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20th Anniversary of Medical Programs in English

4-year M.D. Program for college graduates
6-year M.D. Program
5-year D.D.S. Program
6-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Program
3-year B.Sc. Physiotherapy Program

Poznan University of Medical Sciences

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Welcome to **Poznan University of Medical Sciences**

Professor Grzegorz Oskinski, M.D., Ph.D.
Dean of the Center for Medical Education in English:

“We believe at PUMS that practice makes perfect, hence we encourage our students to apply their knowledge in the clinical setting while they study here.”

For over 94 years

the Poznan University of Medical Sciences (PUMS) has been educating medical practitioners in the Wielkopolska region, and the programs for education in English have gradually become an integral part of it during the past 20 years. When the first international students enrolled in 1993, they were drawn to Poznan by the high quality of teaching and work of the University faculty, many of whom have come to serve on the boards of professional and scientific associations; have been invited to serve as advisors to the WHO and IAEA organizations; and have become outstanding clinical specialists and heads of hospital departments in Europe, North America, South Africa, and elsewhere.

Currently (according to the rankings of “Perspektywy”, “Rzeczpospolita”, and “Wprost” magazines), PUMS enjoys the top position as the best and the largest medical university and clinical research center in Poland that provides to its students the highest number of medical specialty areas to choose from. All of the research and clinical teaching activities are conducted here in close partnership with six clinical hospitals and its new consolidated campus is growing quickly.

In the present academic year, there are over 8,000 students enrolled with nearly 1,000 from other countries. PUMS is also one of the medical school in Poland with such a high number of foreign students. It makes the learning experience in Poznan a richer one for all concerned: students, faculty, patients, as well as the Poznan residents. During the past 20 years, students from 42 countries have studied and lived here — and this list continues to grow with each year.
Why choose PUMS?

+ Clinical training for students
Our programs focus on providing students with clinical experience in strong cooperation with the 6 clinical hospitals and the Center for Medical Simulation.

+ Best Medical School in Poland
PUMS is a renowned, non-profit institution with long academic traditions and a wide international recognition.

+ International accreditation
Our programs adhere to the American standards, and at present we have nearly 1,000 international students enrolled at PUMS.

+ Reasonable cost
Our tuition fees are competitive for both American and European students seeking medical education.
The four-year M.D. Program is designed for U.S., Canadian, and other international college graduates who have completed their pre-medical education and who have obtained satisfactory grades in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and English.

The curriculum at PUMS is based on the American M.D. program and follows the American standards of education. The University is recognized by the United States Department of Education and by the relevant student loan providers.

Candidates for this program may be accepted after demonstrating a necessary record of academic achievement and after passing an interview with PUMS Admissions Committee. This program is fully recognized by the Medical Board of California.

For more detailed information about admission, please visit our website at www.pums.edu.pl
The six-year M.D. Program is based on the European curriculum and designed for international candidates who have graduated from high school, and who have obtained good grades in: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and English. It is divided into two parts as described below.

Part I takes up the three preclinical years and is devoted primarily to the following subjects: Anatomy, Medical Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Histology and Embryology, Physiology. During that time the clinical aspects of these subjects are gradually introduced as well.

Part II starts in the fourth year and takes up the remaining three years of the course: two years of clinical knowledge and training and one year dedicated to elective clinical practice. Upon completing all of the theoretical and clinical subjects and after passing all of the required examinations, students are awarded the degree of Medical Doctor — M.D.

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The five-year D.D.S. Program is designed for international candidates who have graduated from high school, and who have obtained good grades in: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and English.

The curriculum for the English five-year D.D.S. program at PUMS follows the one taught to the European students. Upon completion, successful students will receive the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, D.D.S. Those graduates who plan to practice dentistry in North America will have to complete two additional years of study in the United States or Canada, making it a total of seven years to obtain a license. It is a standard requirement for all graduates with a foreign degree in North America.

Candidates for this program may be accepted after demonstrating a necessary record of academic achievement and after passing an interview with PUMS Admissions Committee.

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The six-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Program is designed for U.S., Canadian, and other international high school or college graduates whose goal is to receive a degree in pharmacy. This six-year Pharm.D. curriculum is designed to meet the standards and guidelines for professional programs in pharmacy defined by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). It also adheres to the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and to the requirements of the Council on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications.

Candidates for this program may be accepted after demonstrating a necessary record of academic achievement in Biology, Chemistry, and English; and after passing an interview with PUMS Admissions Committee.

High school graduates apply for admission to the first year (first pre-pharmacy year), whereas college graduates may apply for admission to the third year (first professional year) of the Pharm. D. Program.

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The three-year B.Sc. Physiotherapy Program welcomes applicants who would like to obtain the Bachelor of Science degree in Physiotherapy. It is based on the European curriculum with English as the language of instruction, and is designed for international candidates who have good educational foundation in basic sciences; demonstrate appropriate level of maturity, motivation and commitment to a career in Physiotherapy; and who are in good health.

Candidates for this program may be accepted after demonstrating a necessary record of academic achievement in Biology and English; and after passing an interview with PUMS Admissions Committee.

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Since starting the Medical Education in English, the Poznan University of Medical Sciences has received international accreditation from the following institutions in the United States and Europe:

• US Department of Education
• Medical Board of California
  (California, USA)
• Ministry of Health (Warsaw, Poland)
• Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Warsaw, Poland)
• National Accreditation Committee
  (Warsaw, Poland)
• Medical Universities’ Accreditation Commission (Warsaw, Poland)

The above-listed accreditation privileges enable our graduates to have a smoother transition into their professional lives upon return to their home countries.

Besides its main office in Poland, the Poznan University of Medical Sciences has its Admissions Centers in: the United States, Canada, Norway, Taiwan, Israel and the United Kingdom. Interested candidates can turn to them for support and guidance throughout the fact-finding research, decision-making, and application phases of their admission process.
The Poznan University of Medical Sciences employs nearly 2,000 people. Approximately 15% of it comprises the administrative personnel, and other 75% the teaching and research staff whose high level of education and vast professional experience have made the Poznan Medical University the best institution of its kind in Poland and in Central Europe. A majority of our faculty have received Ph.D. and post-graduate degrees, and they hold the following titles: full professor, professor, assistant professor, or associate professor in — medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy, and other areas of science. Therefore, PUMS is well endowed with outstanding faculty members who offer their support and guidance to the scores of students pursuing different specializations and degrees at graduate and post-graduate levels.

Our faculty — to name a few — are credited with introducing pioneering medical techniques in bone marrow transplants, heart surgery, cancer of the eye surgery, and hybrid implants for ear and nose cancer patients.
One of the top priorities for the growth of the University is the expansion of the various forms of collaboration in the areas of teaching and research. Over the years, the PUMS faculty and research staff have been receiving prestigious awards and wide recognition for the excellent quality of their work, innovations, research, and teaching; hence, many have been sought after by the world’s advanced medical centers. For example, in 2008 Dr. Maria Siemionow, a PUMS graduate and professor of surgery, has been responsible for leading the landmark face transplantation surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in the U.S.A.

Until present, the University has entered into more than 30 long-term partnership agreements with medical universities worldwide, including: Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Norway, U.S.A., China, Japan, the Ukraine, and Belarus. These collaborations engage both faculty and students at PUMS through: joint research and participation in international programs and research projects; joint publications and participation in scientific conferences; as well as through numerous student and faculty exchanges. Among the sponsors for the PUMS research and teaching staff is the EU Framework program.
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The Poznan University of Medical Sciences aspires to develop rich and exciting curricula. Students are presented with specific subject matter together with clinical objectives and potential outcomes, so that both student expectations and evaluations either in the basic sciences or in the clinical studies are made very clear by the respective faculty members. Furthermore, students receive training in problem-based learning through extensive use of brief clinical case studies in the basic sciences.

In order to strengthen the existing practices on teaching methodology, PUMS has established the University System for Quality Assurance in Teaching and Learning.

Through the investment in the opening of brand new, or through upgrading several existing, facilities, the quality of learning at PUMS is constantly improving. Below there are a few examples of those new enhancements:

• Center for Innovative Teaching Techniques, equipped with an examination hall with over 100 computer stations that allows the administration of the NBME (National Board of Medical Examiners) web-based examinations as well as departmental tests and examinations using OLAT (Online Learning and Training) platform,

• First Medical Simulation Center in Poland,

• Center for Medical Conferences with an ultramodern Library,

• Center for Medical Science Information,

• Renewal of 12 lecture halls that now meet technological standards of the 21st century,

• Interdisciplinary Center for NanoBioMedical Research, cofounded by PUMS together with other universities,

• Center for Medical Biology.

It’s three years now since the University is offering online Pre-study course for students accepted into English language programs. This innovative tool helps incoming students from all over the world to refresh their knowledge of Biology, Chemistry.
The diversity of cultural backgrounds represented by our students makes it imperative that our faculty and administrative staff provide resources and facilities that help address our students' daily needs. They include: financial aid counseling, health insurance and medical assistance, psychological counseling, student advisory, visa and residence permit advisory, cultural adaptation, and academic advisory. There are program specific student organizations that provide other forms of support, e.g., the English Program Students’ Union (EPSU); and the following culture specific ones: North American Student Government (NASG), Norwegian Student Government in cooperation with the Association of Norwegian Students Abroad (ANSA), and Poznan Taiwanese Student Government (PTSG). There are also numerous organizations that assist students in developing existing or new interests: Medyk Student Tourist Club, International Federation of Medical Students’ Association, Students’ Scientific Association (IFMSA), American Medical Student Association, Dental Student Association, Academic Sports Association, University Chorus, Eskulap Students’ Cultural Center, etc.

Starting a new program, at a new university, in a new country can be very exciting, but at the same time, a bit overwhelming. In order to help incoming students out, we have set up a Buddy System. This allows them to get in contact with students that just completed their first year of studies. New students can e-mail their buddy questions or concerns that they may have about their upcoming arrival to Poznan, ask about courses and books, or just general information.

Students have the opportunity to join many University scientific working groups.

Students who reside in the four dorms at PUMS have created a Residential Advisor (R.A.) system to act as dorm counselors and mediators on each floor occupied by international student residents. Its goal is to foster a sense of community and to ensure that the dorm life provides to everyone all required amenities and a sense of comfort in this home away from home.

English-speaking medical students may join different varsity sports teams for regional and national competitions in a myriad of sports disciplines. And for those who are artistically inclined, the PUMS community offers the opportunity to join: the Medical University Chorus, the European Doctor Orchestra, or other choirs to offer their talents — be they musical or otherwise — to numerous charitable events supporting various worthy causes or to make the PUMS events especially attractive.

International Students at PUMS

At the moment we have nearly 1,000 international students.
Those students who decide to come to Poznan for the duration of their medical studies may be surprised with the variety of opportunities for fun and entertainment, historical and cultural explorations, recreational and sports activities, artistic events, and for just plain socializing that will become part of their experience here in the City as well as in the entire Wielkopolska region. As a typical, multicultural college town, it is bustling with student traffic while they traverse the City on their way to 8 public universities and over 10 private ones. At night, Poznan comes alive with numerous clubs, pubs, cafes, restaurants, and theaters.

“Poznan is a pleasant city to live in, with helpful people all around, easy to navigate due to its modest size, offering a lot of interesting history and beautiful architecture.”

Our international students at PUMS say:
A few trivia facts FYI:

• Poznan is regarded by all Poles to be the cradle of Poland. Its recorded history spans 11 centuries, dating back to the mid-tenth century, this is where Poland began to exist.
• Its first institution of higher learning, the Lubrański Academy, was erected in 1519.
• The charming Old Town Market with the one-of-a-kind Renaissance Town Hall is unforgettable.
• The Museum of Musical Instruments is the only one like it in Poland.
• Today, there are over 530,000 residents in Poznan.
• The City is home to some prestigious cultural events:
  - The Henryk Wieniawski International Violin Competitions
  - The Transatlantic Film Festival established by Jan A.P. Kaczmarek
  - The International Theater Malta Festival.

For entertainment, Poznan offers several theaters, many movie theaters, an opera house, and a spectacular concert hall for mostly classical music performances called the University Aula.

Its green areas combined with four lakes that are available for rest, recreation, and relaxation can be found in different districts across and around the City.

The Wielkopolska region offers many tourist attractions that include: national parks and nature preserves; carefully restored historical residences like palaces, castles, and country manors, as well as churches, convents, and monasteries; hiking and biking trails in the countryside; a few scenic lake districts for water sports aficionados; horseback amenities for the enthusiasts of equestrian sports, and much, much more.
At the heart of Europe!

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