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Scottish-Canadian Medical Programme

Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery

What you will study

This exciting six-year programme allows future doctors wishing to practise medicine in Canada the opportunity to study at two of Scotland's most prestigious and historic universities and to qualify as a medical practitioner earlier than if you study in Canada or the USA.



Programme highlights

The Scottish-Canadian Medical Programme is six years long and can be started directly following high school. You will study for the first three years at the University of St Andrews, followed by three years at the University of Edinburgh. You will then be eligible to complete your residency in Canada through the Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS), supported by the University of Alberta.

- Achieve your MBChB degree, the primary undergraduate medical qualification recognised for medical practice around the world, including in Canada, two years ahead of peers who complete the equivalent degree in Canada.

- As of September 2024, approximately 100 graduates have successfully completed the programme since its launch in 2015.
- 78% CaRMS success matching rate for graduates.
- 98% of graduates are working as doctors or in academic postgraduate study.
- Recent graduate residency specialties include Anaesthesia, Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Paediatrics.
- Entry to this degree programme is directly from high school.



Programme Structure

At the University of St Andrews, you will study clinical sciences and core clinical skills for three years. Following graduation from St Andrews, you will automatically transfer to the University of Edinburgh, without further interview or application, to complete years 4-6 of the Edinburgh MBChB curriculum. While studying at the University of Edinburgh, you will spend time on attachment to the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry (FoMD).

This experience currently includes but is not limited to the following examples:

- A period of core clinical training in disciplines expected to enhance your learning.
- An enhanced orientation to the Canadian healthcare system.
- An opportunity to train for the MCCQE (Part 1) and NAC OSCE.
- An opportunity to attend a four- to six-week placement in a discipline and province of your choice.
- Guidance on the process of application for a residency place.

Within the programme, there is an optional opportunity to apply to an intercalated one-year degree at Masters level. Masters study will take place at St Andrews during the summer months after successful completion of year 3, prior to transferring to the University of Edinburgh.

Degree awards and recognition in Canada

Upon successful completion of the programme, you will graduate with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree from the University of St Andrews and a Bachelor of

Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) from the University of Edinburgh.

The MBChB is the primary undergraduate medical qualification that is recognised for medical practice around the world, including in Canada, and is equivalent to the Canadian MD degree. The University of St Andrews School of Medicine and the University of Edinburgh Medical School are accredited by the UK General Medical Council (GMC). The GMC accreditation is recognised by Canadian and the USA authorities who endorse both universities as being on par with medical schools in Canada.

Residency

Following successful completion of the programme, you will be responsible for your own application to a Canadian residency position and will be assisted by the University of Alberta. All residency places in Canada are managed by the Postgraduate Medical Education Deaneries at each university and are funded by provincial government ministries. Canadian Medical Students Studying Abroad (CMSAs) are classified as International Medical Graduates (IMGs) and compete for residency positions in the same way as other international students who studied outside Canada or the USA. Students apply to the Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS) residency placement scheme.

The University of Alberta FoMD is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS).

This programme is primarily for applicants who want to return to Canada to practise medicine, although you will also be eligible to apply to Foundation Training in the UK.

Institutions of excellence

The Scottish-Canadian Medical Programme (Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery) provides a unique experience both educationally and socially. Entry to the undergraduate medical schools at St Andrews and Edinburgh is competitive, you are guaranteed to be studying with some of the brightest scholars from around the world.

Students benefit from award-winning teaching in a safe and friendly environment. From world-leading research to the rich history and dramatic natural beauty, both institutions take great pleasure in welcoming students from Canada. As well as the world-rated academia, student life is filled with opportunities for sport and arts through local and university clubs and societies. A rich and fully rounded experience awaits you.

The University of St Andrews

The School of Medicine at St Andrews has been educating future doctors for over 550 years and provides state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, research and learning. The School features a 300-seat lecture theatre, a dissection room suitable for whole-body dissection, a 68-bed clinical skills centre and a medical, anatomy and pathology resource centre. The University is home to the most positive students in the UK (National Student Survey 2023) and is ranked first in both the Guardian University Guide 2024 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024.

The University of Edinburgh

The MBChB medical degree programme at Edinburgh recognises the talents, skills and diversity of its students and their vocational commitment to a career in medicine. The aim is to develop students to their full potential so that they graduate as caring, competent, reflective and confident medical practitioners who can work at the highest level in a diverse range of scientific, hospital-based and community environments. Clinical teaching takes place in several locations around the south east of Scotland, providing a breadth of hospital and community-based experience. Students studying at Edinburgh Medical School also benefit from its internationally regarded research programmes – the University was ranked first in Scotland and fourth in the UK in Times Higher Education's 2022 Research Excellence Framework (REF) power ratings.

The University of Alberta

The FoMD Alberta is located in Edmonton, Alberta and is a highly respected, research-intensive faculty and one of the oldest in Western Canada. As a key partner in the Scottish-Canadian Medicine Programme, The University of Alberta supports students' secondment experience and during their CaRMS residency application process in Canada.

"The programme combines a number of things I was looking for. I've experienced lessons I never would have thought of learning before with staff who provide exceptional support and are always willing to help; they really care. The tight-knit community, standard of teaching and overall support has made this an amazing experience."

Justin
Toronto, Canada



How to apply

Entry to Medicine at St Andrews is competitive. We are looking for well-rounded, caring, responsive students who are high academic achievers and show the potential to become excellent medical practitioners.

If you are seeking entry **only** to the Scottish-Canadian medical programme, and no other UK medical school, you can apply to the programme using the University of St Andrews direct application form available at www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/ug/direct. Please note the Scottish-Canadian Medical Programme course code is **Medicine A990 BSc (Hons)**.

Please note, you should only apply to one Medicine programme at the University of St Andrews. You should consider which programme best suits your ambitions prior to applying.

If you are seeking entry to this programme and other UK medical schools, you must submit your application via the UK's Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), selecting the University of St Andrews **Medicine A990 BSc (Hons)** degree.

www.ucas.com

The application deadline is 15 October for the entry the following September.

Entry requirements

Detailed information on entry requirements can be found online. Please note you must be a Canadian citizen or have Canadian residency rights to be eligible to apply to the Scottish-Canadian Medical Programme: A990.

All entrants must have sat the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in the summer prior to the application deadline.

www.ucat.ac.uk

A personal statement is a requirement of the application. You are encouraged to describe the background and reasoning that led to your choice of medicine as an academic subject and as a professional career. You should ideally have gained in-person experience in a medical or healthcare setting and be able to demonstrate that you have a good understanding of what a medical career involves.

One academic reference is also required and should include comments on your personal qualities and suitability for a medical career.

Those applicants who have a very strong academic record, meet our UCAT requirement and obtain a positive assessment of their non-academic qualities will be invited for interview online.

Fees, funding and scholarships

Up-to-date information can be found online:

University of St Andrews tuition fees and scholarships:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/medicine-bsc-a990

University of Edinburgh tuition fees:

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees

Accommodation

All first-year students are guaranteed university-managed accommodation if they apply by the accommodation deadline. There are various options and meal plans to suit individual tastes and requirements.

University of St Andrews accommodation:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation

University of Edinburgh accommodation:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/accommodation



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