



Kurdistan University of Medical Sciences

The School of Medicine

Introduction:

In 1369, the first group of Medical students (doctor of medicine) was accepted to Kurdistan Health Organization and the pioneering graduates started the practice of medicine here. In 1371 and following the institution of Kurdistan University of Medical Sciences, the School of Medicine officially started training medical students. Now, it has 20 Departments (including basic and clinical sciences). It has a number of 145 faculty members, and 3 hospitals are affiliated to the School. The School trains around 1000 students in many postgraduate and medical programs. The School has comprehensive programs on clinical sciences covering M.D., Residency (Specialty & Sub-specialty). It offers versatile graduate degrees (M.Sc. & Ph.D.) in basic sciences.

General Characteristics for the Course of Doctor of Medicine

Course: General Practitioner

The form and the regulations of educational system are based on the educational policy approved by the Supreme Council of medical planning.

Total Credits: 293

Title	Credits
General Courses	24
Required Basic Courses	69.5
Specialized Required Courses	177.5
Specialized Selected Courses	16

Thesis	6
Total	293

The course of Doctor of Medicine includes 4 levels:

Basic Sciences

Clinical Introduction

Internship Course

Externship Course

Required Courses include core curriculum. Learning the core curriculum is required to fulfill the expected capabilities of the general practitioners. The school of medicine must provide opportunities for offering and fulfilling the included goals.

Required Courses of Doctor of Medicine are as the following:

1) Level one (Basic Courses)

General Courses: At least 8 credits out of 24 required credits must be passed before the Comprehensive Medical Basic Sciences Exam

Basic Courses: At least 46.5 credits out of 69.5 required basic credits must be passed before the Comprehensive Medical Basic Sciences Exam.

Entering the clinical Introduction level depends on acquiring the passing score in the Comprehensive Medical Basic Sciences Exam.

2) Level two (Clinical Introduction)

Specialized Credits in the clinical introduction level: 29

Floating Credits between the basic sciences level and the clinical introduction level: 15 credits of basic courses.

3) Level Three: Externship Course

The minimum duration of the third level is 21 months. According to the curriculum of the school, it could be divided into two parts: Internship 1 (studentship) and Internship 2 (externship)

Special Theoretical Credits of Internship (required): 31 credits

Clinical Internship Credits (required): 63 credits (equal to 21 months)

Theoretical floating credits between clinical introduction and internship (required): 7 credits of specialized courses.

At the end of the third level and in order to enter the internship level, the students must acquire the passing score in the Comprehensive Medical Basic Sciences Exam. In order to participate in the Pre-internship Comprehensive Exam, the students are required to successfully pass all the general courses, and all the basic and specialized courses which are relevant to clinical introduction and internship levels.

4) Level Four: Internship Course

The duration of the Externship level: 18 Months

Required credits of the Externship level: 56

One month of the Externship level is dedicated to the paid leave of the interns.

Graduating from the general practitioner level depends on the success of the students in the practical examination of clinical skills.

Elective Courses:

Elective Courses include non-core curriculum. According to the conditions of the university, special requirements of the region, and the students and departments' interests, the aforementioned courses provide the students with various learning opportunities. They can use these opportunities as the complementary factor in fulfilling the expected

capabilities of the general practitioners. The total number of the elective courses during general medicine is 16 units.

The number of specialized elective credits that the student should have passed before the pre-internship examination: 4

The number of specialized elective credits (externship) that the student should have passed according to the university's curriculum and the intern's choice is: 12