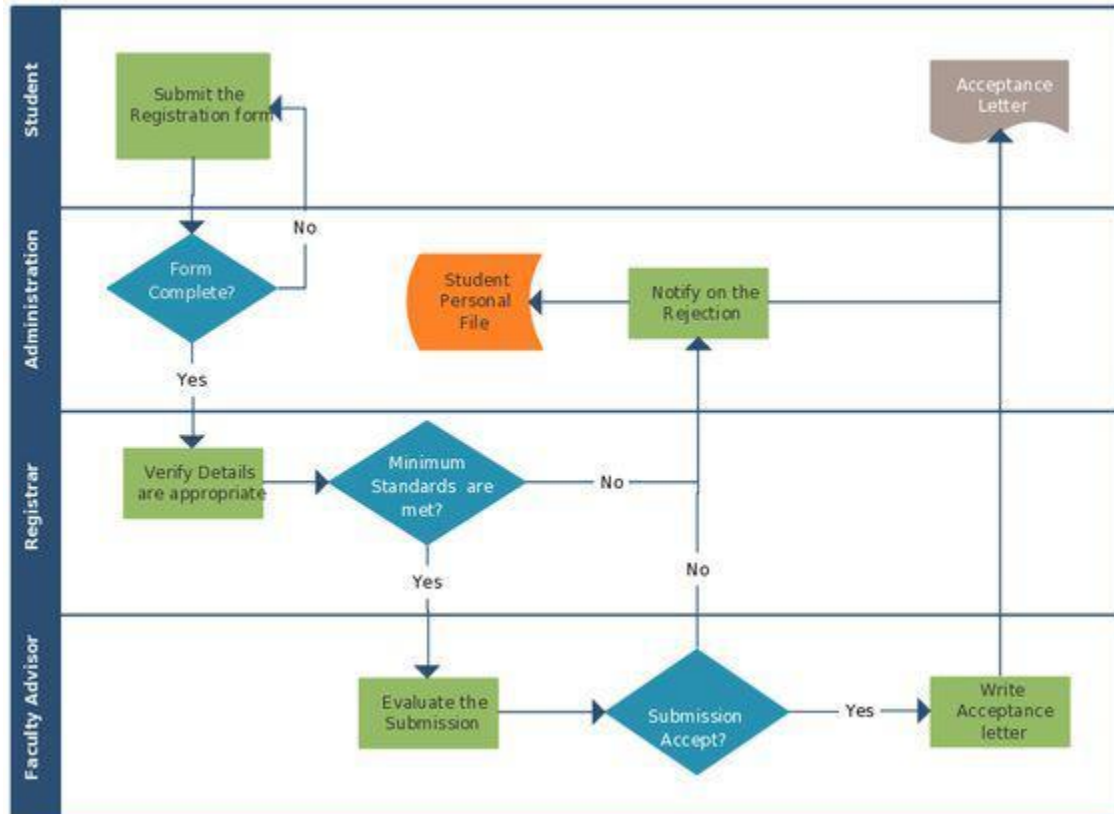


ADMISSION PROCESS



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:

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

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

	Year III	Duration (Weeks)	Credits	Credit Hours
	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
Total Year 3		42 Weeks	42	126

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

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.