



**Barts and The London**  
School of Medicine and Dentistry



**Queen Mary**  
University of London

**Medicine MBBS Malta  
- Bachelor of Medicine,  
Bachelor of Surgery**

**Certificate in Clinical  
Foundation Studies Malta**



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# WELCOME



On behalf of Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, part of Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), I am pleased to announce the Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta programme and our Medicine MBBS Malta programme taught and delivered by one of the leading medical schools in

the UK. Barts and The London was formed out of the oldest hospital in Europe, St Bartholomew's (known as 'Barts') which was founded in 1123, and England's first medical school, The London, which opened in 1785.

Over the centuries, we have created some of the most important moments in the history of medicine: in 1628, a physician at Barts Hospital, William Harvey, was the first person to describe how blood is pumped throughout the body by the heart and in 1817, one of our alumni, James Parkinson, described the condition now known as Parkinson's disease. Numerous leaders in medical science and clinical practice have been associated with our organisations, and six have been awarded Nobel Prizes for their work; but we are every bit as proud of our present as we are of our past. We consistently score very well in the National Student Survey, and the quality of our research is internationally recognised.

The launch of our medical programmes on the islands of Malta and Gozo will ensure that our future in medical education will be as bright and innovative as our past and present. Working closely with the Maltese government, we have developed programmes that will provide students with a first-class medical education to prepare them for practice anywhere in the world.

The MBBS programme is equivalent to the MBBS that we offer in London, with the same curriculum and assessment methods, and delivered by highly trained teachers using the most up-to-date teaching methods. Many of these teachers will also teach on our London programme.

Malta is a beautiful country filled with warm and welcoming people, and you will become part of one of the UK's leading medical schools. If you have any questions before you apply, please get in touch - we would be happy to help.

## **Professor Anthony Warrens**

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry  
Dean for Education



MBBS London students in  
the Turnbull Centre





## HIGHLIGHTS

### Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry

- The School is ranked 2nd in the UK for Medicine (Guardian University Guide 2017)
- Medicine is ranked 1st in London for Overall Student Satisfaction (National Student Survey 2016)
- Early patient experience, with a research-led curriculum
- In the most recent national assessment of university research (Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), we were placed sixth in the UK for the quality of our published research. *Times Higher Education (THE)*
- We work closely with Barts Health NHS Trust, the largest trust in the UK, which is currently completing a £1.3 billion rebuild of facilities at Whitechapel and West Smithfield
- Huge diversity of patients, cultures and clinical issues.

### Queen Mary University of London

- Top 1% of universities in the world (THE World University rankings 2016/17)
- 240+ degree undergraduate degree programmes
- A member of the Russell Group - the UK's 24 leading research universities.

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“Barts has given me lifelong friendships, a solid educational foundation and a launch-pad upon which I now base my clinical career”

**Safeena Afzal**

**MBBS London (A100) student**

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# BARTS AND THE LONDON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

QMUL's School of Medicine and Dentistry will offer two taught programmes in Malta and Gozo for 2017 entry: a one-year Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies and a five-year Medicine MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery). The programmes will be taught by Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, a faculty of QMUL, which is a member of the Russell Group of leading research-led UK universities.



The Medicine MBBS Malta programme is academically equivalent to our long-standing MBBS programme in London with equivalent entry requirements and selection criteria. The core curriculum is the same, which includes early in-depth clinical experience, problem-based learning (PBL) and practical sessions in laboratories. The programme will be delivered over five years and students will take the same assessments at the same time as MBBS students in London.

## Research strength

According to the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry is placed within the top seven UK institutions in all three Units of Assessment – Clinical Medicine; Public Health, Health Services and Primary Care; and Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy.

The School's renowned tradition is combined with our significant investment in the most modern medical facilities, including the largest new hospital in Europe (The Royal London Hospital); the first new dental hospital in the UK for 40 years; and some of Europe's largest open-plan biomedical research laboratories in our Blizard Building. As you would expect from a medical college that has over 230 years' experience in training the next generation of doctors, our students are very satisfied with their learning experience – in the most recent National Student Survey (NSS 2016), 94 per cent were satisfied with the quality of their course. We will bring the same standards of innovative, research-led teaching and investment in excellent facilities to our programmes in Malta.





# CERTIFICATE IN CLINICAL FOUNDATION STUDIES

## Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta

**Study mode:** Full-time      **Duration:** One year

### Course highlights

- Progression on to Medicine MBBS Malta
- Taught in English
- Highly developed network of pastoral and academic support for all students throughout their degree
- A brand new teaching campus
- Experienced and well-qualified teaching staff
- Modules designed to enable understanding of key scientific concepts and principles that can apply to problem-based scenarios as preparation for Medicine MBBS Malta.

### Entry requirements

We consider students with a number of European and international grades/qualifications; please visit: [smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta](http://smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta) for all accepted grades/qualifications.

### English language requirement

IELTS will be 6.5 overall on entry with 6.0 in writing (lower scores in writing will not be accepted, even if the overall score is 6.5)

### Selection criteria for interview:

Selection for interview will be based on meeting our academic entry criteria, meeting a minimum requirement in the UKCAT and on the basis of the IELTS score. Students are expected to be able to show the following characteristics at interview:

- Self-motivation
- Initiative
- Able to interact/socialise with others
- Experience of interacting with people in health or social care settings.

### Aptitude test

All candidates must sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) before July 2017 for September 2017 admission.

### Fees

Annual tuition fee is €35,000 for UK, EU, and international (non-EU) students. Please note: EU citizens do not need a visa to live and study in Malta. Non-EU students do require a visa to live and study in Malta.

### Application deadline

**31 March 2017 (for September 2017 entry)**

For detailed information on the course, entry requirements, selection criteria, interviews and fees, please visit: [smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta](http://smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta) or email: [qmul-malta@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:qmul-malta@qmul.ac.uk)

## Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta

This programme is only suitable for students from a country where the education system finishes at the equivalent level of Year 12 (age 16-17) in the UK. This programme will provide students with the extra year of study that will bring their educational attainment to the level of Year 13 (age 17-18) in the UK, which is required for entry onto Medicine MBBS Malta.

The programme includes academic and study skills modules taught by QMUL academic staff, and provide high-quality preparation for the demands of university level study.





## Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta

The Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta has seven modules:

1. Mathematics 1 (15 credits)
2. Introduction to Chemistry (15 credits)
3. Biology for Future Clinicians (30 credits)
4. A Closer Look at Chemistry (15 credits)
5. Physics for Future Clinicians (15 credits)
6. Practical Skills for Professionals 1 (15 credits)
7. Practical Skills for Professionals 2 (15 credits)

Teaching includes lectures, seminars, self-directed learning, and observational workplace-based learning in a clinical setting. With support from tutors, you are encouraged to develop an independent attitude to learning. This approach prepares you well for MBBS studies and life as a qualified doctor.

## Progression on to Medicine MBBS Malta

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta programme, students will be expected to progress to the Medicine MBBS Malta programme. Please visit the website for detailed information regarding the progression requirements.

Students must achieve a pass mark in UKCAT that is moderated to a level appropriate for entry to the undergraduate MBBS programme. Students will not be permitted to re-sit the Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta.

A student who does not meet the requirements for progression to the Medicine MBBS Malta, but does meet the requirements for the award of Foundation Certificate (passing 105 credits out of 120, with an overall average of at least 50%) will be conferred the award for which the requirements have been met, unless the student has been de-registered. Where a student has been de-registered, the nature of the de-registration will be considered in deciding whether to recommend an exit award.



# MEDICINE MBBS MALTA

## Medicine MBBS Malta

**Study mode:** Full-time     **Duration:** Five years

### Course highlights

- Identical core curriculum as the MBBS in London
- Junior doctor positions available in Malta
- Specialist guidance for the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) and Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) steps 1 and 2 provided.
- Early clinical experience with an innovative research-led curriculum
- Taught in English
- All clinical training will take place in an English-speaking setting.

### Entry requirements

Minimum AAA from 3 A-levels taken over not more than two years study.

1. Chemistry or biology
2. Chemistry, biology, physics or maths
3. Any except critical thinking, general studies or further maths.

We consider students with a number of European and international qualifications; for further details on all accepted qualifications, please visit: [smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta](http://smd.qmul.ac.uk/qmulmalta)

### English language requirement

Minimum IELTS at 7.0 or the equivalent

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## Medicine MBBS Malta

The programme has been designed to provide students with the medical knowledge, clinical skills and professional attitudes that are required to become a competent Foundation Year (FY1) doctor. Our spiral curriculum is taught in a series of modules based on body systems which, in turn, encompass various scientific and medical themes.





## Early clinical experience

An early introduction to clinical topics provides a context for your learning and makes studying more enjoyable and relevant. In the first two years, you will be able to start applying your growing knowledge in a clinical context. MBBS students accompany GPs in consultations, discuss diagnoses, work with general practice staff and, most importantly, meet patients.



MBBS London students  
in a dissection class

## Student-selected components (SSCs)

There are 13 separate SSCs spread across the five years of the MBBS, comprising around 20 per cent of the total programme. Some are carried out in blocks, lasting from two to six weeks, while others run throughout the year. They are an integral part of the curriculum, enabling you to demonstrate mandatory competencies alongside optional components which students can tailor to their individual interests.

SSCs range from basic sciences (biochemistry, anatomy, physiology and pharmacology) to clinical specialisms; community and public health; medical ethics and law; and the importance of research in medical development. You are encouraged to pursue any area related to medicine or medical sciences that has particularly interested you. You are also encouraged to organise your own SSCs.

## Learning and teaching

With support from tutors, we encourage you to develop an independent attitude to learning. This approach is designed to prepare you well for life as a qualified doctor where you will have to take responsibility for keeping your knowledge up to date through continuous professional development.

### Important features of our teaching and learning include:

- Problem-Based Learning (PBL) - a central element of our curriculum, PBL is an active way of learning where students develop problem-solving skills and teamwork while acquiring basic medical knowledge.
- Practical sessions - these take place in laboratories, IT labs, clinical skills labs and wards
- Communication skills - we provide practical training in interviewing techniques with special sessions devoted to communication between doctors and patients
- Project work - projects bring you into contact with the local community.
- E-learning - this allows you to have access to a large amount of teaching material online.

We understand that the transition from learning in a school to a university overseas can be quite a daunting experience but, with close support from tutors and mentors – especially in the early stages - students will feel very welcome and comfortable in their new home in Malta. The MBBS London programme has a highly developed network for pastoral and academic support which has been commended by the UK General Medical Council as an area of good practice; this high standard of student support will be provided in Malta.

## Residency and employment

Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry MBBS graduates are highly prized by hospitals around the world, giving them an advantage when they enter the competitive jobs market. Each year, our London-based students successfully receive residency at hospitals in many different countries around the world. For students who wish to stay in Europe but who are not residents of the European Economic Area (EEA), there will be Foundation Year 1 places available in Malta.

## US and Canadian students

US and Canadian students can study on the five-year MBBS Malta programme directly after high school.

At the end of the programme, students may choose to stay in Malta to apply for their residency or apply for residency in their home country. Either way, in order for students to apply for residency, there will be no need for students to study a four-year postgraduate medicine qualification after completing the Medicine MBBS Malta.

We will provide specialist guidance and support for the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) and Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE) steps 1 and 2.

## Intercalated degrees

Medicine MBBS Malta students will have the opportunity to take an extra year of study leading to a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree. Normally taken at the end of either the third or fourth year, an intercalated degree gives students a greater depth of scientific insight into their clinical studies and can also broaden their career options after they graduate; for example, opening routes into clinical research.



## Where will students be based?

In the first two years of the programme, students will be taught mainly at the Gozo campus, where they will use the Gozo General Hospital's new teaching and training facilities. From an early stage, students will gain experience in the local community through attachments with general practices, where they can learn about the clinical context of their medical knowledge.

In the third, fourth and fifth year, students will spend time on the wards and clinics in Gozo General Hospital, St Luke's Hospital, the Mater Dei Hospital (Malta) and other relevant clinical facilities in primary and secondary care, where they will be introduced to clinical medicine. Students' knowledge and clinical skills will be enhanced by working alongside clinical teams both in the hospital and also within community placements. Students will regularly return to the main medical campus on Gozo for teaching weeks and assessments.

Other Malta hospitals include Karin Grech Hospital and Mount Carmel Hospital.

Travelling to and from the islands is very easy. There is a frequent 20 minute ferry service that carries passengers between Malta and Gozo. Please note: Travel costs are not included in the tuition fee. For more information on travel costs please visit the website.





The Azure Window, a feature of HBO's Game of Thrones television series.



# LIFE IN MALTA AND GOZO

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# MALTA AND GOZO

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The Maltese islands are situated in Europe's Mediterranean Sea about 100km off the coast of Italy, with a population of just under half a million. The official languages of Malta are English and Maltese, although most speak excellent English. The islands enjoy a pleasantly warm and sunny climate all year-round with hot summers.

## Our academics

A large number of the academics and clinicians who deliver the teaching on our Malta programmes will also teach or have taught on the London MBBS course. Both programmes will be overseen by London staff.

## Student life on Malta and Gozo

Malta is a very popular student destination with over 40 academic institutions on the islands. This is no surprise when you consider Malta's Mediterranean climate, picturesque landscapes, warm seas and welcoming, friendly people. There are opportunities for all kinds of activities, ranging from a bustling nightlife to trekking and water sports, and all in an English-speaking setting. Students also enjoy peace of mind when it comes to personal safety as the islands offer a safe environment for both locals and visitors.

As part of the European Union (EU), the Maltese currency is the Euro. The general cost of living on the islands is low in comparison with other European countries.



\*National Statistics Office - Malta. Data recorded in 2012.



# TEACHING HOSPITALS AND THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

## Barts and The London Medical School, Malta

The medical school will be situated in the grounds of the newly developed Gozo General Hospital, in Gozo's capital Victoria. On campus, there will be a range of state of the art teaching facilities including: clinical skills simulation centre, communication skills suite, lecture theatre, PC labs, seminar rooms, problem based learning group rooms and an Anatomy and Physiology Centre containing an advanced dissection suite. Additionally, students will have access to a library, student support services, prayer rooms and a roof top dining and social area.

## The Malta hospitals

### Gozo General Hospital (GGH)

The hospital provides the main health care services on the island of Gozo. It will be one of the larger hospitals in the Maltese Islands with a newly expanded Gozo Health Hub, involving busy in- and out-patient services as well as excellent medical care facilities. Our student accommodation will be located very close to Gozo General Hospital.

### Mater Dei Hospital (MDH)

Mater Dei Hospital is a large general teaching hospital in Malta that offers a full range of hospital services. In collaboration with academic institutions, it also provides an extensive range of specialist services as well as being actively engaged in research and innovation.



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**A.** Gozo General Hospital



**B.** Mater Dei Hospital



**C.** Barts and The London Medical School, Malta



**D.** Mount Carmel Hospital

**E.** St Luke's Hospital

**F.** Karin Grech Rehabilitation Hospital





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### How to apply

Candidates for Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies Malta and Medicine MBBS Malta apply directly to the university.

Annual application deadline: 31 March for same year entry.

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