



**PENANG
MEDICAL COLLEGE**
RCSI & UCD Irish Education
Global Recognition



Penang Medical College Prospectus

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Our Vision

Penang Medical College, in association with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University College Dublin and the Ministry of Health, will contribute effectively to healthcare through excellence in medical education, training, research and practice.

Our Mission

“...to provide undergraduate education to the highest international standards in medicine and allied health sciences...”



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Irish Education – Global Recognition



Why study with us?

Penang Medical College (PMC) is a partnership of RCSI (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) and UCD (University College Dublin), two of the longest-established medical schools in Ireland.

For the first two and a half years of the programme, students undertake their biomedical and early clinical sciences studies in RCSI or UCD in Ireland, returning to Malaysia for a further two and a half years to complete extensive clinical training in Penang. Students are awarded the medical degrees of the National University of Ireland and Licentiate of RCSI and RCPI (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland), receiving the same qualifications

as those who complete a full programme in Ireland. Irish medical degrees are recognised and prized worldwide.

To ensure the highest standards are maintained, the programme is rigorously evaluated and is subject to continuous quality assurance, underpinned by external examiners from around the world. The programme is accredited by both the Irish and Malaysian Medical Councils.

Deans' Welcome



Professor Amir S.Khir

Dean, PMC



Today's doctors must keep abreast of the constantly expanding store of medical knowledge required to provide the highest standards of patient care.

The PMC programme provides strong pre-clinical training in Ireland for the first two and a half years, where our students can draw inspiration from lecturers who are at the forefront of research in their fields. This foundation prepares our students for their early clinical training and allows them to branch off into any specialisation as their careers progress, equipped with the analytical skills to develop professionally as doctors.

On returning to Malaysia, our students have ample exposure to the hospital environment to pursue their clinical studies, guided by teachers with expert clinical knowledge. Here, our students can build on the many essential qualities of a doctor, which are key to PMC's philosophy, including respect for our fellow human beings, the desire to help others, and a willingness to make significant sacrifices in doing so.

We are proud to work with RCSI and UCD to provide this outstanding programme, which continues to produce high-calibre medical graduates with a qualification that is recognised throughout the world.

Professor Hannah McGee

Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, RCSI



A globally recognised and respected qualification is the building block on which a successful career in medicine begins. As a dedicated health sciences institution, RCSI is wholly focused on developing healthcare leaders who make a difference worldwide.

We pride ourselves in providing rigorously evaluated programmes that allow for a common degree award of the National University of Ireland in a number of regions around the world. Graduates of PMC are part of our global network of more than 17,000 alumni, who are highly recognised and much sought after internationally.

RCSI has a long heritage of providing medical education from our home in Dublin since 1784, and in Penang since 1996. We have a unique international perspective with a long tradition of educating students from more than 70 countries at our Dublin campus and more recently at our international campus locations.

We are proud of our strong links to Malaysia, with almost 800 Malaysian students coming to the College in the last decade. Our involvement in the joint programme at PMC since 1996 was a natural extension of this long-standing relationship and we look forward to continuing to welcome PMC students to our ever-growing worldwide network of healthcare leaders.

Professor Patrick Murray

Dean of Medicine, UCD



UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science is proud of its reputation - shaped and built over the last 150 years - as an international leader in the provision of medical and healthcare education. Our students benefit from an innovative curriculum, access to world-renowned educators, and a network of clinical and educational facilities that is second to none.

Our graduates, including a President of Ireland, the President of UCD, and the current President of the Irish Medical Council, have reached leadership positions in Ireland and across the globe.

We are deeply proud of our longstanding

relationship with Penang Medical College, and it has been our great privilege to welcome a new group of PMC students to Dublin each year. Our student population comprises more than 50 nationalities and this diversity is one of the defining features of life at UCD.

We place community, friendship and support at the heart of our educational ethos. We are driven not just by the desire to provide students with the best possible education, but also by a belief that the doctors of tomorrow benefit from a supportive, collegial environment, in which extra-curricular talents and interests thrive alongside academic excellence.



Institutional Profiles



About PMC



A partnership between RCSI and UCD, PMC has been providing quality medical education to internationally recognised standards since 1996 with the first graduation ceremony taking place in 2001.

In June 2013, the one thousandth doctor graduated, joining the ranks of PMC graduates who are working in countries as diverse as Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Ireland, United Kingdom, Malta, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. The College is recognised with a six-star rating for excellence in medical education by the Ministry of Higher Education in Malaysia. A 2012 report by the Institute

for Health Systems Research, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, House Officer Performance in Malaysia 2009-2011, placed PMC among the top medical schools in preparing their graduates for their early careers.

The PMC campus is centrally located on two sites close to the heart of Georgetown and within a five-minute walk of Penang General Hospital, where most of the clinical teaching takes place.

Located at the Sepoy Lines grounds, a four-storey academic complex houses the modern facilities required for the training of medical

professionals, including a 200-seat lecture theatre, multimedia room, video conferencing facilities, research laboratory, student study areas, cafeteria and surau.

The historic former Penang Home building, library, clinical skills laboratory, canteen, recreation rooms and student centre are at the Residency Road grounds, located beside Penang General Hospital.

Institutional Profiles



"Studying in Dublin taught me to stand on my own feet, taught me about friendship and made me realise there are so many things in this world that I've yet to discover. I will always remember PMC; this is the place where I learned about medicine and life; this is where I became an adult."



Dr Norzahidah Mohd Khair
Class of 2012 Graduate

About RCSI



RCSI

RCSI is an internationally focused health sciences institution with one of the world's leading international medical schools and the largest undergraduate medical school in Ireland.

Founded in 1784 to train surgeons, today the College provides extensive education and training in the healthcare professions at undergraduate and postgraduate level. RCSI is home to the National Surgical Training Centre and is responsible for maintaining national standards for surgery in Ireland.

RCSI campuses reflect the truly international

character of the College. In Dublin, RCSI educates a substantial cohort of international students, alongside Irish and other EU students. The 4,000-strong student body comprises students from more than 70 countries worldwide. RCSI also has international campuses in Bahrain, Dubai and Malaysia. RCSI's qualifications are highly recognised around the world and RCSI graduates are part of a global network of 17,000 alumni in more than 82 countries.

The RCSI Institute of Research is one of Ireland's foremost research centres in medical and health sciences. Its research theme of

Translational Health Research - "from bench to bedside to population" focuses on enhancing human health and well-being.

RCSI's main campus is located on St. Stephen's Green in the heart of Dublin's vibrant city centre. With an impressive, 200 year-old building at its centre, today's campus has a range of modern facilities including state-of-the-art research laboratories, libraries, student accommodation and recreational facilities.

About UCD



UCD is one of Europe's leading research-intensive universities, where undergraduate education, Masters and PhD training, research, innovation and community engagement form a dynamic spectrum of activity.

UCD is Ireland's largest university with over 30,000 students, from approximately 124 countries. UCD welcomes over 5,000 international students to its Dublin base and delivers degrees to a further 5,000 on overseas campuses. UCD is currently ranked within the top 1% of institutions world-wide.

Located on a beautiful leafy 133-hectare

campus close to Dublin's city centre, UCD provides a mix of academic facilities, research institutes, student villages, and sports and recreational facilities.

UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science

Founded in 1855, the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science is one of Ireland's leading medical schools, offering medical education delivered by specialist staff across an extensive network of academic and clinical locations.

Internationally recognised, the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science has long-established partnerships, links and affiliations in

Malaysia, the United States, Canada and China.

International students from 50 countries now account for one-third of undergraduate numbers at the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science. This diversity is one of the defining features of life at UCD, enriching the student experience by delivering a truly international campus.

The UCD National University of Ireland medical degree (awarded to PMC graduates) is highly prized, with alumni working in leading posts in many of the world's top hospitals and medical schools.

Locations



Why Study in Ireland?

Ireland has a worldwide reputation for high-quality education built on a long history of academic excellence. Ireland is a beautiful island, combining contemporary modern cities with an unspoilt countryside, offering a warm welcome to students from all over the world. It has a temperate climate and rarely experiences extremes of temperature.

Dublin is Ireland's capital city, home to Europe's youngest and best-educated population. It is a safe and friendly city that has a wealth of cultural, learning and enterprise activities concentrated within a small area. Dublin is a gateway for travel to the rest of Europe, with cities such as London, Rome and Paris, all within easy reach.

The quality of Irish graduates is recognised by many leading multinational organisations who choose Ireland as their European headquarters, including all of the top 10 global technology companies.

Dublin

- 8th Best Student City in the World – QS World University Rankings
- Top 20 safest cities in the world – Mercer Quality of Living Report

Ireland

- 12th most peaceful country in the world – Global Peace Index
- Top 10 world's friendliest countries – Lonely Planet

Why Study in Malaysia?

Malaysia is a multicultural society where many races and religions live together in peace and harmony. Malaysians are very hospitable, warm and friendly. Malaysia's multiculturalism has made it a gastronomic paradise and home to hundreds of colourful festivals. There is a stable socioeconomic environment and a low crime rate.

The PMC campus is situated in Penang, "the Pearl of the Orient" which lies off the north-western coast of peninsular Malaysia. The State comprises the island of Penang and an area on the mainland known as Seberang Perai (Province Wellesley).

A fascinating fusion of the East and West, Penang embraces modernity while retaining its traditions and old world charm. These are reflected in its harmonious, multiracial populace and well-preserved heritage buildings, which

led to its capital George Town being accorded a listing as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site. Long regarded as the food capital of Malaysia, Penang offers a huge variety of cuisines including vegetarian, halal, ethnic and western. Penang also entices visitors with its beautiful coasts, parks and natural history.

Penang

- Cost-effective tuition fees and living expenses
- UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site

Malaysia

- English spoken widely
- Warm, tropical climate

Medical Programme



"The most memorable experience in Penang Medical College is our Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Psychiatry and Public Health rotation which we undertook in our fourth year of medical course. These specialties enriched us in different ways. The course structure in PMC during this year have truly transformed our perspective of the medical field and equipped us with the skills and experience needed to become a competent doctor."



Dr Mehul Kumar A/L Dr Narendra Kumar
Class of 2012 Graduate

PMC Curriculum

The medical programme in PMC is normally five years in duration, two and a half years in Dublin followed by two and a half years in Penang, Malaysia. The five themes of the medical programme are:

1. Biomedical Science and Research
2. Clinical Medicine
3. Clinical Competence
4. Population and International Health
5. Personal & Professional Development

These themes run throughout the length of the medical programme with a stronger focus on biomedical science in the early years of the programme coupled with an appropriate quantity of patient contact. As students progress through the course, clinical medicine increases coupled with a reduction in biomedical science as student experience and competence is increased in this area.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 0	Foundation Year	
Year 1	Dublin	
Year 2	Dublin	
Year 3	Dublin	Penang
Year 4	Penang	
Year 5	Penang	

Foundation Year taken in Penang for Malaysian students or Ireland for International students

Biomedical and early clinical sciences studied in Dublin. Includes early patient contact

Extensive clinical training completed in Penang

Pre-clinical training

Students are assigned to either RCSI or UCD to undertake a comprehensive, system-based and outcome-focused programme in Dublin. During these five academic semesters, the main focus is on the biomedical and early clinical sciences and clinical skills. All students will have exposure to early patient contact.

PMC students completing their pre-clinical training in either RCSI or UCD, undertake exactly the same course as those students who are completing the full medical programme. PMC students are therefore an integral component of the Irish medical school class and an important part of the broader student community. Consequently, they sit the same examinations and are subject to the same assessment standards as the partner medical school students.

Some students may be required to complete a Foundation Year, designed to provide students with the appropriate knowledge to enter into the five-year course. Malaysian students normally complete this Foundation Year in Penang, while other international students complete this year in Ireland.

Clinical training

Upon returning to Penang to commence the final two and a half years of their clinical training, the students are based exclusively on clinical sites and undertake the following clinical attachments: Medicine and Surgery, Primary Care (General Practice), Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry. In addition, all students will complete an integrated clinical programme to include the clinical 'sub-specialties' of Anaesthesiology, Ophthalmology, ENT, Legal Medicine/Ethics, Public Health Medicine and Radiology.

Many Professors and Lecturers are from the parent institutions in Ireland, and examination, including external examiner oversight, parallels that in Ireland. Students are awarded the medical degrees of the National University of Ireland (MB BCh BAO) and the Licentiates of RCSI and RCPI, receiving the same qualifications as those who complete a full programme in Ireland. Irish medical degrees are highly valued worldwide.

Student Life



"The PMC programme is one that encourages students to strive for excellence, with equal emphasis on both academic excellence as well as personal development. The unwavering support offered by PMC enabled me to actively partake in various sporting meets, international level quizzes and medical conferences, effectively enriching my journey through medical school."



Wong Wai Kit
Class of 2014 student

Dublin



The student experience in Dublin is one that PMC students will carry with them throughout their lives. Students are encouraged to experience the full spectrum of social and cultural aspects of college life in addition to their studies. During their time in Ireland, students can complement a rigorous academic schedule with other aspects of college life to ensure a healthy work-life balance and build lifelong friendships with the vibrant mix of international students they will meet during their time in Ireland.

Both RCSI and UCD have a wealth of student societies with a range of offerings to suit all tastes. Whether you are interested in the arts, outdoor pursuits, volunteering or medical societies, there is something for everyone. Both colleges have a network of sports clubs, as well as sports grounds and fitness facilities.

"My experience in Dublin had made me more independent and taught me how to make my own decisions and living with the consequences. PMC has guided me to be able to face any situation that may arise when I start working."

Nurul Nabila Binti Mortadza
Class of 2014 student



"I learnt that medicine is not just about people and diseases but the art of getting to know people better. I am guided well by the experienced and dedicated team of lecturers, where I am learning to become a wholesome person."

Muhammad Norfahmi Bin Nordin
Class of 2015 student



Penang



PMC offers a rich student experience. As well as enjoying the excellent cuisines and beautiful surroundings that Penang has to offer, the college has a wide range of activities for students, ensuring that they gain as much satisfaction from the social and cultural pursuits as they do from their studies.

Annual student events include Freshers' Week for returning students from Ireland, the Graduation Ball and the PMC Sports Carnival.

Clubs and societies at PMC include PMC PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning Society), football, badminton, basketball, tennis clubs, an adventure club and a variety of cultural and religious societies.

Penang Medical College Students Association (PMCSA)

PMCSA is a student body established to connect the students base across PMC, RCSI and UCD, enabling them to communicate with each other and the three colleges. As well as representing students' interests, the Association enables the students themselves to exchange ideas and opinions. PMCSA organises a full calendar of academic and social events each year, facilitating the building of friendships that will be of vital importance to students when, later, they become professional colleagues.

Student Support

PMC students can avail of a comprehensive range of student support services throughout their time in Dublin and Penang. The colleges provide students with a multifaceted support network dealing with a range of issues, including academic, pastoral, personal and practical matters. Support services include:

- Peer-mentoring/'buddy' programme for all first year students
- Student counselling services
- Student accommodation services
- International student support services
- Career support and development

Admissions

For detailed information on entry requirement and the admissions procedure, please visit www.pmc.edu.my

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"An eclectic mix of local and international teaching styles and schools of thought gave me an outlook which has not only helped in my learning to be a health professional but also to be better human being."

Daniel Wai Ying Ha
Class of 2015 student



"Studying in Dublin has taught me confidence, a broad thinking and to get to know people from all over the world, while studying in Penang has taught me a systematic approach to learn the disease, as well as a better communication and hands-on skills."

Kunalini Anpalagan
Class of 2015 student



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