



# St. Martinus University

Your leading resource for pursuing  
**healthcare and clinical careers**  
in the USA.



THE MOST PREFERRED CHOICE

# WELCOME TO

## St. Martinus University

Located on the beautiful island of Curaçao, St. Martinus University is a renowned institution that provides world-class medical education to students around the globe. Our dedicated faculty, innovative facilities and diverse student body make us the ideal choice for those seeking an immersive, challenging and rewarding medical education.



# ABOUT

## St. Martinus University

Established in 2000, St. Martinus University is a private, internationally accredited institution of higher learning that provides high-quality education in medicine and other health sciences. We are proud to be approved by the Curaçao government under the kingdom of Netherlands government to operate and award the Doctor of Medicine program. Our motto is "Educating Future Leaders in Medicine and Healthcare."



# ADMISSIONS AND FACULTY

## St. Martinus University

We are privileged to have a distinguished faculty that is composed of medical experts with vast experience and expertise in various fields of medicine. Our qualified team members are committed to ensuring that our students receive world-class medical education and attain their true potential.

Our Chancellor **Dr. Murali Chand Ginjupalli PhD** is a seasoned healthcare professional with extensive experience in teaching and medical research.

Our Vice-Chancellor is **Dr. Danna Soria**, a renowned medical educator and administrator. We have a diverse faculty that is made up of medical professionals holding advanced degrees, including MDs and PhDs.



Chancellor  
**Dr. Murali Chand Ginjupalli, PhD**



Vice Chancellor  
**Dr. Danna Soria**



# HISTORY



St. Martinus University is located in a Dutch Caribbean Island called Curaçao, an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Local people have Dutch nationality and carry European Union passports.

St. Martinus University was founded in 2000 with the intention of providing medical students from around the world with the highest quality of medical training for a fraction of cost. SMU was preceded by St. Martinus College, a private catholic school founded in 1842.

Today, St. Martinus University is well known in the region for its reputation and quality of education based on North American and European academic standards.

The university academic staff has developed a US based Systematic Curriculum which will prepare students for the USMLE Step examinations. The exam will enhance the opportunity for the placement into the clinical rotations.

## Recognition

### ST MARTINUS UNIVERSITY IS RECOGNISED BY

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- National Medical Commission(NMC)
- Medical Council of Canada FAIMER, USA
- General Medical Council, UK
- Government of Curaçao
- Veterans Association, USA
- USMLE
- Intealth
- ECFMG, USA
- NBME, USA
- AMSA, USA

**St. Martinus University**  
**is FULLY accredited by**  
**AAEPO agency**





# REASONS TO JOIN

- Accredited by WFME-Recognized Agency (AAEPO): Ensures eligibility for ECFMG certification and U.S. residency pathways, meeting the 2024 global medical education standards.
- Direct Entry Pathway Without MCAT: High school graduates and international students can fast-track into medicine without the need for a 4-year undergraduate degree or MCAT.
- Strong Residency Match Record: Consistently high U.S. residency match rates, with students placed in various specialties across multiple states.
- Affordable Tuition and Living Costs: Significantly lower tuition fees and cost of living compared to U.S. and Canadian medical schools, without compromising quality.
- Modern Campus with Advanced Learning Tools: New infrastructure including Cadaviz digital anatomy system, upgraded labs, on-campus housing, and a growing research department.

# PROGRAMMES



- **Pre Medical**
- **Doctor of Medicine**
- **Bachelor of Nursing**
- **Doctor of Physiotherapy**

## PRE-MED

A one-year, three-trimester program tailored for high school graduates, particularly those with a STEM background. This program equips students with the foundational knowledge required for medical studies. Notably, it offers a direct transition into the MD program without the need for the MCAT or a traditional four-year undergraduate degree.

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

### Basic Science Phase

The Basic Science programme is a 2 years' programme offered at Curaçao Campus. This programme will not only provide you the knowledge and skills you will require as a Doctor, but it will also include a 10-weeks USMLE preparation course at the end of the second year.

### Clinical Science Phase

The Clinical Science programme is a 2 years programme consisting of 74 weeks, including 48 weeks of basic required rotations and 26 weeks of elective rotations. SMUFOM's hospital network offers all 6 Core Rotations and over 30 electives. Clinical Rotations are offered in Curaçao, USA, Canada and UK.







# ADMISISON REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma with strong performance in STEM courses (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics).
- Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Official high school transcripts.
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a STEM teacher or school counselor).
- Personal statement describing your interest in medicine and career goals.
- Interview (virtual or in-person).
- English language proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS), if applicable.

Note: No MCAT required. Successful completion of this one-year (3-trimester) Pre-Med program guarantees direct entry into the 4-year MD program at St. Martinus University.



# STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE



## STAGE 1 APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit your application online with the following required documentation:

- Secondary School Certificate
- Higher Secondary School Certificate
- Valid passport copy (must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended travel date)
- Completed and signed application form (if applicable; e.g., when applying through an agent)
- Signed fee structure declaration (if applicable; e.g., when applying through an agent)
- Two letters of recommendation from academic or professional references
- Two passport-size photographs (if applicable; e.g., when applying through an agent)
- Statement of Purpose

**Important Notes:** All documents must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation

Ensure all scanned copies are clear and legible

Please prepare all documentation before starting the online application process

## STAGE 02 ACCEPTANCE LETTER

Participate in an initial Zoom interview with the university admissions team

If successful, you will receive a Conditional Offer Letter

To confirm your acceptance, a non-refundable payment of \$1,000 USD must be made within the validity period of the offer letter

**Note:**

The Conditional Offer Letter will be issued before the payment is received.

This payment secures your admission and initiates the next steps in the enrollment process.



### **STAGE 03**

#### **APPLY FOR LANDING PERMIT**

To proceed with the landing permit process, please submit the following:

- Payment of the first tuition installment: \$16,350 USD
- Police Clearance Certificate – issued within the last 3 months and Apostilled
- Birth Certificate – issued within the last 3 months and Apostilled
- Passport-size photographs-6
- Courier all attested documents to the university
- Sponsorship Letter and No Objection Certificate (NOC) from parents – must be attested
- Bank Letter showing the student's name and a minimum balance of \$8,000 USD
- Signed Landing Permit application forms
- Immigration and Insurance Fee (as communicated during admission)
- Landing Permit processing time: 8 to 12 weeks

#### **Important Notes:**

All official documents must be Apostilled by the Ministry of External Affairs or an equivalent authority in your country, or authenticated by the Dutch embassy

School counselors or university-appointed agents can guide and assist with the Apostille process

Ensure that all documents are clear, legible, and properly attested prior to submission





#### **STAGE 04 FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS AND NETHERLANDS VISA APPLICATION**

Once your landing permit is approved, please proceed with the following steps:

- Pay for Accommodation and Food (as per the university invoice)
- Apply for the Netherlands Visa through your local VFS center

Submit the following documents for the visa application:

- Original Passport
- Photocopy of all stamped pages, including the first and last pages of the passport
- Sponsorship Letter and a copy of the sponsor's government-issued ID
- Bank Statement (in the student's name) and Bank Letter showing a minimum balance of \$8,000 USD (If the account is in a different currency, show conversion to USD)
- Income Tax Returns of the sponsor
- Signed VFS Disclaimer Form
- Properly completed Visa Global Application Form
- Landing Permit Letter
- Accommodation Confirmation Letter
- Letter of Enrollment from St. Martinus University
- Round-trip flight reservation
- Original Travel Insurance with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 USD
- Official Acceptance Letter from St. Martinus University
- Two recent passport-size photographs (as per visa photo specifications)
- Visa Appointment Confirmation Letter

Final Step:

Notify the university of your visa application status immediately to ensure smooth coordination for arrival, pickup, and orientation.

# TYPE OF VISA ISSUED

## FROM STUDENT'S HOME COUNTRY

1. Landing Permit (Issued by the Govt. of Curaçao)
2. Netherlands Visa or transit Visa (Issued by the Netherlands Embassy)

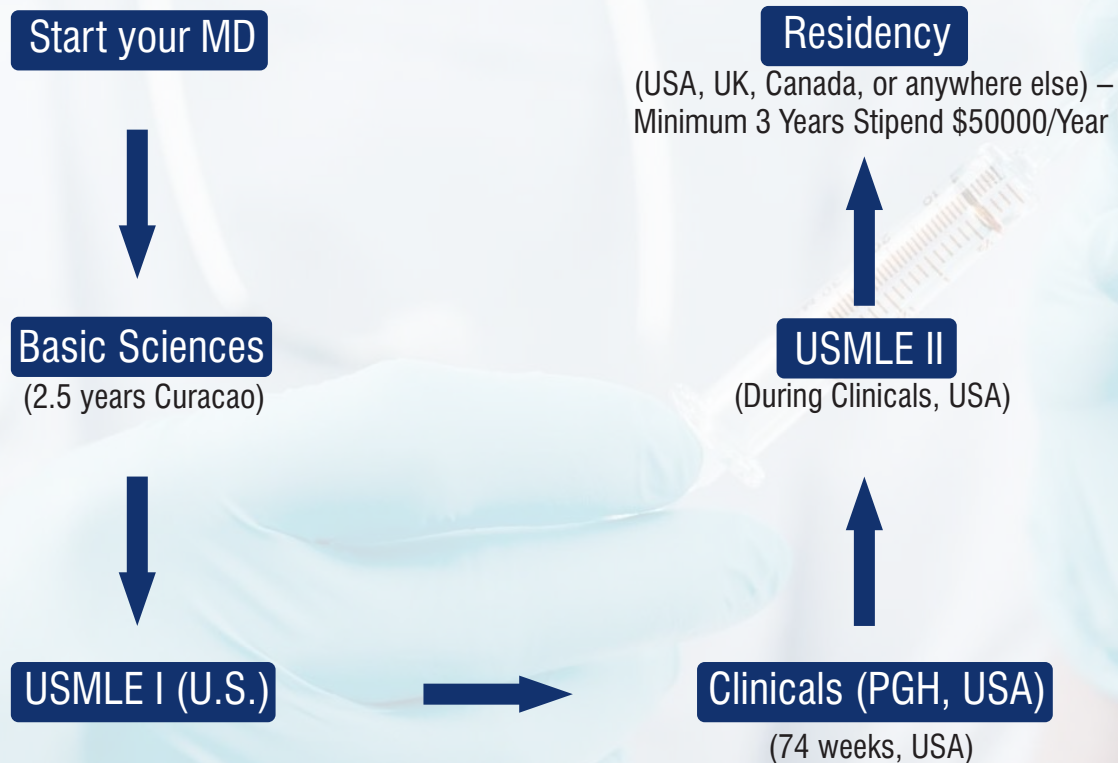
## FROM CURAÇAO

1. Residency Permit (Issued by Govt. of Curaçao) Sedula
2. B1 Visa (Issued by USA Embassy)

## FROM USA

1. J1 – For Residency in US Hospitals
2. H1B- To Practice as a Physician in USA

# YOUR JOURNEY AHEAD...





# ON-CAMPUS HOSTEL

## CURAÇAO CAMPUS

122–124 Santarosaweg, Curaçao



St. Martinus University provides safe, comfortable, and structured residential facilities on campus with separate accommodations for male and female students. The hostel is designed to promote academic focus, healthy living, and a strong sense of community.

### Facilities Include:

- Separate boys' and girls' wings
- Dining hall (mess) with three nutritious meals daily
- Gymnasium, play area, and TV-equipped leisure room
- Study rooms and personal lockers
- Shared bathrooms and toilets (maximum 8 students per unit) Laundry service included
- Daily room cleaning and housekeeping
- Shuttle bus service between hostel and campus

### Hostel Pricing (Per Year in USD):

- \$7,800 – Shared room with 4 or more students
- \$10,000 – Shared room with 2 students
- \$15,000 – Private single occupancy room

### All pricing includes:

- Full meal service (3 times daily)
- Laundry and room cleaning services
- Campus shuttle transportation

### Important Policy:

- Off-campus accommodation is strictly prohibited.
- Students found relocating without official university approval will incur a penalty fee and may face disciplinary action.
- This policy is enforced to ensure student safety, academic discipline, and campus community engagement.

Note: Hostel rooms are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Early reservation is strongly advised.



# STUDY PLANS GUIDANCE



## 01 STAGE STUDY IN CURAÇAO

- Pre Medical Science (\*1 Year) - Curaçao
- Basic Medical Sciences (2 Years) - Curaçao

## 02 STAGE EXAMINATION PREPARATION (NBME)

- Prepare for National Board Medical Examination (NBME) with minimum 70%

## 03 STAGE EXAMINATION PREPARATION

- USMLE STEP – 1 & CLINICAL ROTATIONS – PGH, USA (74 WEEKS)

## 04 STAGE EXAMINATION PREPARATION

- NBME CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE (CK) AND USMLE STEP – 2
- CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE (CK) 2 YEARS

## 05 STAGE ECFMG & RESIDENCY MATCHING PROGRAMME

## 06 STAGE RESIDENCY (MS/MD) MINIMUM 3 YEARS

## 07 STAGE USMLE STEP-3

- National Board Medical Examination (NBME)
- United States Medical License Examination (USMLE)
- Education Commission of Foreign Medical Graduation (ECFMG)







# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Medicine*

### **DOCTOR OF MEDICINE**

#### **BASIC SCIENCE**

Basic sciences phase of the program is of 2 years and is offered at our Curaçao Campus. This program will provide you with all the knowledge and skills you will require as a Doctor.

Our teacher-student ratio is 1:6.

#### **CLINICAL SCIENCE**

Clinical sciences phase of the program is of 2 years consisting of 74 weeks, including 48 weeks of core required rotations and 26 weeks of elective rotations. SMUFOM's hospital network offers all core rotations and a wide variety of elective rotations for our students to choose from.

Clinical Rotations are offered at hospitals in the USA.





# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Medicine*

### **FIVE YEARS MD PROGRAM**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>TUITION FEE (AMOUNT)</b>
MD0 \$ MD1	US \$16,350.00
MD2	US \$6,500.00
MD3	US \$6,500.00
MD4	US \$6,500.00
CLERKSHIPS (First 37 Weeks)	US \$13,100.00
CLERKSHIPS (Last 37 Weeks)	US \$13,100.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>US \$62,050.00</b>

### **At Curaçao Campus**

IMMIGRATION FEES  
US \$500.00/YEAR

INSURANCE FEES  
US \$1000.00/YEAR

RESIDENCE CARD FEES  
US \$25.00/YEAR

BOARDING AND LODGING FEES  
START FROM  
US \$7,800.00/YEAR





# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Nursing*

St. Martinus University is pleased to offer a professional program in nursing which awards the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

This innovative eight-semester Program provides a comprehensive entry-level professional education, including an integrated clinical education track that consists of service-learning and clinical experiences, and three full-time clinical education courses. St. Martinus University Nursing students are actively engaged in patient/client-related activities each semester. Built upon an integrated traditional model, the Nursing curriculum provides a strong foundation in basic, applied, and physical therapy science courses.

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

The four-year BSN program prepares students for entry-level professional nursing. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse. The program can be completed in eight semesters if students adhere to a curriculum schedule of 14-17 credit hours per semester as prescribed on page 3. A minor is not required.

### **PRE-NURSING**

Students who are interested in pursuing the BSN degree are admitted into the St. Martinus University College of Human Services as a pre-nursing major. Students must complete a core of pre-nursing courses (see page 2) prior to acceptance into the BSN program. It is important for students to meet with a pre-nursing advisor for evaluation of transcripts and a plan for completing the pre-nursing courses successfully.

### **Nursing Major**

When students are accepted into the nursing program they become a nursing major in the St. Martinus University of Health and Human Services. Each student is assigned a nursing faculty advisor who will advise the student throughout the nursing program (sophomore through senior year).





# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Nursing*

### **FIVE YEARS NURSING PROGRAM**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>TUITION FEE (AMOUNT)</b>
MD0	US \$4,000.00
MD1	US \$5,000.00
MD2	US \$5,000.00
MD3	US \$5,000.00
MD4	US \$5,000.00
CLERKSHIPS (Y3)	US \$8,000.00
CLERKSHIPS (Y4)	US \$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>US \$40,000.00</b>

### **At Curaçao Campus**

IMMIGRATION FEES  
US \$500.00/YEAR

INSURANCE FEES  
US \$1000.00/YEAR

RESIDENCE CARD FEES  
US \$25.00/YEAR

BOARDING AND LODGING FEES  
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US \$7,800.00/YEAR



# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Physiotherapy*

St. Martinus University is pleased to offer a professional program in physical therapy which awards the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree.

This innovative eight-semester Program provides a comprehensive entry-level professional education, including an integrated clinical education track that consists of service-learning and clinical experiences, and three full-time clinical education courses. St. Martinus University DPT students are actively engaged in patient/client-related activities each semester. Built upon an integrated traditional model, the DPT curriculum provides a strong foundation in basic, applied, and physical therapy science courses.

### **Prerequisite Course work (minimum credit hours listed is based on a semester system equivalent)**

Chemistry I and II sequence with labs, 8 credit hours

Physics I and II sequence with labs, 8 credit hours

Biology I and II sequence with labs, 8 credit hours

Anatomy (human, vertebrate, comparative or anatomical kinesiology), 3 credit hours

Physiology (human physiology preferred), 3 credit hours \*A two course sequence of anatomy/physiology may meet the anatomy and physiology requirements as long as there is a total of 6 credit hours \*\*Science courses must be for science majors or pre-med majors. Introductory or remedial courses are not accepted as prerequisites.

Two courses in Psychology: should include a general psychology course and a specialized psychology course such as: developmental psychology, abnormal psychology, psychology of disability, sports psychology - 6 credit hours

Statistics, 3 credit hours

English Writing (English composition or an upper-division writing course), 3 credit hours

At the time of application no more than 2 courses can be outstanding and must be completed prior to starting the program. Courses MUST BE completed within the past 5 years.





# St. Martinus University

## *Faculty of Physiotherapy*

### FIVE YEARS PHYSIOTHERAPY PROGRAM

SEMESTER	TUITION FEE (AMOUNT)
MD0	US \$5,000.00
MD1	US \$5,000.00
MD2	US \$5,000.00
MD3	US \$5,000.00
MD4	US \$5,000.00
CLERKSHIPS (Y3)	US \$10,000.00
CLERKSHIPS (Y4)	US \$10,000.00
TOTAL FEE	US \$45,000.00

### At Curaçao Campus

IMMIGRATION FEES  
US \$500.00/YEAR

INSURANCE FEES  
US \$1000.00/YEAR

RESIDENCE CARD FEES  
US \$25.00/YEAR

BOARDING AND LODGING FEES  
START FROM  
US \$7,800.00/YEAR



# TEACHING HOSPITAL IN THE USA

St. Martinus University has a unique relationship with Pontiac General Hospital in Pontiac Michigan, USA which allows the students to get all the core clinical rotations in one place without any interruptions.

Well structured clinical curriculum with a lot of teaching from the Faculty and Residents benefits our students over other Universities when it comes to getting that preparation for the all important match.

Pontiac General gives the local community access to health technologies that provide quality diagnosis and treatment of illness and injury. It is our goal to perform health care interventions and conduct effective medical care professionally and with the highest respect for human dignity.

You will experience an environment that offers urgent care services, surgeries, diagnostic imaging and follow-up and routine medical exams. No other Caribbean Medical School can offer this type of exclusive relationship.

# STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



**Amaan Khan**

I Believe that Medicine is a long journey, so enjoy every part of it. The amazing education and experiences that I've gained with St. Martinus University along with a diverse group of students has been incredibly smooth and rewarding. University provided guidance at every point of my journey. It all starts with a great faculty, staff and campus in Curacao. Living on campus, I was provided with the environment to focus on my studies and yet experience the culture of the beautiful Caribbean Island. The clinical experience during my clerkship at Pontiac General Hospital Michigan USA has been nothing short of amazing so far.



**Dixita Koli**

I am blessed to join the St. Martinus University with the help of Interedwise Education, Faculty of Medicine one of the best medical schools in the Caribbean. This medical school not only provides us with the best education but also make us learn the professional skills and build us into 'world-class practitioners'.



**Dhanisha Jaiswal**

I would like to thanks Interedwise Education for giving us the details of St. martinus University, as being a girl child it was very difficult for my parents to decide whether to go for Abroad studies or not, but after knowing about the SMU and the safety there for Girls, now me and my parents both are relaxed



**Rishil Patel**

I was searching for MBBS admission in abroad that time I meet Kaamendra sir and I thanks him. He has given me details of various suitable options in abroad. I selected St. Martinus University because that is providing opportunity to prepare for USMLE and being a doctor in USA. I am very happy today as I got admission and visa on time. I recommend Interedwise Education to all students those are willing to study medicine UG or PG abroad.



**Lakshmi Sai**

I am a second year medical student, in St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine. The professors here have good knowledge about the subjects. University is very attentive to our concerns, as plus point we have good study space, which we need to excel in competitive exams like NMBE & USMLE. This University provides us with good career path for students, who wants to in medical field.





**Shubam Garg**

It was my honor to attend this university. They have helped me so much academically as well as personally. I was able to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a doctor because of the faculty at this university. Super friendly faculty who are always there to help with whatever issues I had.



**Abigale Kavanagh**

I grew up and studied in Newfoundland, Canada, earning a double major in Neuroscience and French. After starting medical school elsewhere in the Caribbean, I transferred to St. Martinus, where I'm now in my final semester of basic sciences. The supportive, diverse community and high-quality education here have made a lasting impact. With access to clinical rotations across the U.S. and hands-on experience at the local hospital in Curaçao, St. Martinus is preparing me well for the next phase of my medical career.



**Mohit Sharma**

St. Martinus University's level of teaching is great, the institution has a keen interest in the development of students from all over the world. The reason for giving such high ratings is, the school tries to incorporate a piece of every countries' culture, represented by hosting activities relating to same, encouraging cooperation and helping students to be comfortable within the learning environment. The school uses an integrated approach to learning, through theoretical and practical teaching and training. This approach can assist students not only in their chosen fields but in their holistic development.



I grew up in Saskatchewan, Canada, and completed an undergraduate degree in Kinesiology before attending St. Martinus University for medical school. I completed my rotations in a number of cities in the Northeast US, and matched into General Surgery at Brookdale University Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. I am excited to be in NYC and happy to be a St. Martinus alumni!



**Amaan Khan**

Attending medical school abroad is serious work with a side of fun. At St. Martinus, I've found a supportive, multicultural community that encourages personal and professional growth. Over nearly seven years, the experience has exceeded my expectations. The faculty is dedicated, the learning is clinically focused, and the environment is both respectful and inspiring. For anyone determined to become a skilled, compassionate physician, SMU offers the tools, mindset, and support to succeed. My advice to new students: stay consistent—effort is the key to success.

# RESIDENCY PLACEMENTS 2025



**Akhil Ansary**  
Pediatrics,  
University Of New Mexico,  
New Mexico



**Brodie Angus Mackintosh**  
Family Medicine,  
Southern Illinois University,  
Illinois



**Chhayya Priyesh Patel**  
Family Medicine,  
Michigan State University,  
Michigan



**Manoj Rahul Pallapothu**  
Neurology,  
University of South Carolina,  
South Carolina



**Naga Venkata Akhil Kumar Sadhu**  
Family Medicine,  
Baptist Memorial Hospital,  
Mississippi



**Nazeefa Fatima**  
Family Medicine,  
St Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital,  
Ohio



**Nzube Ikemefuna Iloh**  
Family Medicine,  
AdventHealth,  
Florida



**Purva Kamendra Dahat**  
Internal Medicine,  
Medical City Arlington,  
Texas



**Rudrani Kotha**  
Internal Medicine,  
University Of Arizona,  
Arizona



**Saleh Al-rabee**  
Family Medicine,  
University of North Dakota,  
North Dakota



**Suraj Kunhipurayil**  
Family Medicine,  
St Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital,  
Ohio





# CLEARED FMG EXAM 2025 IN INDIA



**Aditya Arunprakash Kamble**



**Dixita Ganraj Koli**



**Kushala Jali**



**Mounisha Jami**



**Naga Sameera Nandan Simhadri**



**Naveen Chandra Gadipudi**



**Poorna Chandra Nalisetty**



**Sai Kumar Yangala**



**Venkata Naga Surya Teja Thota**

## **St. Martinus University Celebrates Rising FMGE Success!**

In the latest FMGE results by India's NBEMS, St. Martinus University continues its upward trajectory:

- 2024 Pass Rate: 37.10%
- 2023 Pass Rate: 28.85%
- +8,25% Year-over-Year Growth

These results place us well above the global average (25.8%), and among the top-performing Caribbean institutions.

# GRADUATION CONVOCATION

2025



2024



2023







# CONTACT

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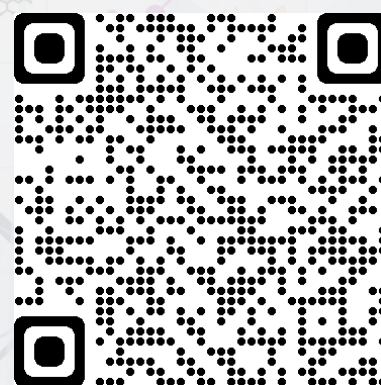
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