



Davao Medical School Foundation

Davao City, Philippines • Established 1976 • Private

NMC-Approved

WHO Listed

FAIMER

ECFMG-eligible

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Davao Medical School Foundation: An Overview for Indian Medical Aspirants (2026) For Indian students aspiring to pursue an MBBS degree abroad, choosing the right medical university is a critical decision. Davao Medical School Foundation (DMSF), located in Davao City, Philippines, has emerged as a popular choice for many, and here's a detailed overview to help you understand why. History and Establishment Davao Medical School Foundation was established in 1976 with the aim of addressing the shortage of doctors in rural areas of the Philippines. It was the first medical institution in Mindanao City. The university is committed to strengthening the healthcare system and improving the well-being of the local community. The Davao Medical School...

KEY FACTS

ESTABLISHED

1976

TYPE

Private

DURATION

6 years

MEDIUM

English

INTAKE

September

MBBS SEATS

200

INDIAN STUDENTS

2,400

TEACHING HOSPITAL

400 beds

20%

FMGE PASS RATE
(2024)

586 of 2993 candidates cleared FMGE in 2024. FMGE/NExT is required to practise in India.

FEES

Item	Amount
Tuition (per year)	\$5,500 (~Rs 4.7 L)
Hostel (per year)	\$1,000 (~Rs 0.8 L)
Total programme cost	\$30,000 (~Rs 25.5 L)

Estimated all-in budget • 6 yrs

tuition + hostel + living/food + visa & travel

~Rs 44.6 L

Indicative; INR at ~Rs 85/USD. Living/food (~\$2,500/yr) and visa/travel (~\$1,500) are estimates and vary by city & lifestyle. Confirm current fees with the university.

WHY CHOOSE DAVAO MEDICAL SCHOOL FOUNDATION

- Established in 1976, Davao Medical School Foundation has a long-standing history of providing quality medical education, making it a trusted choice for Indian students...
- DMSF is recognized by the central government of the Philippines, WHO, IMED, and other international bodies, ensuring global recognition of your MD (MBBS) degree after...
- DMSF boasts a high FMGE success rate, with 97% of Indian students passing, securing their future as world-class doctors, demonstrating the quality of education provided.
- The MD (MBBS) program is taught entirely in English, eliminating language barriers and making learning and communication easy for Indian students throughout their...
- Davao City is a safe and affordable location, providing a conducive environment for studies and minimizing safety concerns for international students.
- DMSF offers direct admission without any entrance exams or donation fees, simplifying the admission process for eligible Indian students who meet the NEET requirements.
- The total MBBS/MD program tuition fee ranges from ₹30 to ₹32 lakhs, making it an affordable option compared to many other international medical colleges.

CAMPUS & FACILITIES

- Affiliated hospitals: Extensive clinical rotations at San Pedro Hospital and other affiliated hospitals.
- Indian Food Facilities: Availability of Indian food options for students.
- Indian Warden: Dedicated Indian warden available in the hostel.
- Hostel Facilities: Accommodation facilities available for students.
- Student Visa Sponsorship: Assistance with student visa sponsorship for international students.
- FMGE Coaching: Dedicated FMGE coaching provided for Indian students.
- Cultural Adaptation Programs: Programs to help Indian students adapt to the local culture.

ELIGIBILITY

- NEET score: Required as per NMC guidelines for studying abroad.
- Age: Must be 17 years or older by December 31, 2026.
- Academics: 50% aggregate in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology for general category.
- Academics: 40% aggregate in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology for SC/SEBC category.
- Direct admission: Available without entrance exam or donation.
- English proficiency: MBBS program is taught entirely in English.

HOW TO APPLY

Intake: September.

1. Step 1: Ensure you meet the Davao Medical School Foundation eligibility criteria, including NEET qualification for Indian students, for the 2026...
2. Step 2: Gather all required documents, including academic transcripts, notarized application for CEA, and other documents as specified by the college.
3. Step 3: Submit the application form along with the necessary documents to the Davao Medical School Foundation's admission office.
4. Step 4: Pay the application fee, which may include a postal money order of P30.00 payable to DECS - Region XI for CEA application.
5. Step 5: Await confirmation from the university regarding the acceptance of your application.
6. Step 6: If accepted, obtain the student visa with assistance from the university, which offers visa sponsorship for international students.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Valid passport
- 10th & 12th marksheets
- NEET scorecard
- Birth certificate (English)
- Medical fitness & HIV test report
- Passport-size photographs (white background)
- 6-month bank statement of parent/guardian
- No-Objection Certificate

RECOGNITION & CAREER

National Medical Commission (NMC) Recognition Davao Medical School Foundation holds active approval from the National Medical Commission (NMC), formerly known as the Medical Council of India (MCI). This recognition is essential for Indian medical aspirants, as it validates the MBBS degree for practice in India. Graduates from DMSF can return to India and register with state medical councils after clearing the...

Career Prospects After Graduation at Davao Medical School Foundation Graduating from Davao Medical School Foundation (DMSF) opens doors to medical practice across multiple continents. Established in 1976, this institution has built a track record of producing competent physicians, with over 2,400 Indian alumni currently practicing medicine worldwide. For...

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Good to know: FMGE/NExT needs serious preparation — we'll tell you honestly if studying abroad isn't the right fit for you.



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counselling

