



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY  
MALAYSIA

**MEDICINE**

**SCHOOL OF  
MEDICINE**

**2018**



# What Is IMU's Medicine Programme About?

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## Overview

The IMU Medical programme is structured into Medical Sciences and Clinical Training.

The first 2.5 years focus on the Medical Sciences and is undertaken at the University's campus in Bukit Jalil. On completion of the Medical Sciences, students proceed to clinical training. Students may choose to undertake this training either at the Clinical Campus Seremban for another 2.5 years, or at a Partner Medical School (PMS) overseas. The overseas duration varies from 2 to 4 years.

The IMU has an integrated system-based curriculum for its medical programme and uses a variety of approaches to its teaching-learning activities. These include lectures, problem-based learning (PBL), task-based learning (TBL), practical classes, independent learning, clinical skills sessions and clinical training with patient contact. Clinical training is carried out at Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar Seremban, Hospital Jempol, Hospital Tuanku Najihah Kuala Pilah, Hospital Port Dickson, in Negeri Sembilan; Hospital Sultanah Nora Ismail in Batu Pahat, Hospital Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom in Kluang, Johor, and other teaching hospitals and health clinics in Negeri Sembilan and the Klang Valley.

The early exposure of students to clinical experiences emphasises the importance of clinical application of basic science and serves to stimulate students' interest in Medicine. From August 2017, we have incorporated the USMLE Step 1 Preparatory Course into the IMU medical curriculum across Semesters 1 to 5. This is to allow IMU medical graduates to begin early preparation to sit for USMLE Step 1 examination that carves a path towards United States residency opportunities.

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**DEGREE / DURATION**

MBBS (IMU) — 5 years

Degree from partner universities — 4½ – 6½ years

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**COMMENCEMENT**

February and August

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**PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

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**AUSTRALIA**

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

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**IRELAND**

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**CANADA**

## A Word from the Dean

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**“Medicine is a life-changing career.  
It is for those who are fully committed  
to take up the challenge.”**

**PROF DATO' DR (MRS) S T KEW — Dean, School of Medicine**  
MBBS (Sing), FAMM, FAMS, FRCP (Lond), FRCP (Edin),  
FRCP (Glasg), FRCPI, FACP (Hon), FRACP (Hon)

# How Does the Programme Work?

## Medicine Programme Structure

SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Foundation Module (20 weeks)	Cardiovascular System (5 weeks)	Gastrointestinal System (6 weeks)	GP Posting (1 week)	Community Health Survey (2 weeks)
Anatomy	Respiratory System (5 weeks)	Renal System (4 weeks)	Reproductive System (4 weeks)	Clinical Integration Block
Physiology	Haematology System (5 weeks)	Endocrine System (4 weeks)	Musculoskeletal System (5 weeks)	Clinical Attachment (4 weeks)
Biochemistry			Nervous System (5 weeks)	Clinical Skills and Integrated Medical Seminars (4 weeks)
Genetics			Clinical Rotation / Elective (4 weeks)	Forensic Science (4 weeks)
Embryology			Basic Life Support (1 Week)	
Pathology				
Immunology				
Microbiology				
Parasitology				
Pharmacology				
Community Medicine				
Clinical Skills				
SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER	SEMESTER
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Clinical Rotations in:	Clinical Rotations in:	Specialised Postings:	Clinical Rotations:	Senior Clerkship (20 weeks):
General Medicine (7 weeks)	Orthopaedics (7 weeks)	Obstetrics & Gynaecology (8 weeks)	Medical Block (6 weeks)	Internal Medicine (5 weeks)
General Surgery (7 weeks)	Psychiatry (7 weeks)	Paediatrics (8 weeks)	Surgical Block (6 weeks)	Surgery (5 weeks)
Family Medicine (7 weeks)	Surgical-Based Block (7 weeks)	Elective / Selective (8 weeks)	Family Medicine (6 weeks)	Obstetrics & Gynaecology (5 weeks)
				Paediatrics (5 weeks)

The curriculum is reviewed periodically and is subject to change.

The MPU modules are compulsory modules imposed by Ministry of Higher Education under the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555). All students must take these modules and pass as a prerequisite for the award of the degree.

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## Assessment

A variety of assessment methods are employed in the medical curriculum to assess the learning outcomes. This includes various types of:

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE)
- Modified Essay Questions (MEQ)
- Structured Essay Questions (SEQ)
- Extended Matching Question (EMQ)
- Short Answer Questions (SAQ)

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## Clinical Training

Clinical exposure to patients starts as early as Semester 1 and throughout the integrated system modules in Semesters 2, 3 and 4. In Semester 5, students spend 4 full weeks in hospital postings. In the clinical years from Semester 6 to Semester 10, students are posted to the full range of major medical and surgical specialities.

Clinical and hospital postings are conducted in hospitals and health clinics including:

- Hospital Tuanku Ja'afar Seremban
- Hospital Port Dickson
- Hospital Kuala Kubu Bharu
- Hospital Orang Asli, Gombak
- Hospital Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Kluang
- Hospital Jempol
- Hospital Tuanku Najihah Kuala Pilah
- Hospital Sultanah Nora Ismail Batu Pahat
- Several health clinics in Negeri Sembilan and the Klang Valley

Currently, Semester 10 students undergo their 6 months of Senior Clerkship at Hospital Sultanah Nora Ismail Batu Pahat or Hospital Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Kluang. During this semester, students work in wards as shadow house officers under the supervision of senior clinicians, in order to prepare them for their housemanship. This is important for the students as they will be provided the opportunity of hands-on incremental responsibility for patient management.

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## Recognition of Degree

The IMU awards the Medical degree of MBBS (IMU) to students upon completion of the IMU 5-year Medical programme. This degree is recognised by the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC) and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). The degree is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools.

The Partner Medical Schools (PMS) award their respective degrees to students upon satisfactory completion of their programmes.

Graduates from IMU's Medical programme and PMS are working in various healthcare facilities in Malaysia and other countries

including Singapore, the United Kingdom and Australia.

The School of Medicine was granted 5-year accreditation (2015-2020) from Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) for its medicine programme.

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## Career Pathway

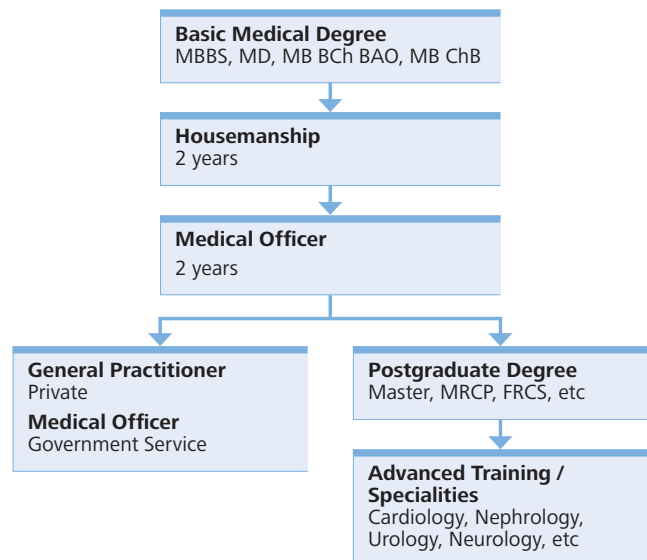
Medicine offers a vast variety of career choices. Most doctors treat patients full-time, while others also teach, conduct research, manage hospitals and clinics, or develop healthcare policy.

A doctor can work in private hospitals, or start a private practice, either with the basic degree, or after specialisation. A doctor may also choose to remain working with the Government. Doctors can join an academic institution, teach or do research. Doctors can combine medical knowledge and IT skills to develop e-learning modules: the future of medical education.

Medicine has diversified. Increasingly the focus is on preventive healthcare and the management of chronic diseases and ageing population. These are also the areas that many doctors serve.

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### CAREER PATHS FOR DOCTORS IN MALAYSIA



Please note that in order to work with the Government, graduates will be required to have a pass in SPM Bahasa Malaysia.

International students are advised to check with the professional bodies for internship / practising opportunities.

Presently, non-Malaysians are not eligible for housemanship positions in Malaysia.

## Duration of Study and Transfer Requirements

### TRACK 1

University	Duration of Medical Programme		
	Phase 1 (IMU) (Years)	Phase 2 (Years)	Total (Years)
<b>Malaysia</b>			
International Medical University	2½	2½	5

### TRACK 2

University	Duration of Medical Programme		
	Phase 1 (IMU) (Years)	Phase 2 (Years)	Total (Years)
<b>Australia</b>			
University of Adelaide	2½	3	5½
University of Newcastle	2½	3	5½
University of Tasmania	2½	3	5½
University of Western Sydney	2½	3	5½
<b>Canada</b>			
Dalhousie University, Canada	2½	2	4½
<b>United Kingdom</b>			
University of Aberdeen, Scotland	2½	3	5½
University of Dundee, Scotland	2½	3	5½
University of Edinburgh, Scotland	2½	3	5½
University of Exeter, England	2½	3	5½
University of Glasgow, Scotland	2½	3	5½
University of Leeds, England	2½	3	5½
University of Liverpool, England	2½	3	5½
University of Manchester, England	2½	3	5½
University of Nottingham, England <sup>2</sup>	2½	2½	5
Queen Mary University of London, England	2½	3	5½
Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland	2½	3	5½
University of Southampton, England	2½	3	5½
<b>Ireland</b>			
National University of Ireland, Galway	2½	3	5½

### TRACK 3

University	Duration of Medical Programme		
	Phase 1 (IMU) (Years)	Phase 2 (Years)	Total (Years)
<b>United Kingdom</b>			
University of Warwick, England <sup>3</sup>	2½ or 3½	3	5½ or 6½

### TRACK 4

University	Duration of Medical Programme		
	Phase 1 (IMU) (Years)	Phase 2 (Years)	Total (Years)
<b>Australia</b>			
Australian National University <sup>4,5</sup>	3½	2	5½
University of New South Wales <sup>4,5</sup>	3½	3	6½

#### Note

- Full duration of study for the Medical programme (undergraduate and graduate entries) is 4½ to 6½ years, depending on the university of choice.
- The list of partner universities is subject to change.

#### Graduate Entry

<sup>3</sup> For University of Warwick, student with a first degree on entry may transfer after 2½ years. The qualification should fulfil the following, with final approval from the University of Warwick:

- Students can transfer to a graduate school provided that they have a first degree in biological, natural, physical or health sciences. If the Degree does not fall into this category, IMU will refer to University of Warwick for clearance.
- The First Degree must be obtained not more than 10 years ago. If the Degree has been conferred for more than 10 years, the students have to get another degree or do BMed Science at the IMU to qualify for the graduate school.
- The students should not be younger than 18 years old at transfer.
- The minimum entry requirement IMU will accept into the Medical programme with the First Degree is CGPA 5.5 out of 7.0 (for Australian universities). For the USA and Asian countries, the CGPA accepted is 3.5 out of 4.0.

Students without a first degree will have to spend another year to complete the IMU Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons). The IMU Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons) is a 1-year programme. Tuition fees for this programme is RM25,350 per semester.

<sup>4</sup> For Australian National University and University of New South Wales, students are required to complete the IMU Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Hons) prior to transfer.

<sup>5</sup> The fee for the bridging course varies and is dependent on the institution of choice.

# What Is IMU's Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Honours) Programme About?

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## Overview

The Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Honours), BMedSc programme was initiated in 2003 and is an accredited 3.5 years honours degree. The first 2.5 years focus on the Medical Sciences as part of the IMU Medical programme (MBBS) in Bukit Jalil campus.

On completion, the Phase 1 MBBS students are eligible to spend an additional two (2) semesters to undertake a research project and submit a dissertation. The student will be supervised on the preparation of research proposal, designing and executing of research methodology using various scientific tools, data analysis, presentation and preparation of the dissertation and manuscripts for publication. In addition, there is a coursework covering various aspects of research methodology. At the end of this programme, the student will be equipped with new knowledge and practical experience such as in the areas of:

- Scientific research methodology
- Analytical skills during data analysis and evaluation of results
- Statistical methods relevant to research
- Application of information technology to research
- Ethical issues pertinent to research
- Scientific writing
- Literature search and review process
- Health and safety issues in laboratory and experimental practice

This degree is a prerequisite for those who intend to transfer to Graduate Partner Medical Schools (PMS). It is also offered to those who are transferring to non-graduate PMS and Seremban Clinical Campus. It is also an option for students who wish to exit the programme with an honours degree in Medical Sciences.



# How Does the Programme Work?

## Medical Science (BMedSc) Programme Structure

### SEMESTER

# 1

Foundation Module  
(20 weeks)

Anatomy

Physiology

Biochemistry

Genetics

Embryology

Pathology

Immunology

Microbiology

Parasitology

Pharmacology

Community Medicine

Clinical Skills Attachment  
(4 weeks)

### SEMESTER

# 2

Cardiovascular System  
(5 weeks)

Respiratory System  
(5 weeks)

Haematology System  
(5 weeks)

### SEMESTER

# 3

Gastrointestinal System  
(6 weeks)

Renal System  
(4 weeks)

Endocrine System  
(4 weeks)

### SEMESTER

# 4

GP Posting (1 week)

Reproductive System  
(4 weeks)

Musculoskeletal System  
(5 weeks)

Nervous System  
(5 weeks)

Clinical Rotation / Elective  
(4 weeks)

Basic Life Support  
(1 Week)

### SEMESTER

# 5

Community Health Survey  
(2 weeks)

Clinical Integration Block

Clinical Attachment  
(4 weeks)

Clinical Skills and  
Integrated Medical  
Seminars  
(4 weeks)

Forensic Science  
(4 weeks)

### SEMESTER

# 6

Biomedical Research:  
Current Trends, Laboratory  
Management and  
Regulatory Guidelines

Molecular Tools in  
Biomedical Research

Research Design and  
Methodology

Research Project and  
Dissertation Part I

### SEMESTER

# 7

Research Project and  
Dissertation Part II

## Assessment

Different types of assessment methods are employed in the curriculum to assess the learning outcomes, which include:

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE)
- Modified Essay Questions (MEQ)
- Written Examination
- Research Proposal and Findings Presentation
- Dissertation
- Viva voce

# How Much Does It Cost?

## Bachelor of Medical Sciences (Honours) Fees

All fees quoted are in Ringgit Malaysia unless stated otherwise.

## FEES OVERVIEW

Fee	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	300	950
Registration Fee	1,300	3,400
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
Tuition Fee (Semesters 1-5)	267,000	293,750
Tuition Fee (Semesters 6 & 7)	50,700	52,500
Student Association Fee	40	40
Research Fee	-	3500

# Why Study Medicine at IMU?

1

## An Established Private Healthcare University

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 26 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU achieved the SETARA-2017 Tier 6 status (Outstanding) under the Mature University category.

2

## Build Your Future Healthcare Professional Network

As IMU offers the widest range of healthcare programmes, our students are fully immersed in a vibrant community of students and practitioners from all healthcare fields. This allows for the development of strong friendship amongst peers that will be the foundation of an extensive healthcare professional network upon graduation.

3

## Largest Private Medical School in Malaysia

IMU's MBBS programme was established in 1999 and to date has the highest number of faculty members, registered students and successful graduates of any other private medical schools in Malaysia. The School has been re-accredited by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and Malaysia Medical Council (MMC) for maximum duration of 5 years (2015 – 2020).

4

## Curriculum Benchmarked to International Standards

IMU's medical curriculum has been developed to meet high international standards and is accepted by 21 international partner universities for credit transfer into their medical programmes. The medical curriculum is not only benchmarked to meet high international standards but now it also provides a pathway for our graduates to train and work in the United States with the incorporation of the USMLE Step 1 Preparatory Course into the IMU medical curriculum across Semesters 1 to 5. This is to allow future medical graduates to begin early preparation and be competent to sit for USMLE Step 1 examination that carves a path towards United States residency opportunities.

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## Better Preparation for Housemanship and a Career as a Doctor

With clinical exposure as early as Semester 1 and an intensive 6-month Senior Clerkship at Hospital Sultanah Nora Ismail Batu Pahat / Hospital Enche' Besar Hajjah Khalsom Kluang in Semester 10 (unique in Malaysia), students are better prepared for patient care, housemanship training and to become better doctors.

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	Malaysian Student	International Student
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Registration Fee	1,300	3,400
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
Tuition Fee	490,000	543,500

- Application fee is payable upon submission of application.
- Registration fee and refundable caution deposit are payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office.
- As stipulated by Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education, international students will have to pay Student Visa Application fee of RM1,000 and Medical Health Check fee of RM250 and Visa endorsement fee (depending on nationality) upon registration.
- International students will also be required to pay Student Visa Renewal Administrative fee of RM140/year and Medical Health Check fee of RM250/year.
- Students must adhere to the "Policy on Payment of Fees".
- All students are required to pay Student Association Fees of RM40 per semester.

### FEES BY PROGRAMME ROUTES

Programme Route	Total Duration (years)	At International Medical University (IMU)						At Partner University (PU)				At IMU + PU	
		Years	Total Semesters	Tuition Fee				Years	Total Semesters	Tuition Fee **		Total Tuition Fees ***	
				Per Semester		Total				Per Year	Total		
				Malaysian Student	International Student	Malaysian Student	International Student					Malaysian / International Student	Malaysian / International Student
<b>MBBS (IMU)</b>	5	5	10	49,000	54,350	490,000	543,500	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Credit Transfer to Universities in Australia *</b>	5½							3	6	A\$76,000	A\$228,000	989,760	1,016,510
<b>Credit Transfer to University in Canada *</b>	4½							2	4	C\$84,750	C\$169,500	822,960	849,710
<b>Credit Transfer to University in Ireland *</b>	5½	2½	5	49,000 *	54,350 *	267,000	293,750	3	6	€35,000	€105,000	778,350	805,100
<b>Credit Transfer to Universities in the United Kingdom *</b>	5½							3	6	£49,900	£149,700	1,115,799	1,142,549

#### Note

\* Students who are transferring to partner universities will be required to pay transfer fee of RM4,400 per semester.

\*\* Current estimates only.

\*\*\* Based on exchange rates: A\$1 ≈ RM3.17, €1 ≈ RM 4.87, £1 ≈ RM5.67, C\$1 ≈ RM3.28

- The average total study duration varies with each partner university.
- Tuition and ancillary fees at partner universities overseas are subject to annual increases.
- All fees are accurate at time of print. For latest fees and information, please visit IMU website at [www.imu.edu.my](http://www.imu.edu.my).
- Fees of Canada University is inclusive of C\$15,000 bridging fee.

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## Programmes at IMU

### Pre-University

Foundation in Science  
KPT/JPT(N/010/3/0186)09/2018

### Undergraduate

Medicine  
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0033)09/2019

Dentistry  
KPT/JPT(R/724/6/0010)10/2020

Pharmacy  
KPT/JPT(R/727/6/0050)09/2019

Pharmaceutical Chemistry  
KPT/JPT(R/442/6/0003)01/2018

Dietetics with Nutrition  
KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2022

Nutrition  
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0011)06/2022

Biomedical Science  
KPT/JPT(R2/421/6/0011)09/2022

Medical Biotechnology  
KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2022

Psychology  
KPT/JPT(R2/311/6/0013)09/2022

Chiropractic  
KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2019

Chinese Medicine  
KPT/JPT(R/721/6/0059)01/2020

Nursing Science  
(for registered nurses)  
KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0101)01/2019

Teaching Methodology  
(Post Basic Certificate)  
KPT/JPT(N/723/3/0121)09/2019

### Postgraduate

Public Health (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)09/2020

Analytical & Pharmaceutical  
Chemistry (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(R-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2022

Molecular Medicine (MSc)  
KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)07/2022

Pharmacy Practice (Master)  
KPT/JPT(N/727/7/0051)03/2019

Health Professions Education (HPE)  
(Postgraduate Certificate/  
Postgraduate Diploma/Master)  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)09/2020  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)09/2020  
KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)09/2020

Implant Dentistry (Postgraduate Diploma)  
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0019)06/2021

Medical & Health Sciences  
(MSc & PhD by Research)  
KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)01/2020  
KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0049)06/2019



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