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# Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi Residency and Fellowship Training Programs

# What is Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's Residency and Fellowship Training Programs

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is a unique and unparalleled extension of US-based Cleveland Clinic's model of care, specifically designed to address a range of complex and critical care requirements unique to the Abu Dhabi population. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi has the following Institutes: Heart, Vascular & thoracic Institute, Neurological Institute, Digestive Disease Institute, Eye Institute, Respiratory Institute, Critical Care Institute, Oncology Institute, Transplant Center, Surgical Subspecialties Institute, Medical Subspecialties Institute, Emergency Medicine Institute, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Institute, Imaging Institute, Anesthesiology Institute, Quality & Patient Safety Institute, Clinical and Nursing Institute Education Department. In all, more than 30 medical and surgical specialties are represented at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi.

The primary aim of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is to advance health care delivery through the provision of excellent patient care, world-class training programs, and the pursuit of innovation and research. Residency training and fellowship programs are designed on a competency-based framework emphasizing reflective practice and specified educational outcomes. The curriculum utilizes innovative teaching methods and assessments to ensure that upon completion of training, physicians are equipped with the competencies required to address the health needs of a diverse patient population. Our distinguished teaching faculty represents experts and leaders in their fields and serve as significant resources and mentors to physicians in various levels of training. All our physician training programs are recognized by the Abu Dhabi Department of Health and are mostly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education International (ACGME-I) and the National Institute for Health Specialties (NIHS).

In addition to residency and fellowship training, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi has partnered with a number of local and international academic institutions including the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, NYU Abu Dhabi, Khalifa University and various others in multiple educational and research initiatives that serve to enhance the busy academic culture of the organization.

## What are the objectives of the program?

- Provide trainees with extensive experience in the art and science of medicine in order to achieve excellence in the diagnosis, care and treatment of patients at Cleveland Clinic's standard of care.
- Guide and advise residents and fellows to develop their careers, achieve their goals and complete the prerequisites needed for the next steps in their career.
- Successfully graduate residents and fellows needed for who will be able to master the ACGME core competencies throughout their career.
- Establish skills and attributes that practicing physicians should be able to demonstrate in order to graduate and excel in the field of medicine.
- Graduate a Board Certified Clinician as per the Abu Dhabi Department of Health regulations.



## What are the benefits of the program?

- ✓ Enhance your professional expertise by enrolling in world-class, Cleveland Clinic standard graduate medical professional training programs.
- ✓ Pursue a pathway towards specialization in medical and surgical fields.
- ✓ Be taught by and meet world leaders from the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi and other prestigious global medical institutes.
- ✓ Practice in a state-of-the art facility pioneering medical firsts and innovation in the region.
- ✓ Learn the globally renowned, Cleveland Clinic patient-centered model of care.

## How long are the programs and what specialties are offered?

Most residency programs are between four to five years and most fellowship programs are three years. Specialties offered are listed on Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's main webpage

[www.clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae](http://www.clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae)



## Why should I apply?

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's mission aims to support and promote the professional and personal development of the many educational audiences it serves, including trainees. It serves as a medical campus that seamlessly combines high performance architecture with sophisticated advanced technologies and world-class care, creating one of the most advanced patient-centered hospitals in the world. Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's residency and fellowship training programs offer aspiring doctors valuable exposure to the medical field in a setting that is unparalleled in the region.

## What are the eligibility criteria?

**Applicants for Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's residency and fellowship training programs must meet the eligibility criteria listed below.**

1. Cumulative medical school Grade Point Average (GPA) of greater than or equal to 3.0 (On a 4.0 point scale), or its equivalent.
2. Fulfilment of MEAD criteria as per the Abu Dhabi Department of Health.
3. Fulfillment of licensure requirements set forth by the Abu Dhabi Department of Health. For more information please visit <https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/>

Application prioritization is given to applicants who demonstrate the following:

1. Excellent Academic Records
2. Excellent performance on USMLE steps 1 & 2 Clinical Knowledge, or equivalent medical exams.
3. Proof of English language proficiency.
  - ✓ TOEFL: a minimum score of 80 on the internet-based exam or 550 on the paper exam;  
OR
  - ✓ IELTS: a minimum score of 6.5 on the academic test.

**Note:**

- Eligibility criteria may change without prior notice.
- Specific specialty criteria may apply.



## How do I apply?

In order to apply, you must first ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria listed in the previous section.

You must prepare the documents outlined by the Abu Dhabi Department of Health, which are updated on an annual basis. The list of required documents can be accessed online: <https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/>

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi is required to follow the Abu Dhabi Residency and Fellowship Program Application and Match, MEAD. The application process is outlined as follows:

- Eligible applicants must register and pass the Residency Entrance Examination as conducted by UAE University Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (Residency applicants).
- Eligible applicants use the MEAD application to apply for residency and fellowship training programs in Abu Dhabi.
- Details on the match and selection process are accessible at <https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/>



## When should I apply?

The MEAD application form is made available between February and March each year.

Log into the Abu Dhabi Department of Health website by the end of the current year for specific exam entry dates and entry requirements. The link to the online application will only be available during the application submission period via the Abu Dhabi Department of Health website.

## What if I have additional questions?

For more information regarding Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's residency and fellowship training, please email: [GME@clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae](mailto:GME@clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae)

For more information regarding the MEAD application process, please email the Medical Education team at the Department of Health through [MEAD@doh.gov.ae](mailto:MEAD@doh.gov.ae)





## Other helpful links:

Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi  
[www.clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae](http://www.clevelandclinicabudhabi.ae)

Department of Health Standard for  
the Allocation of Physicians in  
Residency Training Programs in the  
Emirate of Abu Dhabi (MEAD)  
<https://www.doh.gov.ae/en/>

Emirates Medical Residency Entry  
Examination Service  
[https://nihs.uaeu.ac.ae/en/emirates\\_medical\\_residency\\_entry\\_exam/](https://nihs.uaeu.ac.ae/en/emirates_medical_residency_entry_exam/)