



Western Atlantic University  
School of Medicine

*Delivering  
on our  
promise  
to you.*



Learn how you can change the world  
by becoming an MD at WAUSM

"Everyone at WAUSM is working toward  
excellence. For students, for patient care,  
and for medical education."

**Dr. Paula Wales, Provost and  
Chief Operating Officer**

# Your MD. Our experience training them.



**Joseph Flaherty, MD**

**PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

- ✓ Dean Emeritus  
**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**
- ✓ Dean and Chancellor  
**ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- ✓ James Scholar
- ✓ Recipient of awards and honors related to his work in Psychiatry and teaching



**Paula Wales, EdD**

**PROVOST AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

- ✓ Founding Executive Associate Dean, Academic & Student Affairs  
**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY'S DR. KIRAN C. PATEL COLLEGE OF ALLOPATHIC MEDICINE**
- ✓ Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education  
**INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- ✓ Senior Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs  
**ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**



**Scott Ippolito, MD**

**EXECUTIVE DEAN, CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER, AND CHAIR OF FAMILY MEDICINE**

- ✓ Chair of Family Medicine  
**ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S MOUNT SINAI SOUTH NASSAU HOSPITAL**
- ✓ Associate Dean of Clinical Sciences and Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs  
**ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- ✓ Expert in the development and management of medical student programs and residencies, as well as hospital leadership and clinical practice



**Laura Welke, PhD**

**CAMPUS DEAN AND PROFESSOR, MEDICAL EDUCATION**

- ✓ Assistant Dean Faculty Affairs, Professor and Vice Chair for the Department of Anatomy  
**ROSS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**
- ✓ Faculty Member, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology  
**SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL SCHOOL**
- ✓ Expert in the fields of Anatomy and Neurobiology

Our leadership and faculty have educated thousands of MDs who are successfully practicing across the US and Canada.

**Now it's your turn.**

## Studying medicine is an honor; teaching medicine is, too.

Western Atlantic University School of Medicine (WAUSM) is the culmination of a dream that we, together with our fellow faculty and staff, had to create a world class, accredited medical school. We've taken the very best of what we've learned from the many respected US and international medical institutions at which we've had the honor of working and brought it all together at WAUSM. The result is an exceptional medical school – one that is well positioned to create master adaptive learners who will become the outstanding, patient-centered MDs that our world needs. WAUSM's collective commitment to medical education is second to none. We are excited to have the opportunity to introduce you to WAUSM and to show you how we will deliver on our promise of a premier medical education and student experience.

Together, we've selected and trained thousands of successful US and Canadian MDs over the last 30 years. Now it's your turn. Let us help you discover your true calling at WAUSM.

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President and Chief  
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Campus Dean and Professor,  
Medical Education

# Student Centered Learning

We know the skills and mindset needed to become a successful physician. Our active MD curriculum that is taught by expert, supportive faculty was designed to provide a deeper learning experience that will allow you to turn theory into practice.



## **7:1 Faculty to Student Ratio:**

Due to our purposeful efforts to manage growth and keep class sizes small, to keep the focus on student performance and success, WAUSM is already becoming known for the unparalleled access students have to faculty.



## **Commitment to Excellence:**

WAUSM is accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP). A rigorous, peer-review process that examines all aspects of a medical program, the CAAM-HP accreditation process progresses in sequence from candidacy status to full accreditation.

# Purposefully Designed Campus



Use our QR code to take a virtual tour of WAUSM or visit [wausm.education/VirtualTour](https://wausm.education/VirtualTour). Download the YouTube app for best viewing on mobile.

At WAUSM, we are committed to training students in an environment that is consistent with what you will experience as an MD, which is why we built a fit-for-purpose preclerkship campus designed by faculty to optimize student success.

Our Freeport Campus is not only the most contemporary preclerkship campus in international medical education, **its proximity to South Florida (only 80 miles) also makes it one of the easiest to get to from the US and Canada.**

Built by distinguished US medical education leaders with your every educational need in mind, our world class campus is home to a high-tech Simulation Center, standardized patients and virtual anatomy; examination rooms, lecture halls and classrooms; and study and small-group collaboration spaces.



**Did You Know?** With three start dates a year, you can begin earning your MD at WAUSM in September, January, or May.

# Flipped Classroom Approach

Like many US and Canadian-based medical schools, WAUSM utilizes a flipped classroom approach rather than a traditional lecture-style approach to learning. At WAUSM, you will be immersed in an active classroom to learn and hone skills of logical reasoning and problem-solving, which will help you prepare for NBME-style questions that are the basis for The United States Medical Licensing Examination® (USMLE).



“WAUSM is very personalized. Professors have an open-door policy and are open to hearing our ideas. I can take any idea I have right to our campus dean.”

**Johnathan Dallas,**  
**WAUSM Student**

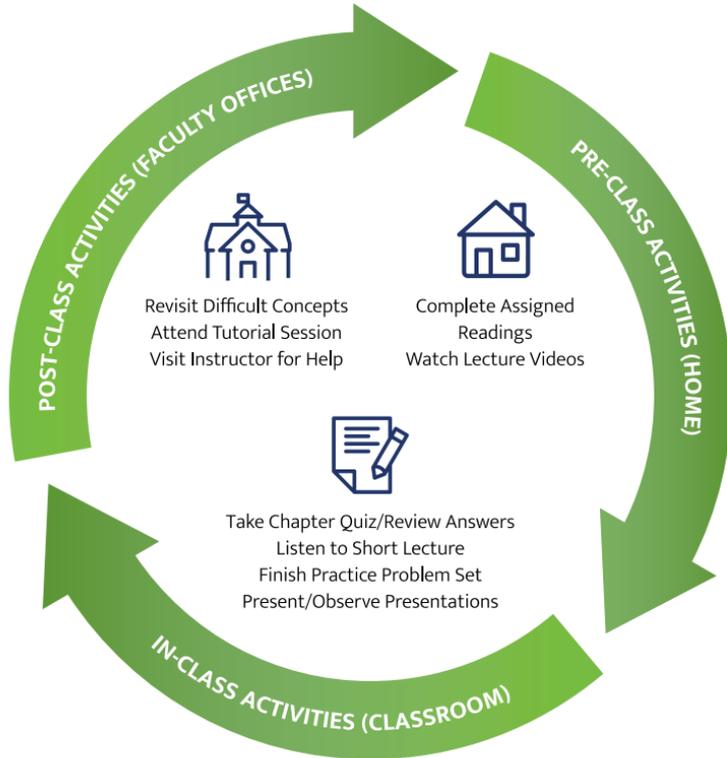
Hometown: Roslindale, MA



**Did You Know?** WAUSM's preclerkship campus clinical environment features 4 simulation bays, 6 physical examination skills rooms, a Standardized Patient Control Room, a Simulation Control Space, and a multipurpose Debrief and Task Trainer Room outfitted with classroom technology to meet all your learning needs.



# Positioning you to succeed.



“The flipped classroom allows you to figure things out and actively engage your brain, which makes the information stick. It builds better relationships between faculty and students. I’m not only learning what’s in a textbook; I’m also getting real-time information from a professor who is a practicing physician and learning what it takes to be a good MD through real-life examples.”

**Ashlee English, WAUSM Student**

Hometown: Lauderhill, FL



**Did You Know?** We provide next-gen resources such as Osmosis, AMBOSS, UWorld, Complete Anatomy, AccessMedicine, and Geeky Medics that cater to your learning style and put you in the driver’s seat of your medical education.

# Results that Speak for Themselves.

WAUSM's commitment to academic excellence is backed by measurable success. Case in point?

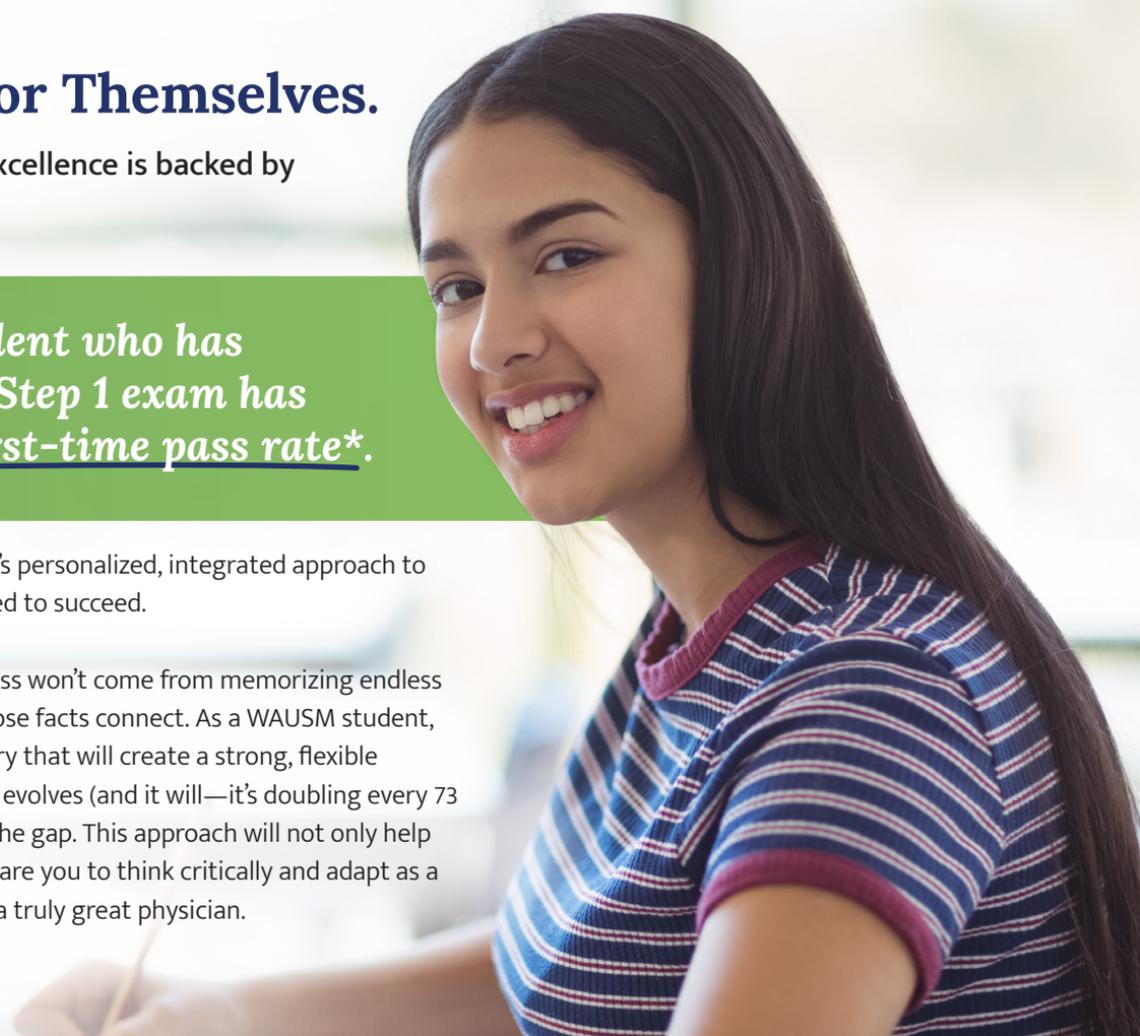


*Every WAUSM student who has sat for the USMLE Step 1 exam has achieved a 100% first-time pass rate\*.*

Outcomes like these demonstrate that WAUSM's personalized, integrated approach to teaching is providing the tools our students need to succeed.

After all, as a future medical student your success won't come from memorizing endless facts – it will come from understanding how those facts connect. As a WAUSM student, your learning will be built as an intricate tapestry that will create a strong, flexible foundation. That way, when medical knowledge evolves (and it will—it's doubling every 73 days), you will have the skills needed to bridge the gap. This approach will not only help you excel on your licensure exams but also prepare you to think critically and adapt as a lifelong learner. And that is what will make you a truly great physician.

*\*As of August 1, 2025*



# You Are Not a Number

**Focused on your success from start to finish**

Our faculty will know you by name and empower your growth. The small class sizes at WAUSM foster a close-knit learning community where you will receive personalized attention from faculty and peers. Within a supported learning environment, you will work in groups on cases to promote teamwork, build your confidence, and develop a collaborative approach to patient care.



“One of the best things about WAUSM is how close-knit everyone is. The relationships with the faculty are incredible. They make sure there is something for everyone because no one learns in exactly the same way.”

**Celia Foster, WAUSM Student**

Hometown: Manhattan Beach, CA

What do our students think about WAUSM's personalized approach to their medical education?



**Watch and see!**



# Clerkships at WAUSM

The clerkship portion of the MD program, years 3 and 4 of medical school, is one of the most challenging – and rewarding – parts of medical school. As you begin to experience life as a physician firsthand, the reality of becoming one starts to settle in and you realize – you have arrived at the home stretch.



**Did You Know?** 50% of your medical school education will be spent in the US in clerkships at our partner hospitals.

As a WAUSM student, your clinical clerkships will take place at our partner hospitals in the US. Chosen specifically for their ability to prepare you for residency and your life's work as an MD, our partner hospitals will give you the practice-ready preparation you need to succeed.

And because our medical program is specifically geared toward training students to think quickly and critically from day one, when the time comes for you to examine a patient you will be able to ask appropriate questions, interpret the information, and determine the best course of action.

# Clerkship Rotations: Real-World Experience Starts Here

## Core Clinical Training



**Saint Anthony  
Hospital**  
(Chicago, IL)



**Insight Hospital  
& Medical Center**  
(Chicago, IL)



**Doctors  
Hospital**  
(Nassau, The Bahamas)

At Saint Anthony and Insight, students benefit from a tracked clerkship program, allowing them to complete all six core rotations at a single site creating a cohesive, supportive, and immersive clinical experience.

At Doctors Hospital, students have the opportunity to complete Internal Medicine and Surgery rotations in a vibrant, international healthcare setting.

Our elective rotation experiences allow students to tailor their clinical education to their interests and career goals—while building a strong foundation for residency.

## Elective Rotations



**Kern  
Medical**  
(Bakersfield, CA)



**Kingman Regional  
Medical Center**  
(Kingman, AZ)



# Freeport, Grand Bahama



← 80 miles (27 minute flight) to Florida

View an interactive version of the map on our website with images of many points of interest around Freeport at: [wausm.education/explorefreeport](http://wausm.education/explorefreeport)  
Where do you want to visit first?

# More than Classmates – Colleagues for Life

Our students hail from all over the US, Canada, and The Bahamas. Fierce in their determination to achieve their dreams, support each other, and dedicate their lives to service, they are the embodiment of the University's mission to provide opportunity for qualified, diverse, and dedicated students to become MDs.

 Meet and hear from our students on our website at: [wasm.education/students](https://wasm.education/students)



“The thing about WAUSM is that all the students are welcoming of every new class. I’ve made friends from every semester. There is zero competitiveness. We’re a team and help each other because we share the same goals.”

**Alvaro Alvarez, WAUSM Student**

Hometown: Oracle, AZ



**Did You Know?** There is a wide variety of housing options near WAUSM’s Freeport campus; we will assist you with finding one that fits your needs and budget. Learn more at: [wasm.education/housing](https://wasm.education/housing)

# Building a Legacy

From helping to shape curricula, to becoming a founding member of student clubs and organizations, to establishing health-focused initiatives within the community, WAUSM students are making a difference while making their mark. In addition to the Student Government Association (SGA) and the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), WAUSM students have founded clubs focused on histology, neurology, pediatrics, surgery, and research. There are also clubs for Canadian students and students concerned about social justice, and more are being established every semester. **What club or organization will you help found?**



“The clubs are great. We’re able to focus our interests, interact with students in other semesters, and have even more one-on-one interaction with our professors.”

**Gracen Mahoney, WAUSM Student**  
Hometown: St. Catharines, Ontario



WAUSM provides students with the tools they need to succeed in a diverse and inspiring environment. Freeport has a small-town feel, but with all the amenities you need and expect. The flight from South Florida is **just 27 minutes**, making travel to and from the US quick and convenient.



**Did You Know?** You can experience a day in the life of WAUSM students here:  
[wausm.education/student-life/day-in-the-life](https://wausm.education/student-life/day-in-the-life)

# The Bottom Line

## WAUSM's Student-Centered Planning Process

You deserve a quality medical education at a competitive cost. We are committed to providing a world class medical education that is both accessible and affordable.

Our Student Financial Services team will provide clear guidance tailored to your circumstances—including your individual financial eligibility for loans—that will help you take the next step toward your future.



**Did You Know?** Sallie Mae offers loans specifically designed for medical school students that can help you fund your medical school education. Canadian students can obtain lines of credit through CIBC, RBC, and Scotia.

Attaining your MD is the best investment you can make in yourself – reach out to our Office of Student Financial Services at [SFS@wausm.education](mailto:SFS@wausm.education) to learn more about your financing options. For a detailed look at our tuition and financial aid opportunities please also visit our website: [wausm.education](http://wausm.education).



# Applying to WAUSM

WAUSM is designed to create outstanding, patient-centered physicians of the future and is seeking students who are committed to serving others.

We look at applications from a holistic perspective; if you want to help others and that shows in the things that you do and the kind of person you are, we want to hear your story. Through clear, personalized guidance, the WAUSM Admissions team will show you how we can help turn your dreams of becoming an MD into reality.

## 1 Review our Admissions Requirements:

- ✓ Application submission
- ✓ Bachelor's Degree or higher with required prerequisite coursework (see below)
- ✓ Completion of the MCAT exam
- ✓ One Letter of recommendation (academic or professional) required; two recommended
- ✓ Personal statement
- ✓ Personal interview
- ✓ Previous USMLE scores (for transfer applicants)
- ✓ The Admissions Committee may request additional requirements, documentation, or letters of recommendation, if deemed necessary

## Completed Pre-requisite coursework:

- ✓ One year of General Biology or Zoology or higher with lab: 2 semesters or equivalent (8 semester hours)
- ✓ One year of Inorganic or General Chemistry or higher with lab (8 semester hours)
- ✓ One year of Organic Chemistry with lab (8 semester hours)
- ✓ One semester of Organic Chemistry can be substituted by one semester of Biochemistry (4 semester hours)
- ✓ Physics with lab: 1 semester or equivalent (4 semester hours)
- ✓ One year of English (6 semester hours)
- ✓ One semester of Math, preferably Calculus or Statistics (3 semester hours)
- ✓ Humanities/Social Sciences: 1 semester or equivalent (3 semester hours)

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**Upload your completed AMCAS, AACOMAS, OMSAS, or TMSAS application (from any cycle) OR complete our WAUSM online application at [wausm.education](http://wausm.education)**

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Send your supplemental documents to our admissions team at **[admissions@wausm.education](mailto:admissions@wausm.education)**

# Your MD is closer than you think.

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WAUSM's Preclerkship  
Campus in Freeport

Freeport

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27-minute flight

**Contact our admissions team**

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