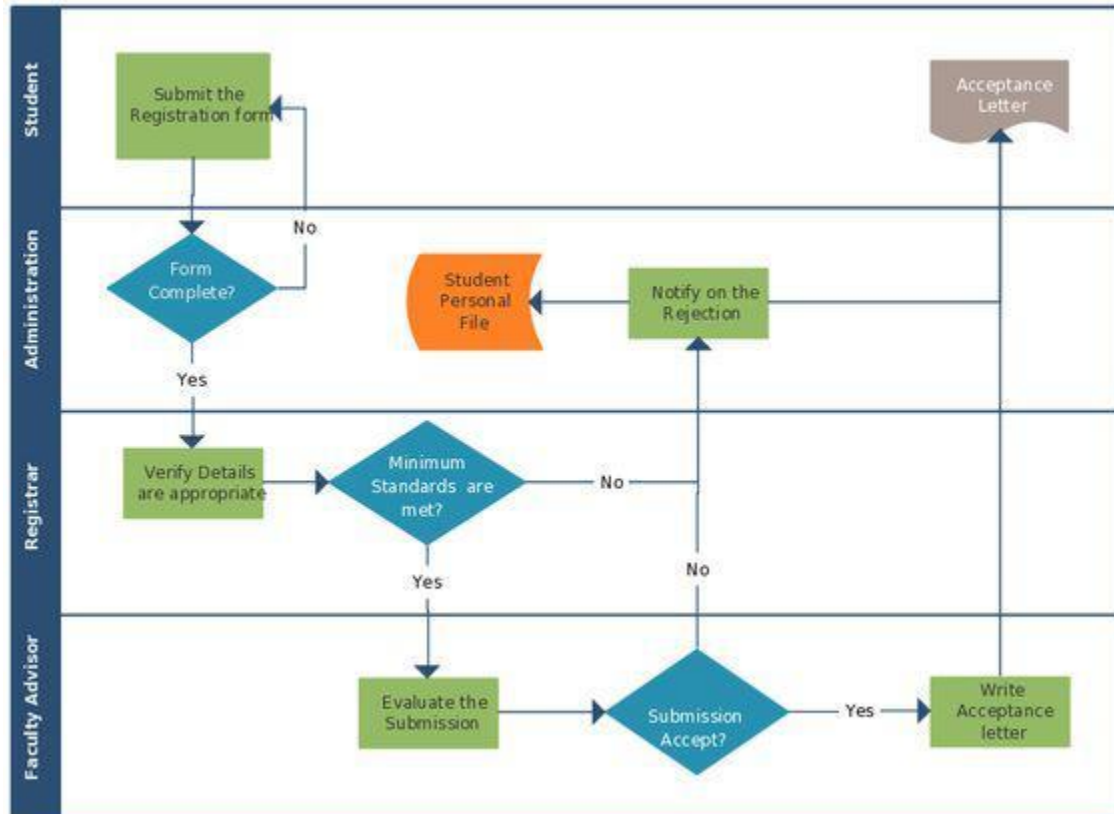


# ADMISSION PROCESS



## Four Year MD Program Overview

The MD program further consists of a **160-week curriculum** that is typically completed within four calendar years:

- **Total Years = 4**
- **Total Weeks = 160**
- **Total Credits = 160**
- **Total Credit Hours = 480**

## THE FOUR-YEAR MD PROGRAM IS CLASSIFIED INTO TWO PHASES:

### 1. BASIC SCIENCES (PRECLINICAL):

Year 1 and 2 of academic years comprises a total of:

- Two years
- 78 weeks
- 80 Credits
- 240 credit hours of study at BIMS SOM-HP campus in Montego Bay, Jamaica and

## 2. CLINICAL TRAINING

Year 3 and 4 of academic years comprises a total of:

- Two years
- 82 weeks
- 80 Credits
- 240 credit hours of rotating through clerkships in the Clinical Sciences at BIMS SOM-HP associated teaching and participating hospitals principally in the United States, Jamaica, wider Caribbean and Asia

### Credits & Credit Hours

A total of **480 credit hours** are required at BIMS SOM-HP to obtain the Doctor of medicine Degree, as follows:

- **Years 1 & 2:** Introduction to basic science with correlated system teaching, incorporating basic and clinical sciences in the study of an organ system, **for a total of 240 credit hours.**
- **Years 3 & 4:** Clinical training is directed toward area of medicines that are important in family practice, **for a total of 240 credit hours.**

These are:

	<b>Year I</b>	<b>Duration (Weeks)</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	Semester 1	18 Weeks	17	51
	Semester 2	18 Weeks	18	54
	Semester 3	06 Weeks	07	21
<b>Total Year 1</b>	<b>Three Semesters</b>	<b>42 Weeks</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>126</b>

	<b>Year II</b>	<b>Duration (Weeks)</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	Semester 1	18 Weeks	19	57
	Semester 2	18 Weeks	19	57
<b>Total Year 2</b>	<b>Two Semesters</b>	<b>36 Weeks</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>114</b>

	<b>Year III</b>	<b>Duration (Weeks)</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	Internal Medicine	12 Weeks	12	36
	General Surgery	12 Weeks	12	36
	Paediatrics (Adolescent) Medicine	06 Weeks	06	18
	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	08 Weeks	06	18
	Psychiatry	04 Weeks	06	18
<b>Total Year 3</b>		<b>42 Weeks</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>126</b>

	<b>Year IV</b>	<b>Duration (Weeks)</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
	Family Medicine	04 Weeks	04	12
	Additional Electives	36 Weeks	34	112
<b>Total Year 4</b>		<b>40 Weeks</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Total = 4 Years</b>				
		<b>160 Weeks</b>	<b>160 Credits</b>	<b>148 Credit Hrs</b>

## **MEDICAL CURRICULUM**

### **OVERVIEW**

The medical curriculum offered at BIMS SOM-HP has adopted a flexible and an innovative trend in medical education with the delivery of a medical school curriculum which brings together the medical disciplines through integration of those branches but from a technology driven platform to:

- foster greater communication and cooperation among departments.
- develop a holistic perspective on the function of the human body in health and disease.
- develop an understanding of the basic sciences and find that the knowledge gained will be useful in the laboratory in the hospital or the physician's office.

The **four-year** MD Program is spread over four years (160 Weeks):

1. Years 1 and 2: **78 WEEKS** – BASIC SCIENCES (Preclinical)
2. Years 3 and 4: **82 WEEKS** – CLINICAL TRAINING
3. **GLOBAL HEALTH TRACK (GHT) PROGRAMME** – a four-year longitudinal track embedded into its curriculum.

Year 1 and 2: Two academic years / 78 weeks of study at BIMS SOM-HP campus in Montego Bay, Jamaica and

Year 3 and 4: Two academic years / 82 weeks of rotating through clerkships in the Clinical Sciences at teaching hospitals principally in the United States, Jamaica, Wider Caribbean and Asia.

### **CANCELLATION OF ENROLLMENT:**

\* The students have the right to cancel his/her enrollment agreement by the end of the first day of semester.

\* After classes have commenced, the student has the right to withdraw at any time as per the following withdrawal process.

## STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

### Official Withdrawal

1. A student wishing to withdraw from further study at the institution for any reason at any time of the academic year, he/she will need to inform the Dean and the Admissions office with a written letter of intent and with immediate effect.
2. The statement by the student must be dated and duly signed and further witnessed by a Justice of the peace in Jamaica or an Attorney at Law or a Notary public in Jamaica or their country of origin.
3. The same document shall be sent by a courier or electronically to the above-mentioned offices and are required to receive written approval for a Leave of Absence (LOA) from the Office of the Dean of Students
4. DISCONTINUED ATTENDANCE OR NOTIFICATION TO THE INSTRUCTOR OR ANY OTHER OFFICE WILL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL.

### Unofficial Withdrawal

1. If a student stop attending classes or clinical rotations and has not provided a Withdrawal Form, notified the Dean and Admissions office of a withdrawal, or requested a Leave of Absence, he/she will be unofficially withdrawn from the institution through the Administrative Withdrawal process.
2. An interruption of enrollment status that does not qualify as a leave of absence is considered as a unofficial withdrawal as of the last date of attendance.
3. DISCONTINUED ATTENDANCE OR NOTIFICATION TO THE INSTRUCTOR OR ANY OTHER OFFICE WILL CONSTITUTE AN UNOFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL.