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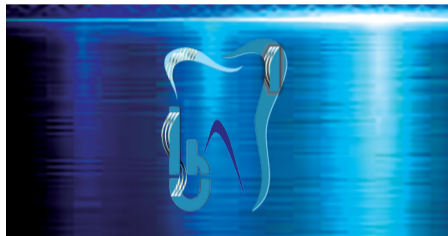
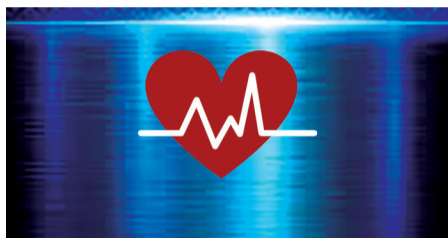
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Tbilisi State Medical University – the choice
of high motivated prospective students



Welcome to Tbilisi State Medical University!



- ❖ Medical education of Centennial History
- ❖ The third AMEE International Networking Centre in Georgia, based within Tbilisi State Medical University
- ❖ Over the 8400 students, among them around 2500 from 72 countries worldwide
- ❖ International programs elaborated with leading Universities and the Clinics around the world; Collaboration with them is regulated on the basis of bilateral agreements and / or joint international projects (ERASMUS +, HORIZON, MEVLANA and etc.)
- ❖ More than 120 partner Universities and University Clinics from around 30 international countries;
- ❖ Since February 2012 to the present more than 550 visits of Professors from the Universities of the EU countries, US, UK, Israel, Turkey and other countries worldwide for providing thematic lectures, practical classes or clinical activities

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Welcome to Tbilisi State Medical University!



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all young people who are particularly keen to study at Tbilisi State Medical University! This is a serious statement and I wish you success in reaching all your goals. I am always proud to present the Tbilisi State Medical University - the main hub of higher medical education in Georgia with an almost hundred-year history of development, to the prospective undergraduate and/or postgraduate students.

Actually, higher medical education in Georgia is of the same age as well. It is noteworthy to emphasize that thousands of our university graduates continue their professional carriers in many leading clinics and institutions of Georgia, Europe and the world as a whole. The core role and responsibility of TSMU in providing population health care activities is of great importance. While accomplishing this important mission TSMU is guided by the fundamental principles of its activities:

- ❖ Academic Quality of knowledge and research;
- ❖ Democracy;
- ❖ Electiveness and transparency of the managing bodies;
- ❖ Academic freedom of both students and academic staff.

In 2018, the TSMU successfully and unconditionally passed authorization process. According to the World Federation of Medical Education (WFME), since 2023 only the Diploma, issued by a medical school that got International Accreditation, will be recognized within the Euro-Atlantic space. Now we are getting ready for this important step.

Successful undergraduate, postgraduate, continuous professional development programs, Master's, doctoral as well as higher vocational educational programs make TSMU attractive for prospective students not only in Georgia, but different countries around the world.

TSMU is a full member of the European Education Area that means its active involvement in functioning of this educational system, determining directions for development and implementation, establishing free and close scientific and academic relationships with the educational, scientific and clinical centers throughout the world.

The fact that on May 23, 2019 the AMEE International Networking Centre was founded at Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU) might be assigned to the great recognition and success (over the past decade AMEE has developed both in size and in the sphere of its activities and is now the international association with members in over 110 countries). This is the success not only for the TSMU but the country as a whole: Georgia has become an international center for medical education that is an important step towards integration into the European educational area. The main goal of the AMEE International Networking Center in Georgia is sharing modern methodologies in medical education and delivering professional trainings to academic and administrative staff, medical experts of higher education institutions and the representatives of other interested structures in the regions.

Increased attractiveness of TSMU for nearly 2500 international students from 72 countries might be considered as obvious evidence of international recognition of Tbilisi State Medical University. We can say that every third student in our university is an international student. The strategic goal of Tbilisi State Medical University is to ensure the continuous development of quality education, and to maintain the reputation of TSMU as a traditionally outstanding center of medical education that meets both national and international WFME standards, not only in Georgia but also the international arena.

Successful implementation of internationally recognized standards and approaches for medical education at the University promotes development of traditional educational programs, while the collaboration with foreign partners, long-term academic experience and worth-while efforts to address modern challenges to medical services thrusts us to take bold and innovative steps forward.

For years, the joint academic programs have been functioning at TSMU:

American MD (US MD) Program – developed with Emory University School of Medicine (Atlanta, U.S.); Joint International Bachelor's Program in "Public Health and Management" with UniMan Academy of Management and Performance (France). Upon completion, two - Georgian and French Diploma will be issued; Joint International Master's Program in "Public Health Management and Health Policy" at TSMU Faculty of Public Health; Joint Georgian-Austrian Bachelor of Nursing program with Tyrol hospitals Union - the Western Education Centre (AZW) (Austria), allowing Georgian nurses to pursue proficiency in accordance with European standards and gain international experience in the Clinics of Austria.

In 2018, the new - International Faculty of Medicine was established at Tbilisi State Medical University. This year it was expanded and redeveloped into the International Faculty of Medicine and Stomatology. This will create even more comfortable environment for international students.

At present, TSMU is the partner of more than 120 universities and University Clinics from over 30 countries worldwide; collaboration with them is regulated on the basis of bilateral agreements and / or joint international projects (ERASMUS +, HORIZON, MEVLANA and etc.). Within the frames of the programs, every year more than 600 students, academic and administrative staff, researchers, doctors and nurses of TSMU participate in short- or long-term international mobility programs at undergraduate, master and doctoral levels. Many professors and students from the partner universities often visit Tbilisi State Medical University in order to pass the training courses and share good experiences.

Since February 2012 to the present more than 550 visits of Professors from the Universities of the EU countries, US, UK, Israel, Turkey and other countries worldwide have been organized for providing thematic lectures, practical classes or clinical activities.

TSMU continuously carries out annual updates and seeks for new efficient ways of development: in 2020, the German Society of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (DGKJ) is launching a joint project at Tbilisi State Medical University and TSMU G.Zhvania Pediatric Academic Clinic, funded by the Federal Ministry of Health (Germany) and TSMU. Under

the project the following activities will be envisaged: involvement of German professors in the study process and clinical activities, development and implementation of joint research projects, active participation of German professors in the process of continuing professional development. The aim of the project consists in the sharing experience of German professors, developing pediatric services training of physicians, residents, students and continuing professional development of medical staff, in general.

TSMU attaches great importance to a student-centered educational system in comparison with a teacher-oriented system (not time-dependent and, a priori, based on the assumption that professor/teacher knows what to teach). Student-centered approach pays much more attention to curriculum planning and is focused on students' needs in terms of their future social activities and professional career.

Therefore, one of the mechanisms of evaluation of educational programs and, most importantly, the performance indicators, is a study of assessment of students and graduates and critical analysis of the study results. For this purpose, the Department of Quality Assurance has worked out a number of target questionnaires and criteria, in the use and interpretation of which the students are actively involved.

All the above-mentioned determines the proper planning of the curriculum, the effectiveness of its implementation, existence of the chain of study and evaluation processes of the results using the objective, measurable criteria.

Each member of our university communities - faculty, administration, students and alumni - had, has and will have the opportunity to make own contribution in professional improvement and development of the Tbilisi State Medical University as a whole.

Once your choice falls to join Tbilisi State Medical University academic community, be sure you will be taken into care by academic staff, scientists, researchers, doctors, nurses, administrative staff, students as well as the cohort of TSMU outstanding alumni, who are ready to help you create future and successfully realize your dreams.

Professor Zurab Vadachkoria, MD., PhD
Rector
Tbilisi State Medical University



Welcome to

Student's self-government



Student self-government of Tbilisi State Medical University is the group chosen by students in election. Its competence is to

aims to hold educational seminars and conferences in the university, as well as in exchange programs and also in sports, charity and cul-

represent students in the council of faculty, to join administrative activities and to take part in university management.

The purpose of the student self-government is to make the environment equal, competitive, active, interesting, informative and all of this is directed to free ideas and creative projects. It

represent students in the council of faculty, to join administrative activities and to take part in university management. In this case we should notice "The program of students social help". This program helps approximately 50 students to cover learning fees with students self-governments and administrations support.

It is important that any of the students can take part in every activity because self-government is free organization and its door is open for everyone. This is one big hospitable family and is always ready to receive new interested members.

The self-government of TSMU guarantees active and unforgettable life of students.



Welcome to

International Faculty of Medicine and stomatology



On 1996 in Tbilisi State Medical University has opened English-language Faculty of Medicine. 25 international students graduated from the faculty (first graduates) in 2002.

From 2006 significantly increased as pre-diploma also pos- diploma learning international student quantity, that's give opportunity, to improve academic process management and in order to improve quality, initially it was originally created the Faculty of Medicine English-language sector, but from 2008 at Tbilisi State Medical University was founded Department of International Students Education.

The main mission of the Department of International Students Education was to establish a high level of international medical education, Strengthening advanced positions in medical education, taking into account the requirements of international high standards. There was an unconditional obligation to create the best environment for international students and conduct the high professional educational studying process where the students were able to get all the necessary information about the students life and learning process.

Since 2018 first in Georgia, at Tbilisi State Medical University was established new faculty -"International Faculty of Medicine", which, after one year become "International Faculty of Medicine and Stomatology". This

was obviously caused by the overwhelming interest in foreign language educational programs, this is due to the high standards of education.

There is obvious that maximal care on high quality does not disappear and Tbilisi State Medical University responds to all high levels of challenges and becomes attractive for international entrants, that's why more and more applicants are high determined to enter International Faculty of Medicine English-Russian language programs at Tbilisi State Medical University.

Nowadays there are over 2500 international students are getting pre diploma education from 72 different countries of the world. Everything is here done to correctly define the priorities to become graduates with global competence, to better compete with the competitive environment and challenges of the modern world.

Objectives, goals and Main Directions of the International Faculty of Medicine and Stomatology:

To prepare Highly qualified specialists; To elaborate and develop implementation of training and scientific research directions, programs and plans;

- Implementation of educational programs by the modern methods of scientific

research and developing relevant skills;

- Coordination of practical work and training, scientific-research of fundamental, preclinical and clinical departments (clinical, laboratory and other);
- Development, implementation and orientation of relevant content Accumulation System, and structure programs. Elaboration curriculums of the European Credit Transfer (ECTS);
- Cooperation with international training and research centers and implementation of joint scientific research projects;
- Financial and material-technical support of training and scientific research work;
- Promote, approve and develop textbooks, methodical recommendations and guidelines in accordance with modern requirements;
- To promote practical activities of professors and teachers.

Tbilisi State Medical University is ready



to provide high level of medical education for all students. It is the best springboard for any motivated youth person to create successful future career.

The International Faculty of Medicine and stomatology offers students high-level of education and clinical practice-oriented teaching. The team of the International Faculty of Medicine empathize each student, cares for their education, support them and try to solve their problems whither it's learning or personal, to deal better with the challenges of modern life and improve their achievements with "Traditions to the Future".

Student's Life in Photographies



Welcome to

Faculty of Medicine



I would like to warmly welcome you to the Faculty of Medicine at the Tbilisi State Medical University. The Faculty has an outstanding reputation for excellence in teaching, learning and research. It is the main institution for medical training and higher education in Georgia. As the dean of the faculty, I am proud of what we have to offer, and I am delighted that you are interested in learning more about us.

to fill multiple demanding roles.

Our primary mission is to train competent and fully-rounded physicians and medical researchers who will devote themselves to seeking the truth.

Faculty of Medicine carefully selects applicants who demonstrate the intellectual ability, personal attributes, and motivation to be successful - in medi-

We see health care challenges ahead that will require far more creative, interdisciplinary problem solving from physicians than ever before. To do the most good for the most people, physicians of the future will need the confidence and competence

cal school, in postgraduate training, and throughout their professional careers. We also recognize and appreciate a genuine desire on the part of our students to improve the lives of others by preventing, treating, and when possible, curing disease.

Our students enjoy an atmosphere of collegiality with each other and with our highly qualified faculty and administrators, who provide a superb education as well as personal support. Beyond the academic experiences offered at our medical school, we encourage the development of our students as caring physicians dedicated to providing the very best care, professionally and personally, to all patients.

Faculty of Medicine of Tbilisi State Medical University is a great place to pursue an education in medicine. Choosing our medical school just might be the best decision you will ever make.

We hope you'll join us in improving health care for the 21st century.



Welcome to

Faculty of Stomatology



The Faculty of Stomatology at Tbilisi State Medical University is one of the most popular and leading among all faculties of the University. Concern to our field is especially high among youths. The faculty has all provisions for rearing the new generations. Our primary aim is to make the graduate of the Faculty of Stomatology at TSMU a citizen of credit and competitive specialist, armed with profound theoretical background and perfectly skilled in all practical branches of stomatology, which will be a provision for future success in their medical activity.

Education process at the Faculty of Stomatology is carried

out according to the latest orders by ministry of education and science in compliance with the principles on integration into entire European Education Area.

Faculty of Stomatology refers to a faculty of traditions; the years-based experience have shown clinical bases to play a decisive role in the education of future generations of stomatologists. The management of the University provides all backgrounds for students, with regard to potent and equipped clinical bases corresponding to modern standards.

The Faculty of Stomatology has reared the countless number of decent generations.

We annually admit the new currents of residents and doctorates. We deeply appreciate and consider the sincere desire of future specialists to get the perfect knowledge in modern stomatology achievements and give people back the healthy smile through qualified treatment.

Our goal is to be aware of every concern of the single student and their maximal support in that regard. We will gladly accept all practical advises and proposals.

Dear friends and colleagues, your participation in the faculty activities pertains to our mutual job and is a provision for future development and advancements in the field.

Deciding on studying at us will quickly make you sure in the rightness of your choice. We all strive for one aim and hope we'll manage to decide the actual problems of modern stomatology together.



Welcome to

Faculty of Public Health



The main aspects of Public Health are prevention and control of the diseases, creating a safe environment and healthy lifestyle for the population, monitoring and economical evaluation of medical service. Existing educational programs (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate) of Faculty of Public Health provide full range of competencies in the above mentioned fields. Modern curriculums, skilled staff, foreign outstanding specialists involved in the academic process, communication and fruitful cooperation with various local and overseas partners is a guarantee of professional quality for our students.

Bachelor programs:

Public Health - 240 ECTS credits

Public Health and Management (TSMU - UnMan Academy (Grenoble, France program) - 240 ECTS credits
Graduates will receive diplomas recognized by both Georgian and French Government.

Languages of instruction: Georgian.

The aim of the BBA program is to prepare a competent specialist, who will be able to successfully proceed with his work in public health system, accomplish his role in preventive medicine and keep up with future development.

BBA program of Public Health and Management takes a deeper look at the modern principles of organizing and managing public health.

Master's programs:

- ❖ Public Health Management and Health Policy (Georgian - French program, Languages of instruction: English).
- ❖ Public Health
- ❖ Administration and Management of Public Health
- ❖ Epidemiology and Environmental Medicine
- ❖ Health Promotion



Welcome to

Faculty of Pharmacy



Activities of the Faculty of Pharmacy bases upon declaring the humane ideas, liberty of choice in study and research field, providing the respective environment for mutual collaboration, establishing and promoting the self-government forms.

The core mission of the faculty is to foster the highly qualified, competitive specialists having the competence relevant to current requirements and ability to adjust with ever changing professional environment, being simultaneously a person of high civil

morals and activity, understanding the values of humanism, democracy and liberal principles.

The main goals of the faculty are:

- Educate the bachelors and specialists with diploma oriented on practical activity, with higher academic and professional education;
- Educate the masters and doctors oriented on scientific research and practical activity, with higher academic education.

English Language program of faculty of Pharmacy was established

in 2013 and the first pool of students graduated in 2017 autumn semester.

Objective of English Language program of faculty of Pharmacy is preparation of competitive persons with appropriate professional ethics and values, professional development and practice-oriented higher education.

Our students enjoy an atmosphere of collegiality with one another and they are confident in the correctness of their choice.

The whole academic process is based upon European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). Lectures, workshops and independent studies are equally evaluated.

According to requirements of Bologna Declaration, Basic Pharmaceutical education comprises 240 ECTS credits of theoretical and practical training for 4 years of study.



Welcome to

Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation



Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is a dynamic and challenging health profession dedicated to improving and maintaining physical mobility, independence, health and well-being. Modern rehabilitation medicine is a crucial component to effective health care, and like many disciplines within health care, is often a calling for the strongest professionalism and permanent knowledge update.

Rehabilitation is a continuous and coordinated process, which starts with the onset of an illness or injury

and goes on right through to the individual achieving a role in society consistent with patient's lifelong aspirations and wishes.

Interest to modern rehabilitation methods and technologies is permanently increasing in Georgia, as well as all over the world, and accordingly, demand for skilled specialists equipped with up-to-date knowledge in Physical

Medicine and Rehabilitation is increasing.

Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is a rapidly developing faculty of the TSMU that aims to prepare competent specialist ensuring medical care of patients who has been disabled as a result of a chronic disease, disorder, injury or other clinical problem.

Faculty provides up-to-date Bachelor degree program in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation of European standards. During four years students acquiring knowledge in vari-

ous departments of basic and clinical sciences, work in primary care facilities, variety of clinical settings of the university and affiliated with the university. They study rehabilitation principles and programs, organization of the rehabilitation services, modern rehabilitation methods and technologies, and their application in musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, neurological, respiratory diseases and disorders, etc.

Bachelor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation works in various facilities from acute care units to community settings, in the rehabilitation department of the hospital and in detached rehabilitation center, in primary care facilities and medical services of sporting centers.

Postgraduate education on Master degree program during two years prepares specialist in certain directions of rehabilitation: Pediatric Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Counselor, Sports Rehabilitation, therewith, new programs are coming.

Graduates of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation faculty of TSMU successfully participate in various international educational projects and professional trainings, particularly in rehabilitation of musculoskeletal and neurological disorders, chronic pain

management, and up-to-date programs in assistive technologies. Faculty graduates stand out with professional competence and they are employed in the rehabilitation centers of the best hospitals in Georgia, as well as primary care units, medical services of the sporting clubs and national sporting teams. High rate of employment (more than 80%) reflects competitive strength of our graduates.

Faculty is closely connected with its partner universities in the USA. American colleagues are teaching on the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation faculty, as well as are involved in organization of seminars and international scientific conferences.

The most important is collaboration with the academic personnel of Physical Therapy program of Emory University Medical School (Atlanta, USA) in terms of development and up-dating of under- and postgraduate educational programs of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Faculty. Students of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation faculty participate



in the students' research projects, together with students' self-government and students scientific society they organize various educational, scientific, cultural and charity events on the regular basis.

Welcome to

Bachelor in Nursing and Midwifery



At the time of fundamental health care reform and in the face of increasingly complex health problems, nurses and midwives are increasingly being seen as a key resources in health reform strategies.

Nursing is both an art and

a science. It requires the understanding and the application in practice of specific nursing knowledge and skills which are research- and/or evidence-based. It draws on knowledge and techniques derived from humanities, from physical, biological

and behavioral sciences, from management and leadership theories and from theories of education (WHO 1996a).

The Department of Nursing Education was established in 2007 as an integral part of Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Based on recommendation of WHO European Strategy for Nursing and Midwifery Education our four years Bachelor's degree programs (240 ECTS credits) in Nursing and Midwifery fosters excellence in professional nursing knowledge and research through innovative education.

The Georgian-Austrian Nursing Educational BC Program is product of collaboration between TSMU and TILAK - Tiroler

Landeskrankenanstalten GmbH, Innsbruck, Austria.

The Midwifery Educational Program, which is a result of collaboration between two institutions, dates back to 2009 in the context of a project "Enhancing quality of care - improving the knowledge and skills of midwives in Georgia."

This project is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through the MATRA program) and implemented by ETC International (the Netherlands) and HERA XXI (Georgia) in conjunction with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM, in the Hague), Rotterdam University of Midwives (RUM/VAR) and Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU).



Tbilisi State Medical University has always been a pioneer of innovative and successful projects. One of those, American MD Program, established in collaboration with Emory University School of Medicine was launched in 2013-2014 educational year under the department of medicine at Tbilisi State Medical University (TSMU).

American MD Program is organized under the leadership of Kenneth Walker, Professor of Emory University School of Medicine, Honor citizen of Georgia and Tbilisi, Professor Rima Beriashvili, Bill Elley - Vice Dean of Emory University School of Medicine, Gordon Churchward, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Assistant Dean of Emory School of Medicine, Marie Jo Lechowicz, Professor and Vice Chair for Education, Professor of Oncology of Emory University School of Medicine, Head of the course 'Becoming a Doctor' and others.

American MD Program is fully based on Emory School of Medicine curriculum and instruction is conducted in English. Emory University professors along with their colleagues from TSMU are actively involved in planning, implementation and quality management of the United States medical education model in Georgia.

Drs. Bill Elley, Gordon Churchward, Mary Jo Lechowicz, regularly visit TSMU and conduct lectures and grand rounds for students and faculty of the American MD Program, as well as work on faculty development and program monitoring. Faculty and administration of the program from the TSMU also regularly visits Emory School of Medicine to observe the methodology of American Medical Education on site. Such collaboration and exchange of the professors and personnel between two institutions makes implementation and execution of new methodologies smoother and more efficient.

American MD Program provides students with the education and skills necessary to pass US Medical License examinations participate in clinical trainings at Emory's Clinical Bases in Atlanta, Georgia, USA and qualify for the medical residency programs in the United States of America.

Clinical Research externship and discovery phase opportunities with the world's leading research centres, such as Walter Reed Army Research Unit Georgia at the Lugar Laboratory in Tbilisi is one of the exciting highlights of the program.

Welcome to American MD Program of TSMU



Program also provides various other opportunities, such as workshops, clinical observerships, summer certificate programs, etc. at Emory University.

English language curriculum and the structure facilities and equips students with the skills and knowledge to pass USMLE step 1, Step 2 and Step 2 CS before graduation. US MD Program has successful Alumni and students who have already passed USMLE Steps. Our Alumni Nodar Maisuradze, Tamar Tamarashvili, Nikoloz Bostashvili and Fethi Onal has passed all the steps of USMLE successfully. Nikoloz Karazanashvili, Tamar Papidze, Nikoloz Tavberidze, Leon Martis Nigel, Danielle Foster, Teona Pirthalava, Ajay Pranay Shah, Gogia Sopiko, 6th year USMD Student, has already shown outstanding result in USMLE Step 2.

This successful result of those students of TSMU, will provide them to continue residency in USA. Our students approved that American MD Program of Tbilisi State

Medical University perfectly prepares for United State Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Emory University School of Medicine and Tbilisi State Medical University are proud with the results achieved by American MD Program students.

Education Model of the American MD Program includes complete integration of basic, preclinical and clinical subjects. This type of education has many benefits: basic knowledge is enriched with clinical aspects and basic subjects are taught in combination with clinical disciplines which eases clinical correlation of different disciplines associated with individual organ systems. Significant feature of integrated tuition of active demonstration of clinical cases (patient, simulated patient or clinical history), which helps students in development of independent clinical habits. The modern teaching methodologies of the program contain but are not limited to problem solving, evidence based medicine, case presentation and participation in various interdisciplinary team work activities.

Along with the foundation subjects of medicine, significant accent is made on humanities, such as social-cultural and medical anthropology, history of civilization, history of art, philosophy, psychology, world literature, etc. Such curriculum enriches students' general education and assures successful communication skills with the future patients, colleagues and society in general.

Course called 'Becoming a Doctor' starts in the beginning of the first semester and follows the curriculum throughout 6 years. Aiming at development of basic clinical and behavioural skills, such as bedside manners, history taking, clinical examination, etc. 'Becoming a Doctor'. Course prepares students for medical profession.

The working group 'Curriculum Committee', which includes professors as well as students of the American MD Program, is changed with identification, discussion and solution of the strengths, challenges, and opportunities as well as students and faculty affairs and is a firsthand gatekeeper for the quality of the program.

'Summer at Emory' and 'Winter at Emory' - 3 week certificate program at Emory university is a course specially designed for the students of the American MD Program. The Course introduces participants to US Medical education, Health care System and Medical services. Highlight of this program is an opportunity to experience clinical activities at the bedside of the patient with the peer students and residents from Emory University School of Medicine.

Every year 20-40 American MD students attend 'Summer at Emory' and 'Winter at Emory' Programs in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Program was first introduced in August 2013 and repeats every year since, thus, became a tradition for the second year students.

Welcoming events for the incoming class are always filled with joy and celebration. Traditional event, marking students' transition from high school to medical society is highlighted with White Coat Ceremony. During the ceremony Rector of the Tbilisi State Medical University, professor Zurab Vadachkoria, His Excellency Ambassador of the United States, other faculty and administrative personnel of TSMU, professors from Emory university other distinguished guests traditionally put white coats on new students as a symbol of their entrance in to Medical profession.

White Coat Ceremony

On September 20, 2019, the 7th annual White Coat Ceremony of the American MD Program was held at Tbilisi State Medical University. The ceremony is always remarkable. The White Coat is symbol of a successful and stainless medical career of physician. Likely previous ceremonies, current White Coat Ceremony was much more pompous.

The ceremony was opened with national anthems of Georgia and United States of America performed by the choir of National Dance and Song Ensemble at Cultural Center of Tbilisi State Medical University. Distinguished guests were greeted by the rector of Tbilisi State Medical University, Prof. Zurab Vadachkoria.

The first year students of American MD Program, Class of 2025 were greeted by distinguished guests: Elizabeth Rude - Charge d'Affairs, Matthew Scherer - Director of US Army Medical Research office in Georgia, invited from USA, Emory University: Dr. Gordon Churchward - Assistant Dean, Dr. Joel Felner - Professor Cardiology, Dr. Douglas Ander - Professor of Emergency Medicine, Leader of Interdisciplinary Studies, Zaza Bokhua - Undersecretary of Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia, Nodar Maisuradze - Gradu-

ate student of American MD Program 2019.

Traditionally distinguished guests coated new students with white coats and program's symbols on it. TSMU's American MD Program Honorary Award for committing to program's development was given to Walter Reed US Army Medical Research Office in Georgia, and to the first graduates of the program. Vice - Rectors of Tbilisi State Medical University - Prof. Rima Beriashvili, Prof. Khatuna Todadze, Prof. Irakli Kokhredize attended the ceremony. Among attendants there were academic and administrative personnel, foreigner guests and American MD Program students with their friends and family members.

The American MD Program was established at Tbilisi State Medical University in collaboration with Emory University School of Medicine. It has been working since 2013. Program's structure gives possibility to the students to pass 2 STEPS of United States Medical Licensing Examination time by time and get the clinical experience in United States of America. The program has already achieved success in this field. The first admission was 7 years ago.

The first students graduated from the program in June 2019. In 2019-2020 academic year nearly 70 first year student were accepted on the program.

Graduation Ceremony of Class of 2019

On June 7, 2019, at Tbilisi State Medical University the first graduation ceremony of American MD Program was held. Graduation day was congratulated by TSMU professors, administration, Emory University Professors, parents of graduates, fellow students and the special guest- United States National Basketball Association's two-time champion, Zaza Pachulia. World known basketball player, who currently plays in NBA's club "Detroit Pistons", was a guest of honor at the program graduation ceremony. Zaza Pachulia gave a speech to the US MD Program students and shared them his ten main rules of success that helped him achieved worldwide success. His impressive speech influenced not only students but the audience as well.

At the graduation ceremony students of American MD Program of TSMU were hooded and given diplomas by Zaza Pachulia along with Professor Zurab Vadachkoria, the Rector of Tbilisi State Medical University. For the graduation ceremony professors from Emory University School of Medicine visited Georgia. Among them were Assistant Dean of Emory University School of Medicine- Gordon Churchward; Associate Dean- Joel Felner; Professor of the Hematology and Medical Oncol-

ogy Department- Mary Jo Lechowicz; Professor of Law, Emeritus at Emory University School of Law- Nathaniel E. Gozansky. The event was hosted by the Educational Program Director of Emory University School of Medicine and the Head of American MD Program- Archil Undilashvili.

Students of American MD Program reminisced their classmate and friend Mariam Kapanadze. The audience stood for a minute's silence to pay tribute to the memory of the deceased student. The guests of honor reminisced their colleague, founder of TSMU American MD Program, Professor of Emory University School of Medicine, Honor citizen of Georgia and Tbilisi, Kenneth Walker. At the end of the graduation ceremony students along with the Program Director, Professor Eka Ekaladze pledged the oath and threw their hats as a sign of graduation. The choir of TSMU Folk Ensemble of Song and Dance performed the national anthem of Georgia and the United States. US MD Program has got seven graduates from the first admission of American MD Program: Nodar Maisuradze, Ketevan Obolashvili, Sopiko Gigolashvili, Mounien Sonya, Nikoloz Bostashvili, Tamar Tamarashvili, Fethi Onal.



Welcome to

International Relations Department



The Department of International Relations is one of the significant structural units of Tbilisi State Medical University, the main goal of which is to support the internationalization process at the University via development of international relations aiming to deliver the best medical education on a global scale.

English-instructed medical educational programs, offered by Tbilisi State Medical University have more than 20 years of history. TSMU Faculty of Medicine offers medical education in English for international students since 1996; Faculty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation – 2008; Faculty of Pharmacy – 2013, respectively; from 2017 English Medium program was launched at the Faculty of Dentistry. Since 2012 Russian-instructed programs for international students were launched at the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Stomatology. In 2018, the new International Faculty of Medicine was established at Tbilisi State Medical University. This year it was expanded (added English and Russian educational programs of Dental Medicine) and redeveloped into the International Faculty of Medicine and Stomatology.

Nowadays, more than 2500 students from 72 countries worldwide (India, Sri Lanka, Turkey, EU countries, the US, Canada, Israel, Nigeria, Iraq, Australia, Central America, etc.) are studying at TSMU.

In 2012, Joint International Bachelor's Program in "Public Health and Management" with UniMan - Academy of Management and Performance (Grenoble, France) was introduced by the TSMU Faculty of Public Health. Upon completion of the program a dual diploma - Georgian and French will be issued that gives the alumni more opportunities for employment in the labor market and to proceed with continuous medical education that makes the program attractive. Since 2015, due to the efforts made by Tbilisi State Medical University and UniMan - Academy of Management and Performance, joint International Master's Program in "Public Health Management and Health Policy" was developed and launched at TSMU Faculty of Public Health.

In 2013 the USMD Program, a joint project, which has been developed and implemented with the cooperation of the Tbilisi State Medical University and Emory University (Atlanta,

U.S.) School of Medicine was established.

In 2015, according to the agreement signed between Tyrol Hospitals Union - the Western Education Centre (AZW) (Austria), Georgian-Austrian Bachelor of Nursing Program allowing TSMU nurses to be trained and gain international experience in the clinics of Austria.

At present, TSMU is the partner of more than 120 universities and university clinics from 30 countries worldwide; collaboration with them is regulated on the basis of bilateral agreements and / or joint international projects (ERASMUS +, HORIZON, MEVLANA).

Within the frames of the programs, every year more than 600 students, academic and administrative staff of TSMU participates in short-term or long-term mobility programs at undergraduate, master and doctoral levels.

Tbilisi State Medical University is on the list of the international directories of WHO and IMED. The graduates of Tbilisi State Medical University have the opportunity to be employed in any country after passing the Licensing Examination / screening test (USMLE, PLAB, YOK, etc.).

Since 2012 TSMU runs the program that considers invitation of leading Professors of US, EU countries, Great Britain, Turkey, Israel, etc. In 2012-2019, within the frames of the project approximately 550 visits have been held. Professors delivered thematic lectures in different fields of medicine and provided following activities: consultations and charity operations at TSMU University clinics.

The interesting and dynamic educational programs, highly qualified academic staff, effective management and internationalization processes at the University, modern scientific-research infrastructure - all these conditions determine increasing ranking and visibility of Tbilisi State Medical University.

Partner Universities and clinics:

Armenia

- Yerevan State Medical University

Austria

- Medical University of Vienna
- Innsbruck Medical University
- Innsbruck University
- Tyrol hospitals Union - the Western Education Centre (AZW)

Azerbaijan

- Azerbaijan Medical University
- Qafqaz University

Belarus

- Belarusian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education
- Belarusian State Medical University
- Grodno State Medical University
- Vitebsk State Medical University

Belgium

- KU Leuven
- University of Liège

Bulgaria

- Sofia Medical University
- Medical University of Varna
- Medical University Pleven

Canada

- University of Quebec at Chicoutimi

France

- The University of the Mediterranean Aix-Marseille II
- United Nations University
- Paris 12 Val de Marne University
- UniMan Academy of Management and Performance

Germany

- Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena
- Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinic in Oldenburg
- Charité - University Medicine Berlin
- Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
- Duisburg Clinic of Maxillo-Facial-Plastic Surgery and Implantology
- Hannover Medical School
- Technical University of Munich

Hungary

- Simmelweis University
- University of Szeged

India

- KIIT University

Israel

- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- Ariel University

Italy

- University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli,

Naples

- University of Rome Tor Vergata
- University of Genoa
- University of Salerno
- University of Padua
- The University of Pisa

Kazakhstan

- Almaty State Institute of Advanced Medical Education
- West Kazakhstan Marat Ospanov State Medical University

Latvia

- Riga Stradins University
- Daugavpils Medical College

Moldova

- State University of Medicine and Pharmacy „Nicolae Testemitanu“

Morocco

- University of Hassan II Casablanca

Netherlands

- Bachelor Midwifery Rotterdam University

Norway

- University of Bergen

Poland

- Medical University of Lublin
- Medical University of Warsaw
- Gdańsk Medical University
- Medical University of Silesia
- Poznan University of Medical Sciences
- Jagiellonian University

Portugal

- University of Coimbra

Romania

- Babeş-Bolyai University
- Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Danubius University of Galati
- Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
- University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Tirgu Mures

Sri Lanka

- University of Colombo

Slovakia

- Constantine the Philosopher University (Nitra)

Turkey

- Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University
- Ağrı İbrahim Çeçen University
- Atatürk University
- Ege University
- Erzincan University
- Hacettepe University
- Kafkas University

Partner Universities

- Ondokuz Mayıs University

- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University

- Ardahan University

- Beykent University

- University of Health Sciences

Ukraine

- Bogomolets National Medical University

- Bukovinian State Medical University

- Ternopil State Medical University

- Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education

- Zaporizhia State Medical University

- National University of Pharmacy

- Ukrainian Medical Stomatological Academy

- Dnepropetrovsk State Medical Academy

USA

- Emory University School of Medicine

- School of Public Health - University at Albany

- University of Scranton

Uzbekistan

- Samarkand State Medical Institute

Erasmus + international credit mobility with the following European Universities:

Austria

- Tyrol Hospitals Union – the Western Education Centre (AZW)

Belgium

- University of Liege

Bulgaria

- Medical University of Pleven

Estonia

- Tallinn Health Care College
- The University of Tartu

France

- Paul Sabatier University Toulouse

- Paris-EstCréteil Val-de-Marne University

Germany

- Charité - University Medicine Berlin

Greece

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Hungary

- University of Debrecen

Italy

- University of Pisa

- University of Sassari

- University of Pavia

- University of Perugia

Latvia

- Riga Medical College of the University of Latvia

Lietuva

- Lithuanian University of Health Sciences
- Klaipeda State University of Applied Sciences

Poland

- Poznan University of Medical Sciences
- Medical University of Lublin
- Powislanski University in Kwidzyn
- West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin
- Medical University of Gdańsk
- Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce

Portugal

- University of Porto
- University of Coimbra

Romania

- University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Tirgu Mures
- University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova
- Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy

Spain

- University Santiago de Compostela

Turkey

- Sivas Cumhuriyet University

United Kingdom

- Middlesex University
- University of Chester
- Cardiff Metropolitan University

Universities in Turkey in the frames of MEVLANA program:

Adana

- Chukurova University
- Aksaray University

Erzurum

- Atatürk University

Giresun

- Giresun University

Hatay

- Mustafa Kemal University

Izmir

- Sifa University

Kars

- Kafkas University

Mus

- Muş Alparslan University

Rize

- Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University

Samsun

- Ondokuz Mayıs University

Welcome to

Center of Foreign Languages

It is impossible to live in the modern world, develop relationships and successfully pursue a profession without proficiency in foreign languages.

Tbilisi State Medical University is a member of a large community of European Universities participating in the Bologna Process.

The main objective of the center is to teach students of all the faculties LSP- language for specific purposes and medical terminology within the framework of the university academic curricula and also improve PhD and graduates' language competence based on special education programs and courses of study.

Fee-paying intensive courses operate at the foreign language center where highly qualified staff teach languages for general purpose (English, German, French and Russian), as well as languages for specific medical purposes and medical terminology. Groups of applicants are small.

The Foreign Languages Center operates a new joint program of the Foreign Language Center of the Berlin Institute of Foreign Languages and the TSMU Foreign Language Center, which provides their final two-week studies in Berlin, Germany.

Besides studying the languages, students will have a chance to get acquainted with German culture and its landmarks.

Students, doctors and interested individuals can apply for this courses. Teaching is based on modern effective teaching methods and learning strategies. The classrooms and labs are equipped in full accordance with modern technology requirements. The classes are conducted, both under the guidance of the teachers and on independent basis. On completion of the courses certificates of appropriate competence(A-level, A1, A1, B1, B2, C1), according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, are awarded.

In addition, courses also offer teaching of other foreign languages. Fee-free Turkish language courses are also available for students and teaching staff.

Textbooks in English (English for Medical Professions) and German (Deutsch für Mediziner) languages, successfully used in current teaching process, were elaborated and published by the Center staff.

The Center of Foreign Languages has been accredited by UNICert® on October 2014 and since then it issues internationally recognized certificates confirming the competence level

of German, English languages. This certificate enables students to participate in any international exchange program and pass professional internship in EU countries.

TSMU Foreign Language Centre confers the possibility to take the exam preparation course and to pass the exams for DSH (Deutsches Sprachdiplom für den Hochschulzugang). Language Diploma will enable students to continue their studies in German universities without taking the exams and participants of the DAAD exchange programs will be exempted from the language exams.

Knowledge of foreign languages acquired at the Center was effectively used for practical purposes by TSMU students during the visits of professors from the USA, EU, UK, Turkey and Israel in our University. Students successfully provided simultaneous interpretation of the lectures delivered by the guests, and earned the approval of foreign professors and the audience.

The TSMU Foreign Language Center actively participates in the development of Georgian-German relationships. It has a long lasting and fruitful cooperation and friendship with the leading universities and clinics of German-speaking countries. By virtue of a



certificate obtained at the Foreign Language Center, students have the opportunity to pass professional practice in German-speaking clinics or participate in exchange programs.

Our students, residents and doctors are offered German Language summer courses for General and Specific(Medical) purposes in Munster University (Germany). During their stay in Germany they have the opportunity to visit the German clinics and get acquainted with the German health care system. After completing language courses, participants will get an internationally recognized German Language Diploma, which will enable them to continue their studies in German universities or start professional activities in EU countries.

You are always welcome to TSMU Foreign Language Center - get ready for success!

About Tbilisi State Medical University:

"We are interested in continuing cooperation with Tbilisi State Medical University in Tbilisi and Atlanta".

*Markus G. Klass, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
Emory University School of Medicine*

"The US MD program of the TSMU is perfectly preparing students to achieve successful results in passing the US Medical License Examination"

*Professor
Kenneth Walker, Emory University School of Medicine
(Atlanta, US),
Tbilisi honorable citizen.*

"Tbilisi State Medical University has its a dignified place among the best universities in the world, in which the lion's share belongs to the Rector of the University, Prof. Zurab Vadachkoria".

*Dr. George Grigolia, MD, PhD
Honorary Doctor of Tbilisi State Medical University and
Chief Doctor of Surgery Department at University Clinic (Fürstentfeldbruck) of Ludwig-Maximilian University (Munich, Germany);*

"It is a great honor for me to cooperate with Tbilisi State Medical University - with a rich tradition of higher education in Georgia. My duty is to read lectures, conduct operations, share my knowledge and experience".

*Prof. Ramazi Datiashvili, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery,
Division of Plastic Surgery Department of Surgery, Rutgers, The
State University of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School
(USA)*

"The future plans between Tbilisi State Medical University and Innsbruck University Clinics allow the development and expertise of the students as well as the students and doctors. This is due to huge contribution of TSMU Rector Professor Zurab Vadachkoria".

*Dr. Inna Kvitsaridze -
TSMU honorary Doctor, TSMU alumni, Chief Doctor at Radiation
Therapy and Radiooncology Center, Innsbruck University Clinic (Austria)*

"The best part of American MD Program is the way they organize everything. Not just that they ask for our feedbacks, but makes great effort in improving it as well. It is definitely getting better as each semester goes by. I'll be always thankful to the course for guiding me in becoming a good doctor!"

*ANJALI RAMESH
USMD Batch of 2021*

