



**Weill Cornell
Medicine-Qatar**

FACT SHEET 2021-2022

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STUDENT STATISTICS

Medical Students

Class of 2022 (4th Year Medical)	46
Class of 2023 (3rd Year Medical)	56
Class of 2024 (2nd Year Medical)	49
Class of 2025 (1st Year Medical)	50

Number of Students

Medical Curriculum	201
Pre-medical Curriculum	100
Foundation Program	22
Total Number of Students	323

Students Entering the Medical Curriculum (Class of 2025)

Men	18
Women	32

Entering Pre-medical Students

Men	20
Women	26
SAT 1 Math Score *	770
TOEFL Internet Based Test *	109

FACULTY STATISTICS

Academic Staff Resident in Qatar

Faculty	82
Other faculty (Employed at affiliated and other institutions)	680

RESEARCH

Total employees **	119
Number of active research laboratories	25
Non-faculty academic (postdocs and research associates)	20
Papers published since 2010	> 1400

Nine core facilities: Genomics, Proteomics, Bioinformatics & Metabolomics, Imaging, Vivarium, Biostatics, Clinical Research Support, Basic Core and MicroRNA.

* 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 48 in the Class of 2021.

The WCM-Q student body is diverse, with students from more than 30 countries.

The facilities, provided by Qatar Foundation, include state-of-the-art lecture halls with distance learning and audiovisual technology, extensive teaching laboratories, and seminar rooms designed for small group work.

The medical college has the region's first clinical skills center. With 12 fully equipped exam rooms, audio-visual equipment, computerized medical mannequins, and a standardized patient educator program, it is a state-of-the-art resource for the specialized training of physicians.

Alongside teaching, WCM-Q faculty host clinics and surgeries in Qatar's medical institutions, delivering world-class care to the community.

Through the work of the Division of Continuing Professional Development and its adherence to international best practice and the concept of life-long learning, WCM-Q became 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.

The Distributed eLibrary (DeLib) at WCM-Q provides a vast array of information resources, including 22,029 eJournals, 44,867 eBooks, 2,924 print publications and 360 databases, in addition to other electronic media that are continually updated and expanded.

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 lead 21st century healthcare in Qatar. Through a strong partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation, the country's main healthcare provider, students gain clinical experience with patients from their first year of medical school. Furthermore, the partnership with Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital provides students with experience and training in orthopedic and rehabilitation medicine. In addition, with Sidra Medicine, Feto Maternal Center, Al Ahli Heart Hospital and the Primary Health Care Corporation, 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 delivery by ushering in the era of precision medicine in Qatar. 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 with one another.

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 Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners of the Ministry of Public Health.

November 2014

WCM-Q restructures its curriculum into one cohesive six-year medical program.

May 2015

An MoU is signed with the US-based, Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine.

July 2015

WCM-Q signs a clinical training and education agreement with the Feto Maternal Centre.

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, incorporating more hi-tech medical simulation equipment and doubling the number of clinical examination rooms.

September 2018

WCM-Q signs an affiliation agreement with Al Ahli Heart Center for clinical training.

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 is designated a WHO collaborating center.



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