

# USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination) - USA

## STEPS FOR CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING:

### 1. Verify Eligibility:

- Ensure you have a medical degree from a recognized institution.
- If you're an international medical graduate (IMG), obtain ECFMG certification.

### 2. Pass the USMLE Exams:

- Step 1: Focus on basic medical sciences for about 12 months. Cost: \$9,999. Study resources include guides like *First Aid* and question banks like *U World*.
- Step 2: Pass both Clinical Knowledge (CK) and Clinical Skills (CS) exams. Preparation takes around 9 months. Cost: \$7,500 (after discount: \$3,750). Minimum passing score is 214.
- Step 3: Complete advanced clinical exams that assess your ability to manage patient care.
- OET Exam: Must pass or fail.

### 3. ECFMG Certification:

- After completing Step 1, Step 2, and OET, you'll be certified by ECFMG (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates).

### 4. Obtain State License:

- Apply for residency through ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service). ERAS is managed by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and allows you to apply to residency programs electronically.
- Residency interviews take place between October and January.
- Residency starts between June and July.

- After completing residency, apply for a state medical license to practice in your chosen location.

## **5. Passing Scores:**

- Step 1: Pass with a score of 196 or above.
- Step 2: Complete in two parts: the first part is multiple-choice questions (MCQs) and the second part is a clinical case simulation.

## **6. License to Practice Medicine (LPM):**

- Once you pass all steps and complete residency, you will receive your license to practice medicine (LPM).
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## **Specialization after USMLE:**

**After completing residency, you can specialize in areas such as:**

- Internal Medicine
- Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Emergency Medicine
- Neurology
- Anesthesiology
- Radiology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Family Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Dermatology
- Pathology
- Plastic Surgery
- Urology
- Cardiology
- Gastroenterology

- **Oncology**
  - **Pulmonology**
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### ***Job Opportunities:***

- **Part-Time Jobs:** Opportunities in hospital shifts, outpatient clinics, or telemedicine.
- **Full-Time Residency:** Typically requires 60-80 hours per week of work.
- **Part-Time Work:** Average of 20-30 hours per week.

### ***Average Salaries:***

- **General Practitioners:** \$200,000 - \$250,000 per year (\$50 - \$65 per hour).
  - **Specialists:** \$300,000 - \$500,000 per year (\$90 - \$130 per hour), depending on the specialty.
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### ***Fees and Costs:***

- **Admission Registration Fee:** Rs.2,00,000/-
- **Application Fee:** \$300 (before visa)
- **Tuition Fees:**
  - Minimum deposit of \$500 required.
  - Remaining tuition fees for Step 1 to be paid once the visa is approved and before arrival.
- **SEVIS Fee:** \$350
- **Visa Fee:** \$160 (for a 5-year visa)
- **Airfare and Bank Balance:**
  - Ensure you have a bank balance certificate showing at least \$35,000.

This is a structured process to become a licensed medical professional in the United States through the USMLE. Each stage requires careful preparation and investment, but once completed, you'll have numerous opportunities to specialize and build a fulfilling medical career.