



Since 1976

# DAVAO MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION, INC.

In Philippines

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### 1. Why Choose Philippines to study Medicine?

1. Philippines is one of the largest English speaking countries in the world with English being the medium of instructions.
2. Affordable cost of education.
3. Excellent hands-on Practice.
4. Ideal student to patient ratio.
5. Tropical Climate with a similar disease pattern to India.
6. Follows the American system of education.
7. Easy accessibility to several daily flights.
8. Philippines is the largest provider of Medical doctors to the U.S.
9. ASEAN Friendly Country.

### 2. Why DAVAO Medical School Foundation (DMSF)?

1. Established in the year 1976 and has been into medical education for the past 44 years.
2. Only medical college in the province with a population of 1.5 million.
3. First in Philippines to provide automated simulation mannequin stations for clinical learning.
4. First in Philippines to install 3D Imagery Unit for minute dissection learning.
5. First in Philippines to use Virtual Augmented Reality for Teaching Anatomy.
5. First in Philippines to provide Advance Teaching facilities like Team Learning Centers (TLC).
6. Ranks No.6 amongst the top performing medical schools in the Philippines last 10 years.
7. Offers excellent clinical training and hands on practice.
8. Clinical training in hospitals with 4000 beds.
9. Accredited by PASCAU.
10. MCI recognized and listed in WHO (World Health Organisation)
11. The only university with 4000 Indian students studying medicine.
12. Separate hostel for Indian Students with Indian cuisine.
13. Proven track record of highest passing percentage in MCI Screen Test (FMGE) every year.

### 3. What is the degree offered?

Doctor of Medicine (MD), as per the American curriculum which is equivalent to MBBS in India.

### 4. How is MD different from MBBS?

MBBS and MD are both primarily medical qualifications. The degrees are equal. (See ECFMG list of degrees recognized from different countries). MBBS is the British system of education whereas MD is the American System of education.

### 5. What is the total duration of the Course?

The total duration of the course is 5 years and 4 months.

### 6. What is the eligibility for admission?

12th Grade or equivalent qualification with minimum 50% in Physics, Chemistry and Biology subjects and pass in English and qualification in NEET UG.



## 7. Can I complete my Internship in India?

Yes. After completion of the Screening Test and procuring the Provisional Registration of the MCI you can complete your internship in India.

## 8. Can I Practice in India on my return?

Yes. After the successful completion of the Screening Test and Internship, the student is eligible to register with the MCI and the State Medical Councils and can practice in India.

## 9. Are there any extra fees for the Screening Test?

The nominal exam fees are to be borne by the student.

## 10. What happens if the student fails to Clear the Screening Test?

A student can appear any number of times for the Screening Test. However, generally students who pass the MD degree of an American System of Education are expected to clear this exam in the first attempt.

## 11. How can I Prepare for my screening test?

Transworld Educare and Kings International Medical Academy conduct exclusive coaching classes for DMSF students after completion of the course.

## 12. Can I get a job in the Government hospitals or allied Medical Institutions in India?

Yes. Upon registration with MCI/State Councils, the student is eligible for any Government job.

## 13. Can a student avail educational loan? If yes, what are the Procedures?

Yes. Education loans are available from all nationalized and scheduled banks. The students must apply directly to bank at the place of permanent residence. Finance Department will assist the student in procuring the loan by providing all necessary documents required from the university.

## 14. Can a student take USMLE?

Yes. Graduates from DMSF are eligible for appearing for USMLE.

## 15. Are there hostel facilities available in these universities?

Yes, separate hostel facilities for Indian students are available for both boy and girls.

## 16. What about Laundry and Internet facilities in the hostel?

Laundry and Internet facilities are available in the hostel at reasonable extra cost.

## 17. Is vegetarian food available?

Yes. Vegetarian food is available and in fact there are kitchens that serve both vegetarian and non-vegetarian Indian food.

## 18. Will I as an Indian student be able to adjust to hostel facilities in the Philippines?

Yes, exclusive, and separate hostel facilities have been customized for Indian student with Indian cuisine.

## 19. What are the tuition fees for the entire course duration?

The tuition fee for the course is USD 5100 per annum for MD Program.

## 20. Will there be exposure to real life cases?

Yes, the curriculum for the fourth year involves compulsory clinical rotations which allow students for hands on practice in hospitals with 4000 beds strength.



## 21. Do I have to give any entrance exams before enrolling for the MD Program?

Yes, students must appear for NMAT exams before enrolling for the MD Program.

## 22. Will I receive any review for the NMAT exam?

Yes. Necessary training by professionals shall be provided before the NMAT exam.

## 23. My English is not fluent. How will I be able to cope in an English-speaking country?

Special arrangements are made for spoken English training and students from vernacular medium of instructions will also be able to cope in the Philippines.

## 24. How can I get more information if I am interested?

Kindly visit our website [www.dmsf.ph](http://www.dmsf.ph) or mail us at [info@dmsf.ph](mailto:info@dmsf.ph) you can also walk at our office. You can also visit our authorized representative.

## 25. What is the procedure for procuring a Student Visa to travel to Philippines?

After submission of requisite documents, and fulfilling the requirements, students will be awarded a 9(A) SPECIAL STUDY PERMIT (SSP) Visa, which has a validity of 59 days during which the student will have travelled to Philippines. Once in Philippines, the aforementioned Visa will be converted into a Student Visa and will also be granted an ACR i-card, this entire procedure of which will be taken care of by the college and our staff.

## 26. What is the validity of the Student Visa and ACR- icard?

The Student Visa and ACR icard have a validity of 1 year, after which the renewal of both these documents needs to be done. The renewal procedure will be taken care of by the VISA dept in the college.

## 27. What if the student is under the age of 18 when the Visa Conversion process from 9(A) to 9(F) takes place?

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