BOSTON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
EARLY MEDICAL SCHOOL SELECTION PROGRAM

If Your Career Plans Include Attending a First-Class Medical School and Becoming a Physician,
The Boston University School of Medicine Early Medical School Selection Program at UVI May Be for You!

• Apply for early admission during your sophomore year at UVI
• Spend two summers and your senior year at Boston University
• Earn double credit for BA/BS and MD degrees as a college senior
• Graduate on schedule from the UVI
• Enter the Boston University School of Medicine in September

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PROGRAM

The Early Medical School Selection Program (EMSSP) is designed to provide an early and decompressed transition into the medical school curriculum through provisional acceptance into medical school at the completion of two years of undergraduate study.

The Boston University School of Medicine is an urban school with a decidedly urban mission. Its primary mission is to prepare students for primary care and general medicine practice in urban settings.

Students accepted into the Boston University School of Medicine Early Medical School Selection Program remain at their undergraduate colleges through their junior year and pursue programs of study that will best prepare them to spend their senior year at Boston University. Students enroll in at least one six-week summer course at Boston University in each of two summers prior to spending their senior year at Boston University.

Students should complete the maximum number of science courses required by their home institutions prior to spending their senior year at Boston University. During their senior year at Boston University, students retain degree candidacy at their home institutions while participating in individualized programs of study, satisfying the
undergraduate academic requirements and participating in a decompressed transition into the medical school curriculum.

After earning a baccalaureate degree from his or her home institution, a student who performed at the prescribed level may matriculate at the Boston University School of Medicine during the next academic year. Having already fulfilled the requirements for certain medical school courses (those modular medical courses in which students obtained a grade of B or better), students are able to pursue a decompressed medical school curriculum. Upon completion of the medical school requirements (normally requiring four years), the degree of Doctor of Medicine is granted by Boston University.

**ADMISSION**

Admission to the program is based on the student’s academic record; letters of recommendation; scope and quality of college and community activities; minimum combined SAT scores of 1000 or minimum ACT composite score of 22; and other factors such as personality, character, and maturity of the applicant. To be eligible for the Early Medical School Selection Program a student must be a United States citizen or permanent resident and have the recommendation of his or her premedical advisor.

Students must apply for admission to the program during their sophomore year of college. Courses required for application to the program include one year of biology (with laboratory) and one year of general chemistry (with laboratory) in addition to the normal distribution of courses in the humanities and social sciences. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in science courses and a 3.0 in non-science courses with no grade lower than a C in any courses.

Students must complete the equivalent of one full year of general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics prior to beginning their senior undergraduate year at Boston University.

Competitive applicants are invited to the Boston University School of Medicine in the spring for interviews by two members of the Early Medical School Selection Program Admissions Committee. Admissions decisions are mailed to applicants on or around April 15th. Students accepted into the program are required to participate in two six-week summer programs at Boston University, one following their sophomore year and one following their junior year.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The University of the Virgin Islands is one of only 14 schools approved to participate in this highly selective program.

Successful UVI graduates who have received their M.D. degrees through this program include:

- Richard Browne, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Laurel Nandal Browne, M.D. (St. Thomas)
- Tarsha Brown, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Lisa Burroughs, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Glenville Morton, M.D. (St. Thomas)
- Joanne Murren, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Kirsten Shuck, M.D. (St. Thomas)
- Cherise Ward, M.D. (St. Thomas)
- Pearl Christie, M.D (St. Thomas)
- Dorette Noorhasan, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Marisela Noorhasan, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Monique Walcott, M.D. (St. Croix)
- Brian C. Martin, M.D. (St. Thomas)
- Sionne George, M.D.