



# Franklin Pierce University & St. George's University: MD or DVM Pathway

## **The Franklin Pierce Difference**

FPU accepts and prepares undergraduates for admission to the St. George's University (SGU) School of Medicine or School of Veterinary Medicine. This combined degree program offers a pathway from your undergraduate study in Biology or Health Sciences to a Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program. Students admitted to the pathway program complete their undergraduate degree at Franklin Pierce in four years, progressing into the 4 year MD or DVM program at SGU.

## **About St. George's University**

Founded as an independent School of Medicine in 1976, SGU has evolved into a top center of international education, drawing students and faculty from 140 countries to the island of Grenada, in the West Indies. Students attending SGU enjoy the benefits of a thriving multicultural environment, offering all the amenities and technologically-advanced facilities of a world-class institution. The University's nearly 11,000 graduates include physicians, veterinarians, scientists, and public health and business professionals across the world.

## **Accreditation**

The Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program at SGU's School of Medicine has been accredited and/or approved by many external bodies – perhaps more than any program in medicine in the world. In fact, it is one of only two international schools that are approved by New York, New Jersey, Florida and California which require separate recognition. The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program has been granted Full Accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education (AVMA COE). SGU is one of a few international universities recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to administer student loans for qualified U.S. students. More information about SGU is available online at [www.sgu.edu](http://www.sgu.edu).

## **Student Expectations**

Candidates for this program are expected to have a genuine desire to serve as a healer, strong interpersonal skills and an ability to perform well academically in all courses. Students must have the dedication and the self-discipline to set and pursue meaningful goals. Students admitted to this combined degree program are expected to meet on a regular basis with their academic advisor to monitor their progress towards achieving planned goals.

## Eligibility Criteria for the FPU/SGU Pathway Program

- Students must complete the Application for Admission Addendum, requesting admission to this program.
- Students must have a minimum high school CGPA of 3.5.
- Students must have a minimum combined score of 1200 on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT with a minimum score of 500 on each section. A minimum score of 26 is required on the ACT.
- Students must submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

These recommendations are specific to the entry requirements for this program. These recommendations should reflect on the student's abilities in each of the following areas:

1. **Commitment to learning:** The student's ability to identify resources of learning, to utilize these resources effectively, and to demonstrate the desire to continue to seek out knowledge and increase understanding.
2. **Interpersonal skills:** The ability to work with a variety of their peers as well as with supervisors and individuals of authority.
3. **Responsibility:** Fulfilling obligations in a self-directed environment.

## Undergraduate Course Details

If admitted to a combined degree program, you would begin your studies at Franklin Pierce University. You would select a major in Biology or Health Sciences. Your program of study must include completion of the following prerequisites for the MD or DVM program:

- Biology (8 credits including labs)
- General Chemistry (8 credits including labs)
- Organic Chemistry (8 credits including labs)
- Physics (minimum 4 credits including labs)
- Math (minimum 3-4 credits)

SGU strongly recommends courses in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Anatomy and Physiology as part of a student's undergraduate program of study. Computer competency is also highly desired.

## Requirements for advancement to the MD or DVM program

To be eligible to progress to medical or veterinary school at SGU, you must:

- Earn an overall cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 for the MD program, 3.1 for the DVM program.
- Earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 in your Biology or Health Sciences major.
- Demonstrate strong performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) for the MD program, or at least 1100 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) for the DVM program.
- Have a successful interview at SGU.

## MD or DVM Program Details

The medical students complete the first two years of medical study in Grenada, and the final two years of this combined program in clinical rotations at the University's clinical centers and affiliated hospitals in the United States, the United Kingdom, and/or Grenada. Veterinary students will complete the first three years of veterinary study in Grenada and their final clinical year at affiliated veterinary schools in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia or Ireland. Students' eligibility for placement is subject to the visa requirements of the country in which the clinical program is based.

## Secondary Pathway Program

For students who did not seek or did not achieve admission to this program at the time of University admission, FPU offers a secondary path for admission to the FPU-SGU combined program. Students meeting the following criteria after two semesters of FPU coursework will be recommended for the combined program:

- Biology or Health Sciences major
- 3.5 CGPA and 3.5 GPA in the major
- Two recommendation letters from FPU faculty to the FPU Pre-Health Advisory Committee

## Benefits of undergraduate study in Biology or Health Sciences at FPU

The curriculum encourages critical thinking skills, the ability to use medical and basic scientific literature, and the acquisition of a broad general undergraduate education in combination with a strong biomedical knowledge base. Members of the Pre-Health Advisory Committee offer careful advisement in self-assessment, development of career goals, and the construction of a plan for the student's successful attainment of his/her goals.

- **Pre-Health Advisory Committee:** Composed of members of the faculty from Natural Sciences and Psychology who are knowledgeable about the requirements for, and process of, meeting requirements for graduate programs in the healthcare field. The members of this committee are dedicated to informing our students of the step by step process to meet future program requirements and other professional qualifications and attributes.
- **GRE Preparation Committee:** Members of the committee include representatives from career services, library services, the Center for Academic Excellence and faculty. Meetings are held twice each semester to advise students about the process of preparing for the GRE and to share available resources. The committee is dedicated to helping our students perform well in their graduate admissions testing and achieving the goals to which they aspire. Members of this committee support students' early preparation for the GRE and provide the resources that will enable them to succeed.
- **Undergraduate internships and field experiences:** Identifying and applying to opportunities for volunteer or paid experiences can be accomplished by working with faculty and representatives from FPU Career Services office.
- **Undergraduate research:** Working on an independent research project under the guidance of our faculty will enhance your knowledge and critical thinking skills. It may also result in a presentation at a scientific meeting or publication in a peer-reviewed science journal. These are seen as strong characteristics for prospective graduate or professional school candidates. A senior thesis, if selected, is another opportunity to expand your experience and strengthen your post undergraduate opportunities.