

LU-FMS Admission Policy to the Graduate Program (Residents)

The admission of students to the specialty or subspecialty is determined through two match exams: higher specialization match exam for specialties, and higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties.

These match exams are determined by a decision of the university counsel. This decision is based on the recommendation of the Faculty Council.

The eligibility requirements for each match exam vary as follows:

Match Exam	Eligibility Criteria
Higher specialization match exam for specialties	All individuals who hold a Doctor of Medicine Degree
Higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties branching from "Internal Medicine"*	Medical doctors who have obtained an Internal Medicine Diploma (3 years).
Higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties branching from "Pediatrics"	Medical doctors who have obtained a Pediatrics Diploma (4 years).
Higher specialization match exam for the sub-specialty of "Medical Reanimation"	Medical doctors who have obtained an Internal Medicine Diploma (3 years). Or Medical doctors who have obtained a Pneumology Diploma (5 years).

*During the application process for the higher specialization match exam in sub-specialties within the field of "Internal Medicine," students have the right to choose three preferences for the sub-specialization programs.

Details regarding the necessary documents for applying to the higher specialization match exam for specialties and sub-specialties are as follows:

1. The necessary documents for applying to the higher specialization match exam for specialties are:

1.1. Faculty students:

- Filling a request to participate in the match.
- Participation fee for the match with a financial stamp / 1000 pcs.
- 1 pencil and a white eraser (for the match).

1.2. Students from other universities:

- Filling a request to participate in the match.
- Civil Registration extract.
- Baccalaureate Certificate, second division.
- Doctor of Medicine Diploma with grades for all academic years.
- Programs and curricula of the faculty where the student studied.
- A certificate of success in the colloquium.
- Participation fee for the match with a financial stamp / 1000 pcs.
- 1 pencil and a white eraser (for the match).

2. The necessary documents for applying to the higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties are:

2.1. Faculty students:

- Filling a request to participate in the match specifying 3 options of sub-specialties for the match.
- Participation fee for the match with a financial stamp / 1000 pcs.
- 1 pencil and a white eraser (for the match).

2.2. Students from other universities:

- Filling a request to participate in the match.
- Civil Registration extract.
- Baccalaureate Certificate, second division.
- Doctor of Medicine Diploma with grades for all academic years.

- Internal medicine specialization certificate for sub-specialties branching from internal medicine or pediatrics specialization certificate sub-specialties for Newborns or a pneumology specialization certificate for medical reanimation and pediatrics.
- Programs and curricula of the faculty where the student studied.
- A certificate of success in the colloquium.
- Participation fee for the match with a financial stamp / 1000 pcs.
- 1 pencil and a white eraser (for the match).

Admission is competitive. Students are accepted based on their grades in the match exams, their overall grades in the 4th to 7th academic years, and an interview, without any additional considerations, and up to a pre-specified number.

The number of students admitted from outside the Faculty of Medical Sciences at the Lebanese University should not exceed 10%. If an insufficient number of candidates succeed in the match, only the successful ones are accepted. Additionally, students from outside the faculty are accepted in a separate list once the distribution of specialty positions among the faculty students has been completed.

There is a distinction in the assessment process for students from the faculty compared to students from other universities:

Match Exam: Assessment Process	Faculty students	Students from other universities
Higher specialization match exam for specialties	<p>The assessment comprises both a written exam and an evaluation of student file:</p> <p>50% of the grade is based on the written exam (of 3 hours)</p> <p>50% is determined by the evaluation of the student's file by the faculty committee. This evaluation takes into account the student's average grades throughout their years of study in the faculty, specifically the</p>	<p>The assessment consists solely of a written exam:</p> <p>The grade is calculated solely based on the written exam (of 3 hours), accounting for 100% of the total grade.</p>

	second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh years.	
Higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties	The assessment comprises a written exam, an oral exam, and an evaluation of student file: 40% of the grade is allocated to the written exam (of 3 hours). 20% is assigned to the oral exam. 40% is based on the evaluation of the student's file by the faculty committee. This evaluation takes into consideration the student's average grades during their studies in internal medicine or pediatrics.	The assessment comprises a written exam and an oral exam: 80% is attributed to the written exam (of 3 hours). 20% is assigned to the oral exam and interview.

All specialties share a common higher specialization match exam, however, a distinct higher specialization match exam is conducted for each specific sub-specialties outlined in the match: sub-specialties branching from “Internal Medicine”, sub-specialties branching from “Pediatrics”, and sub-specialty of “Medical Reanimation”.

The questions in the higher specialization match exam for specialties encompass a wide range of subjects including internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, gynecological surgery, and obstetrics.

Every year, a decree law announces the specializations and sub-specializations available and the allocated number of positions for the two match exams: higher specialization match exam for specialties, and higher specialization match exam for sub-specialties. The number of yearly open positions in different specialties and sub-specialties of the graduate program is variable.

The number of pre-specified specialty positions for the academic years 2012-2022.

Specialty	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Anaesthesia and Intensive Care	4	3	3	3	4	6	4	5	3	0	4
Emergency Medicine	1*	0	0	0	2*	0	4	If needed	0	3 + 1*	3
Family Medicine	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Forensic Medicine	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	If needed	1	1	1
Histopathology/ Pathological Anatomy	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1
Internal Medicine	35	20	20	30	40	30	20	30	20	25	40
Laboratory Medicine	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	3	3
Obstetrics/Gynecology	3	4	4	4	4	6	5	4	4	6	7
Pediatrics	0	8	8	8	8	10	8	8	6	9	9
Psychiatry	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1
Radiology	3	2	4	4	4	6	4	4	2	4	4
General Surgery	4	5	5	5	12	6	6	6	4	8	6
Neurosurgery	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	If needed	0	1	1
Ophthalmology	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Orthopaedic Surgery	3	3	4	4	4	6	5	4	4	6	5
Oto-Rhino-Laryngology	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	If needed	0	1	1
Urology	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2
Paediatric Surgery	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	If needed	0	1	1
Total	68	54	52	62	88	81	68	69	49	75	91

*Considered as subspecialty in that year

The number of pre-specified sub-specialty positions for the academic years 2012-2022.

Sub-Specialty	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Cardiology	4	5	3	3	2	4	5	4	2	3	6
Clinical Immunology	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Dermatology	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	If needed	1*	0	0
Endocrinology	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	2
Gastroenterology	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3
Medical Reanimation	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	If needed	1	3	2
Infectious Diseases	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	If needed	0	3	3
Nephrology	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	2	0	3	3
Neurology	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0
Haematology-Oncology	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	3	1
Pneumology	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	3	3
Neonatology	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Paediatric Haemato-Oncology	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	If needed	1	2	1
Cardio-Thoracic Surgery	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	If needed	0	0	1
Vascular Surgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	If needed	0	1	1
Geriatrics	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	1
Endocrino-reproduction & Infertility	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Medicine	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rheumatology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	If needed	0	1	0
Total	15	19	12	12	16	23	25	21	13	33	31

*Considered as specialty in 2020-2021.

A student is considered successful in the match exams if they achieve a score of 12/20 or higher. After announcing the results of the higher specialization match exam for specialties, the successful doctors are allocated to their desired specialties and positions, according to their rank in the match. This is done during a general meeting attended by the dean and members of the Faculty Council. Candidates from outside the faculty are accepted separately, after the positions have been assigned to the faculty students.

Once a candidate's acceptance has been confirmed, they must complete their registration within a week of the announcement. Failure to do so will result in losing their affiliation, and they will be replaced by other successful candidates following the sequence rule mentioned above.

Candidates, whether from within or outside the LU-FMS, are limited to participating in the entry match exam for specialty and subspecialty programs a maximum of two times.

A small committee, appointed by the Faculty Council, oversees the preparation and printing of exam questions and ensures the smooth running of the match process.