



Weill Cornell
Medicine-Qatar

FACT SHEET 2024-2025

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STUDENT STATISTICS

Medical Students

Class of 2025 (4th year medical)	48
Class of 2026 (3rd year medical)	57
Class of 2027 (2nd year medical)	41
Class of 2028 (1st year medical)	61

Number of Students

Medical Curriculum	207
Pre-medical Curriculum	117
Foundation Program	20
Total Number of Students	344

Students Entering the Medical Curriculum (Class of 2028)

Men	25
Women	36

Entering Pre-medical Students

Men	23
Women	33
SAT 1 Math Score*	780
TOEFL Internet Based Test*	113

FACULTY STATISTICS

Academic Staff

Faculty	86
Other faculty (employed at affiliated and other institutions)	644

RESEARCH

Total employees**	135
Number of active research laboratories	22
Non-faculty academic (postdocs and research associates)	18
Papers published since 2010	> 2,030
Eight core facilities: Genomics, Proteomics, Bioinformatics & Metabolomics, miRNA, Imaging, Vivarium, Biostatistics, and Clinical Research Support.	

* Scores are for students admitted directly onto the Six-Year Medical Program.

** Including non-faculty academic.

WCM-Q AT A GLANCE

WCM-Q pioneered university-level coeducation in the country and, with the establishment of the college in Qatar, Cornell became the first US university to offer its MD degree overseas.

Medical school enrollment has increased from 16 in the inaugural class to 61 in the Class of 2028. The WCM-Q student body is diverse, with students from more than 30 countries enrolled. The facilities, provided by Qatar Foundation, include state-of-the-art lecture halls with distance learning technology, extensive teaching laboratories, and seminar rooms for small group work.

WCM-Q is also home to the region's first clinical skills center: with 12 fully equipped exam rooms, computerized medical manikins, and a standardized patient educator resource, it is a highly specialized learning center for the training of physicians. The Health Sciences Library at WCM-Q provides a vast array of information resources, including 167,618 eJournals, 470,421 eBooks, 1,853 printed books and 449 databases, in addition to other electronic media that are continually updated and expanded.

Alongside teaching, WCM-Q faculty provide patient care in Qatar's leading healthcare centers, providing world-class care to the community. In addition, WCM-Q's Institute for Population Health works to enhance the health and wellbeing of communities locally and globally through research, education and community engagement.

Through the work of the Division of Continuing Professional Development and its adherence to international best practice and lifelong learning, WCM-Q stands as one of the first institutions outside of the US to be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education as a provider of continuing medical education for physicians.

WCM-Q also has extensive research laboratories and is well established as a regional center of excellence in biomedical research across a diverse range of fields of scientific inquiry.

OUR MISSION

Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q), a pioneering joint venture between Qatar Foundation and Cornell University, is a research-intensive, academic medical institution. We leverage our unique programs, progressive partnerships, and strategic location to:

- develop outstanding physicians, scientists, and future healthcare leaders,
- generate significant discoveries that transform healthcare, and
- promote population health through deeply rooted community engagement.

A TRIPLE MISSION OF EXCELLENCE

WCM-Q has a tripartite commitment: a dedication to excellence in education, clinical care and research at the frontiers of biomedical science.



OUR VISION

An internationally recognized institution advancing and transforming the health and wellness of populations in Qatar and the region, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar aspires to become an iconic organization with global impact.

EDUCATION

WCM-Q's innovative Six-Year Medical Program of study leads to the Cornell University MD degree. The two-year pre-medical curriculum focuses on basic sciences relevant to medicine. The four-year medical curriculum offers courses that integrate normal and abnormal biology, and provide early exposure to patients. This curriculum continues to follow the highly successful program of Weill Cornell Medical College in New York.

CLINICAL CARE

WCM-Q works with its partners to educate physicians who will become leaders in healthcare in Qatar and around the world. Through a strong partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), the country's main healthcare provider, and Sidra Medicine, students gain clinical experience with patients from their first year of medical school. Furthermore, through WCM-Q's partnerships with HMC, Sidra Medicine, the Primary Health Care Corporation, and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital, students have access to some of the most technologically advanced medical and research facilities in the world.

RESEARCH

In close collaboration with Qatar Foundation and local stakeholders in the biomedical sciences, including HMC, Sidra Medicine, and HBKU, WCM-Q researchers are focused on improving our understanding of diseases specific to Qatar and the region, including obesity, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and neurogenetic abnormalities. Efforts are expanded on the continuum of biomedical research from basic, to translational, clinical and population research. The ultimate goal of the WCM-Q research effort is to inform more efficient healthcare in Qatar by advancing the fields of precision medicine, AI and machine learning. In addition, our research effort has enhanced the technical and physical biomedical research infrastructure and continues to significantly improve the scientific talent nationally through robust training and outreach programs.



MILESTONES ON OUR JOURNEY

January 2001

Cornell University and Qatar Foundation sign an agreement to establish Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar.

August 2002

First students enter WCM-Q's Pre-medical Program.

October 2004

Affiliation agreement signed by Weill Cornell Medicine, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and Hamad Medical Corporation.

August 2007

WCM-Q Foundation Program is implemented.

May 2008

Inaugural medical class graduates.

February 2009

WCM-Q signs clinical training and education agreement with Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital.

June 2009

A five-year plan is implemented to establish a biomedical research program. Over the next year, various research cores are established and extramural funding from Qatar National Research Fund begins.

October 2010

Weill Cornell Medicine and Sidra Medicine sign an affiliation agreement.

August 2011

WCM-Q partners with Hamad Medical Corporation and Qatar's learning and research institutions and healthcare providers to launch the MENA region's first Academic Health System.

November 2012

Facilitated by WCM-Q, institutional accreditation is given to Hamad Medical Corporation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education - International.

May 2013

An MoU with the American Board of Medical Specialties is signed to launch a certification program for various disciplines.

October 2013

WCM-Q signs an affiliation agreement with the Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC).

October 2014

WCM-Q is accredited as a provider of continuing medical education and continuing professional development by the Department of Healthcare Professions of the Ministry of Public Health.

November 2014

WCM-Q restructures its curriculum into one cohesive Six-Year Medical Program. Successful completion of the program leads to the Cornell University MD degree.

September 2015

WCM-Q's application to place students in long-term clinical clerkships in New York pursuant to section 60.2 of the Commissioner's regulations was approved by the New York State Board of Regents for a period of seven years.

October 2015

Agreement signed with the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates for global medical education and collaboration for student research funding.

November 2016

WCM-Q is recognized as an accredited provider by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and has the rights to designate *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

September 2017

- WCM-Q is recognized by the UK's General Medical Council for overseas medical schools. From the Class of 2018, WCM-Q graduates awarded an MD degree can apply for residency and training programs in the UK and sit the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test for GMC registration.
- WCM-Q officially reopens its expanded and enhanced Clinical Skills & Simulation Lab.

November 2018

WCM-Q is awarded accreditation with commendation, the highest ACCME standard for continuing professional development.

July 2020

WCM-Q's Infectious Disease Epidemiology Group designated a WHO collaborating center.

August 2022

Following a comprehensive assessment process, the medical program at WCM-Q is granted full accreditation by The Association for Evaluation and Accreditation of Medical Education Programs for a period of six years.

June 2024

WCM-Q holds the first Precision Health Innovations and Education global congress in São Paulo on June 8-10, 2024.

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