

UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Medical School of the University of Cyprus has accepted its first students in September 2013 in a six year programme based at the University of Cyprus in Nicosia and at associated hospitals in Cyprus, predominantly within Nicosia. Its aim is to provide qualified medical practitioners who will be equipped to undertake a pre-registration year and then work in the health system in Cyprus and elsewhere. The course will promote the development of critical thinking skills, lifelong learning and excellence in patient-centered clinical practice. The aim is to graduate doctors suited for practice in the 21st century through an innovative, proven undergraduate curriculum underpinned by the academic excellence of the University of Cyprus.

The programme will cover 6 years in three Phases as follows:

- Phase 1 (1 year pre-medical)
- Phase 2 (2 years integrated basic, behavioral and clinical sciences)
- Phase 3 (3 years clinical studies)

The language for teaching is Greek but **a program in English is expected to be offered soon.**

The educational approach is based on the best elements of established European medical programs, adapted to the needs and environment of Cyprus. The considerable expertise and resources of the University of Cyprus will be supplemented by new appointments of international experts to develop the educational, research and administrative expertise of the new medical school.

In addition to core material, students will have the opportunity, from year 1 and throughout the programme, to select areas of their own interest in Student Selected Components (SSC). This will give students the opportunity to work with researchers within the University and the Health System and to develop further their own areas of interest and expertise.

The Medical School aims to contribute to the improvement of the health services in Cyprus and in the creation of an internationally recognized, high-level health system in the region of Eastern Europe, in the context of the State's overall target to make Cyprus known as an International Service Provider Center, in the Eastern Mediterranean region, especially regarding health issues.

At the same time, it will contribute to the further recognition of the University as a research institution of high international standards.

Cyprus, as a member of the United Europe of the 21st century, is expected to develop and maintain a level of provision of health services equivalent of that of its European partners and the Medical School will contribute greatly towards this goal.