



# **I-SHOU UNIVERSITY**

## **Admission Guidelines**

### **2018**

#### **School of Medicine for International Students**

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## Application Timeline

Item	Date
Application period	January 1 ~ March 15, 2018
Written exam	April 20, 2018
Interview	April 25~26, 2018
A list of successful applicants released online and a notification sent to all applicants via email	May 18, 2018
Deadline of registration	June 1, 2018
Airport pick-up and orientation	Early September 2018
First day of school	Mid-September 2018

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## **I. Legal Basis**

The recruitment and admission to the School of Medicine for International Students are conducted under the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, and pursuant to the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan* (see Appendix 1), the *MOE Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education* (see Appendix 2), the *Regulations for International Student Admission to I-Shou University*, the *Academic Rules of I-Shou University*, and other applicable laws and regulations.

## **II. Admission Quota and Requirements**

1. Priority will be given to applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) and recommended by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, R.O.C. This Program is intended to recruit 40 students from those countries.
2. Recruitment priority: Applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan will be given preference.

## **III. Prescribed Duration of Study**

Four academic years (a total of 8 semesters), excluding internships.

Students must return to their home countries after graduation, and they are not allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.

## **IV. Qualifications for Application**

1. Applicants who have a bachelor's degree or above conferred by a local or foreign university recognized by the R.O.C. Ministry of Education may apply for admission; those who have studied at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more may apply with credentials of an equivalent education level. The original diploma (or academic credentials) verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted upon registration and enrollment (if the diploma (or academic credentials) is in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency is required); otherwise, an applicant will be considered disqualified and denied admission.
2. Pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 2 in the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, applicants who have a foreign nationality, have never had the nationality of the Republic of China\* ("R.O.C."), and do not have an overseas Chinese student status at the time of application may apply for admission.
3. Any matter not mentioned herein should be subject to the MOE Program of

Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the *MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, and the *MOE Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education*.

4. **This Program is open only to students who have never obtained a physician license.**

**\* Note:**

Pursuant to Article 2 of the Nationality Act, a person should have the nationality of the Republic of China under any of the conditions provided by the following subparagraphs:

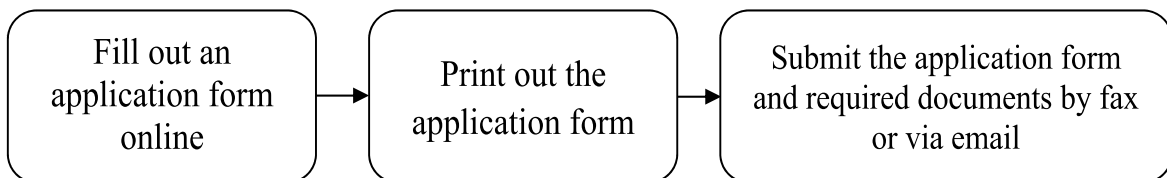
1. His/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China when he/she was born.
2. He/she was born after the death of his/her father or mother, and his/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China at the time of death.
3. He/she was born in the territory of the Republic of China, and his/her parents cannot be ascertained or both were stateless persons.
4. He/she has undergone the nationalization process.

## **V. When and How to Apply**

1. No application fee is required for applying for admission to this Program.
2. **Application Documents**

- (1) An application must be completed not later than March 15, 2018.

Please fill out an application form online (<http://enroll.isu.edu.tw/enroll/dp/>) and print it out. **The application form and required documents must be submitted to ISU by the aforesaid deadline.**



- (2) **Applicants may submit the application packet through either of the following methods:**

- a. By fax: +886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478
- b. Via email: [smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)

3. **TaiwanICDF Scholarship**

- (1) Only applications submitted on the following website will be considered: [http://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF\\_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx](http://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx).
- (2) Those who want to apply for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship must complete the online application form first, and then print out and submit it to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission **on their own**.

4. Notes:

- (1) **The application process will not be considered completed until an applicant has completed both an application for admission to this Program**

**and an application for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship.**

- (2) Late applications, unqualified applications or incomplete submission of documents will not be considered by ISU.
- (3) Please keep an extra copy of all documents submitted for application as ISU will not return the originals to applicants.

## **VI. Exam Subjects and Required Documents**

<b>Exam Subjects /Percentage</b>	Document Review (40%) Interview (40%) Written Exam (20%)
<b>Application Documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A completed application form in print (including a signed affidavit)</li> <li>2. A photocopy of the applicant's passport</li> <li>3. A diploma of bachelor's degree or above, or the proof of an education level equivalent to studies at the School of Medicine, Dentistry or Chinese Medicine for four years or more, as well as an academic transcript</li> <li>* The original diploma (or academic credentials) verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted. If the diploma (or academic credentials) is in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency is required.</li> <li>4. The proof of having earned at least 6 course credits on biology, chemistry or life sciences</li> <li>5. A certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or other English proficiency tests recognized globally or by the local government and taken within the most recent 2 years)</li> <li>6. An English autobiography</li> <li>7. Three recommendation letters</li> <li>8. Other supporting documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The medical school admission exam result (MCAT, BMAT or GAMSAT) within the most recent 3 years</li> <li>(2) Practical experience in medical practice and laboratories</li> <li>(3) Experience in volunteer service</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Subjects of the Written Exam</b>	English, Biology, and Chemistry
<b>Same Grade Deliberate Order</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interview</li> <li>2. Document Review</li> <li>3. Biology (Written Exam)</li> <li>4. English (Written Exam)</li> </ol>

<b>Note</b>	This Program is NOT a master's degree program, and therefore, only a degree of Doctor of Medicine in English will be conferred upon students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation.
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## **VII. Exam Dates**

1. The subjects for the written exam are English, biology, and chemistry. The written exam is scheduled for April 20, 2018, and applicants please pay close attention to the latest information released by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission.
2. The interview is scheduled for April 25~26, 2018. Please contact the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or refer to the information released by ISU regarding the exact time of the interview.

## **VIII. Acceptance Criteria**

1. ISU's Admissions Committee has the right to decide the minimum acceptance criteria.
2. Applicants will be declared admitted in the descending order of their grades, in the limit of the approved number as specified herein. Those who have received a grade higher than the minimum criteria but are not accepted will be put on a waiting list. Under no circumstances will those who do not meet the minimum criteria be admitted to this Program.
3. Applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan enjoy priority admissions status. Self-sponsored applicants from countries having no diplomatic relations with Taiwan may be called on to fill admission vacancies.
4. Applicants with the same grade will be ranked according to the deliberate order. ISU's Admissions Committee will decide the ranking if they have received the same score for one single subject.

## **IX. Notification of Admission Application Results**

Admission application results will be released on <http://www.isu.edu.tw/medicine>.

## **X. Check-in Process**

Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must satisfy BOTH of the following requirements to complete the check-in process:

1. Accepted applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan must send a signed Terms of Agreement for MOFA Taiwan Scholarship Program and a signed agreement of returning to the home country after

graduation to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission to confirm the admission status.

2. Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must complete the **check-in process** between May 18 and June 1, 2018. **Please print out and complete the Letter of Intent to Accept Admission** provided by ISU, and then return the Letter by fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577478) or via email ([smis@isu.edu.tw](mailto:smis@isu.edu.tw)). Failure to complete the check-in process before the deadline will result in cancellation of admission (for an accepted applicant) or loss of the position on the waiting list (for a waitlisted applicant), and the vacancy will be filled sequentially by a waitlisted applicant who has completed the check-in process.

## **XI. Registration and Enrollment**

A full registration packet will be sent to accepted applicants together with a formal admission notification. Accepted applicants should follow the instructions to complete the necessary registration process. Failure to complete the registration process will result in denial of enrollment at ISU.

Accepted applicants must submit the following documents upon registration:

1. A photocopy of the passport;
2. Academic credentials: A diploma of bachelor's degree and an official transcript of all semesters, both verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission (a verified English translation must be provided if the said documents are in a language other than English); and
3. A health certificate (including positive measles and rubella antibodies, or certification of prophylactic vaccination) issued by a qualified hospital and verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission. Accepted applicants should take a group physical examination for freshmen arranged by ISU.

## **XII. Tuition & Other Required Fees, Accommodation Fees, Scholarships, and Other Expenses**

The estimated amount of each item is subject to change depending on the actual situation. The actual amount of the tuition and other required fees for 2018 will be announced by the Office of Accounting.

1. The tuition & other required fees, accommodation fees, textbooks and living allowances will be covered by the scholarship granted by the TaiwanICDF (Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund).
2. Please visit <http://www.icdf.org.tw/ct.asp?xItem=12508&CtNode=30319&mp=2> for more details about the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program. (Fees and expenses not covered by this Scholarship Program should be borne by scholarship recipients themselves.)
3. TaiwanICDF Scholarship



Only applicants from countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan are eligible to apply for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship. Qualified applicants should apply for the scholarship to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission. Please pay close attention to the application deadline, as late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Please apply online at <http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/CasePerson.aspx>, and then **print the application form out and send it to the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission.**

#### 4. Other Expenses

Item	Approximate Cost	Description
Group Insurance Premiums	US\$120	Paid for the first 6 months for the first semester after enrolling at ISU (September to February of the next year). The premium is approximately US\$20 per month.
National Health Insurance (NHI) Premiums (paid every semester)	US\$150	<p>Students pay a six-month premium starting in the second semester. The NHI premium is approximately US\$25 per month.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Foreign nationals who have had the ARC for six months and left Taiwan only once (the departure must be less than 30 days) are eligible to join Taiwan's NHI program.</li> <li>2. Starting in the second semester, students who are not eligible for the NHI program should take out the group insurance, and ISU will return the fees after deducting the premiums.</li> </ol> <p>* The tuition and other required fees paid by students may include the said insurance premiums. ISU will collect six-month premiums and apply for the insurance on behalf of students. Please visit <a href="http://www.nhi.gov.tw/">http://www.nhi.gov.tw/</a> for more details about the NHI program.</p>

Item	Approximate Cost	Description
Health Examination	US\$20	Only once
ARC Application Fee	US\$35 per year	ISU will help students apply for the ARC. (Applicants may need to pay approximately US\$12 for taking photos if the photo submitted is not accepted.)

#### 5. Other Miscellaneous Expenses after Being Admitted to ISU

Item	Approximate Cost
Personal seal used for opening a bank account	US\$2
Prepaid phone card	US\$20 each

6. Upon registration, newly-admitted students should submit the proof of health and personal injury insurance, valid for at least six months of the date of arrival in Taiwan (the proof issued by a foreign insurance company should be verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission). After having stayed in Taiwan for six full months, students should join the NHI program, valid during their studies in Taiwan. The Office of International and Cross-Strait Affairs will help students apply for the NHI program.

### XIII. Other Rules Concerning Studies

1. The School of Medicine for International Students will offer Chinese language courses (both required and optional courses) to enhance students' Chinese proficiency for the purpose of daily needs and learning; these courses also provide students with opportunities to learn the Taiwanese culture.
2. Please refer to Appendix 3 for curriculum planning and implementation.
3. **This Program aims to cultivate international medical talents and address the issue of insufficient medical resources in their motherland. In accordance with the current laws and regulations, students of this Program are required to return to their home countries after graduation; they are not allowed to take the medical licensing examination or to conduct medical practice in Taiwan.**

### XIV. Notes

1. **This Program is NOT a master's degree program, and therefore, only a degree of Doctor of Medicine in English will be conferred upon students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation.**
2. **All the courses offered by this Program are taught in English.**

3. An applicant will be denied admission and/or registration, if he/she is not qualified for application, or if any deception, concealment, violation or forgery of certificates/documents submitted is found. In such a case, those who have registered at ISU will be denied enrollment, and those who have graduated will have their diploma nullified and ISU will announce the cancellation of their status as a graduate from ISU. Violators may be referred to the judicial authorities depending on the severity of the violation.
4. Matters related to course registration, application for leave of absence, the handling of unexcused absence, or withdrawal from ISU are dealt with pursuant to ISU's Academic Rules.
5. **Under no circumstances will accepted applicants be granted a deferral of admission to the next academic year.**
6. As stipulated by the TaiwanICDF, all TaiwanICDF Scholarship recipients, after enrollment, are not allowed to transfer to another program/department of ISU or to another school during the period of study.
7. ISU will appropriately handle applicants' personal information pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act of the R.O.C. government, and applicants' personal information will be used only for the purpose of student recruitment (including announcements and student status) and statistical analysis.
8. Any matter not mentioned herein should be subject to the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the applicable laws and regulations of the R.O.C. government, and the resolutions adopted by ISU's Admissions Committee.

**MOE Regulations Regarding International Students**  
**Undertaking Studies in Taiwan**

Amended on September 8, 2017

Article 1      These Regulations are formulated in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Article 25 of the University Act, Paragraph 1 of Article 32 of the Junior College Act, Paragraph 1 of Article 41 of the Senior High School Education Act, and Paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Primary and Junior High School Act.

Article 2      An individual of foreign nationality, who has never held nationality status from the Republic of China (“R.O.C.”) and who does not possess an overseas Chinese student status at the time of their application, is qualified to apply for admission under this regulation.

An individual of foreign nationality, pursuant to the following requirements and who has resided overseas continuously for 6 years is also qualified to apply for admission under this regulation. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

1. An individual who also is a national of the R.O.C., but does not hold or has had a household registration in Taiwan.
2. An individual who also was a national of the R.O.C. but has no R.O.C. nationality at the time of their application shall have an annulled status regarding their R.O.C. nationality for no less than 8 years after an annulment of R.O.C. nationality by the Ministry of the Interior.
3. Regarding individuals mentioned in the preceding 2 subparagraphs, they must not have studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student nor received placement permission during the same year of the application by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.

According to the Education Cooperation Framework Agreement, a foreign national who was selected by a foreign government, organization, or school, and does not hold a household registration from the time of their birth is not subject to the limitations as prescribed in the preceding 2 paragraphs after receiving the approval from the authorized educational government agencies. If the calculated calendar year is not one complete calendar year, their stay in Taiwan should not exceed 120 days within the calculated calendar year period.

The six and eight year calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 2 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (February 1st or August 1st) as the designated due date for the time of study.

The term “overseas” as prescribed in Paragraph 2 is limited to countries or regions other than Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao; the term “reside overseas continuously” means that an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per calendar year.

The only exceptions to this method of calculation are for those who fulfill one of the following requirements with written supported proof:

1. Attended overseas youth training courses organized by the Overseas Compatriot Affairs Council or technique training classes accredited by the Ministry of Education (the “Ministry”);
2. Attended a Mandarin Chinese language center at a university/college of which foreign student recruitment is approved by the Ministry, and to which the total length of stay is less than 2 years;
3. Exchange students, whose length of total exchange is less than 2 years; or
4. An Internship in Taiwan which has been approved by an authorized central government agency, to which the total length of stay is less than 2 years.

An individual, who has both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and has applied for an annulment of their R.O.C. nationality before February 1, 2011, the effective date of this amendment, will then be qualified to apply for admission as an international student under the amendment effective before February 1, 2011 and will not be subject to the limitation as prescribed in Paragraph 2.

Article 3 An applicant of foreign nationality, concurrently holding a permanent residence status in Hong Kong or Macao, having no history of a household registration record in Taiwan and, at the time of application, has resided in Hong Kong, Macao, or another foreign country for no less than 6 years is qualified to apply for admission under these regulations. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must reside overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

The term “reside overseas continuously” mentioned in the preceding paragraph means an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per calendar year. However, such a term may be exempt, if any of the conditions prescribed in Subparagraphs 1 through 4, Paragraph 5 of the previous Article applies and is supported with written

proof, and the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.

An applicant being a former citizen of Mainland China and holds a foreign nationality, having no history of household registration record in Taiwan, and at the time of application, has resided overseas continuously for no less than 6 years is qualified to apply for admission under these regulations. However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine must reside overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

The term “reside overseas continuously” means an individual may stay in Taiwan for no more than a total of 120 days per calendar year.

However, such a term may be exempted if any of the conditions prescribed in Subparagraphs 1 through 4, of Paragraph 5 of the previous Article, applies and is supported with written proof, and the said domestic length of stay shall be excluded from the overseas length of residency.

The six and eight years calculation period as prescribed in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 3 shall be calculated from the starting date of the semester (February 1st or August 1st) as the designated due date for the time of study.

The term overseas as prescribed in paragraph 5 in previous article shall apply to paragraphs 1 to 4.

Article 4 International students applying for schools in Taiwan in accordance with the two previous articles shall be limited to one application only. Upon completion of the course of study, at a school in Taiwan, to which an international student has applied, the student's admission to another school's academic level shall be handled in a manner identical to the admission procedures for local students. An exception is that an application for a master's degree or higher levels of graduate studies can be processed under the procedures of each individual school.

Article 5 In principle, the number of international students that universities and 2-year colleges may admit is limited to an additional ten percent of the number of local students approved on a case by case basis, for each educational institution each academic year, by the Ministry of Education, and the number of international student admissions shall be incorporated into the total admission figure and reported to the Ministry of Education for appraisal and ratification. When the number of international students that universities and 2-year colleges may admit exceed the additional ten percent of the number of local students approved for each educational institution each academic year, an incremental project (including quality assurance strategies and complementary measures) shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education for ratification. Degree programs offered by

collaborating domestic and foreign universities that have been approved on a case by case basis by the Ministry of Education are not subject to this restriction.

The number of international students that 5-year colleges, senior high schools and below may admit is limited to an additional ten percent of the number of local students approved on a case by case basis, for each educational institution each academic year, by the competent education authorities, and the number of international student admissions shall be incorporated into the total admission figure and reported to the competent education authorities for appraisal and ratification.

Universities and colleges may admit international students to take up places at their institution available to local students within the approved admission quota for that academic year which remain vacant.

The number for admission prescribed in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2, do not include international students with a non-degree status.

Article 6 Universities/colleges are responsible for establishing international student recruitment guidelines and must get approval from the Ministry. Universities/colleges shall set up accordingly a set of entrance procedures that outline the degree programs offered, the duration of study, quotas for admission, qualifications and requirements, reviewing or screening methods, along with other related information.

Article 7 International students applying for admission to universities/colleges shall submit their applications directly to the schools of their choice during the schools' designated application periods. Those applicants that qualify through the review or screening process will be granted admission by the school. The following application documents need to be submitted:

1. Application form
2. Academic credentials:
  - (1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Schools in Mainland China shall apply.
  - (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.
  - (3) Academic credentials from other areas:
    - A. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as those at domestic schools with equivalent levels.
    - B. Academic credentials referred to the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for

Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or through a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

3. Financial proof that shows financial sustainability for study in Taiwan, or proof of full scholarship provided by a government agency, university, college, or private organization.
4. Others as required by the respective schools.

A school that reviews the application documents without verification by R.O.C. diplomatic missions or institutes established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan as prescribed in subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph may request for verification by an Overseas Agencies. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

Article 7-1 An international student submitting forged, fabricated, or altered papers for the purpose of the their school application shall be subject to enrollment qualification cancellation; or a revocation of enrollment and denial to the request of any certificate pertaining to study, if the said student is already enrolled; or revocation of graduation qualifications and cancellation of the diploma by the student's school, if the said student has been already graduated.

Article 8 An international student who has completed a bachelor's degree or a higher degree in Taiwan and applies for a master's program shall be exempt from the rules listed in Article 7, Paragraph 1, Item 2, provided that a graduation certification and transcript for each consecutive semester issued from the educational institutions in Taiwan shall be enclosed.

International students who have graduated from private high schools, lower grade schools for International Residents in Taiwan, or from bilingual programs affiliated with senior high schools, or from a foreign curriculum department and classes at private senior high schools or below must submit credentials and transcripts for each academic semester to apply for admission under Article 7, and are exempt from the rules listed in Article 4 and Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1 of Article 7.

Article 9 Universities/colleges offering admission to international students shall promptly register into the international student data management information system designated by the Ministry the following: school



entrance, transfer, suspension or dismissal and any change or loss of student status.

Article 10 International students may not apply for Extension Programs at universities/colleges designed for returning education students, part-time, in-service courses of Master programs, or other programs, which are restricted to night classes and classes during holidays. International students who have obtained legal resident status of Taiwan, or are enrolled in a program ratified by this Ministry, are exempted from this Article.

Article 11 An international student reporting to a university, college, 5-year junior college, junior colleges affiliated with universities, elementary schools through senior high schools for registration at the time not beyond one-third of the first semester of the current school year shall register for the first semester; or at the time beyond one-third of the first semester of the current school year shall register for the second semester or the next school year, unless otherwise stipulated by the authorized educational government agencies.

Article 12 An international student who has been approved for an internship after their graduation from a university in Taiwan may have his or her international student status may be extended for one year at most after graduation.

During the course of study in Taiwan, international students, who have undertaken initial household registration, resident registration, naturalization or restoration of the R.O.C. nationality, will lose their international student status and shall be dismissed by the school.

International students who are dismissed from university/college after admission due to behavior issues, poor academic performance or a conviction under the Criminal Law may thereafter not apply for admission under this regulation.

A university or college shall integrate the procedures regarding how to accept international students transferring into its international recruitment guidelines, which will be subject to the Ministry's approval. However, an international student that has been dismissed by a school that accepts the said student, due to behavior issues or a conviction under the Criminal Law may not transfer to another university or college.

Article 13 Universities/ colleges may sign education cooperation agreements with foreign schools and recruit international exchange students. Universities/ colleges may apply this regulation to accept international students as non-degree seeking students with the condition that it will not compromise normal teaching routines.

With approval from the authorized educational government agencies, elementary schools through senior high schools may recruit international students for short-term periods of study of less than one year in Taiwan.

Article 14 Schools of all levels establishing special international student programs under international academic cooperation programs or special circumstances shall comply with their respective total quantity development scale and follow the regulations governing resource conditions, in addition to filing an application with the authorized educational government agencies which will be subject to approval from the Ministry.

Article 15 In order to grant support to outstanding international students at universities/colleges, the Ministry may set up or subsidize universities/college to set up international student scholarships. Universities/colleges shall provide funds for setting up scholarships or financial aid to encourage international students that are studying in Taiwan.

Article 16 Universities/colleges shall designate units or personnel to handle international student applications, consultation, liaison, and other related matters. In addition, these units or personnel shall reinforce the arrangement of home stay lodging for international students, and assist them to learn Mandarin Chinese and Taiwan culture in order to better enhance their understanding about Taiwan. Universities/colleges shall host activities to foster international exchange, globalization on campus, or other events helpful to interactions between international and local students, during each school year.

Article 17 5-year junior colleges, junior colleges affiliated with universities, elementary schools through senior high schools offering admission to international students shall, in addition to complying with Article 20 which concerns recruitment of international students with legitimate resident status in Taiwan shall prepare their respective international student recruitment plan and submit the said plan to the authorized educational government agencies for approval no later than November 30th of each year before their respective recruitment begins. The authorized educational government agencies at the respective municipality, county, and city shall submit their respective approved lists of schools to the Ministry for review no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The plan mentioned in the preceding Paragraph shall include the establishment of the dedicated units responsible for international

students, curriculum with emphasis on our language and culture learning, and measures regarding accommodation for international students.

The countries and quota for international student recruitment pertaining to Paragraph 1 may be stipulated by the Ministry after consulting with the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, if necessary.

Article 18 Unless otherwise specified in Article 20, international students applying for admission to 5-year colleges, senior high schools and below shall submit the following papers and directly apply for admission to the respective school during the period designated by the respective school. Admission letters will be issued if the review or examination finds the applicant qualified after submitting:

1. Application form.
2. Academic credentials:
  - (1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing Accreditation of Institutes in Mainland China shall apply.
  - (2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.
  - (3) Academic credentials from other areas:
    - A. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as earned in domestic schools of equivalent levels.
    - B. Academic credentials referred in the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.
3. Financial proof of applicant's sufficient funds to support them while studying in Taiwan.
4. Documents of the eligibility of a legal guardian in Taiwan.
5. Power of Attorney by student's parents or any other legal representative to the guardian in Taiwan, which must also be verified by R.O.C. diplomatic missions.
6. Letter of Agreement from a legal guardian in Taiwan, which must be notarized.

7. Additional documents, as required by respective schools.

Academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 2 of the preceding Paragraph may be exempted if the enrollment application is filed for the first semester for the first grade of elementary school.

International students who are eighteen years old or older do not have to submit the documents mentioned in Subparagraphs 4, 5, and 6 of Paragraph 1.

A school reviewing the application documents without verification as prescribed in Subparagraphs 2, 3, and 7 of Paragraph 1 for verification by R.O.C. diplomatic missions. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

Article 19 The legal guardian in Taiwan referred in the preceding Article shall mean a R.O.C. citizen who has a certificate of no criminal conviction and who has a tax report for the latest fiscal year issued by a tax administration office showing a general annual income more than TWD 900,000.

A person that qualifies in accordance to the prescribed qualifications in the preceding Paragraph 1 will be able to serve as a guardian in Taiwan for one international student. A school president (principal) or a chairman or director of a private school endowment corporation can serve as a guardian in Taiwan for up to five international students.

Article 20 International students who have acquired legitimate resident status in Taiwan and are applying to study at a 5-years college, senior high school or below may directly apply to a school by submitting the following papers. The school which approves the said application shall admit the student:

1. An enrollment application form;
2. A photocopy of a legitimate resident certificate;
3. Academic credentials:

(1) Academic credentials from Mainland China: The Regulations Governing Accreditation of Institutes in Mainland China shall apply.

(2) Academic credentials from Hong Kong or Macao: Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao shall apply.

(3) Academic credentials from other areas:

A. Academic credentials earned at overseas Taiwan schools or Taiwan schools in Mainland China shall be regarded as the same as earned at domestic schools of equivalent levels.

B. Academic credentials referred in the preceding 2 Items shall be subject to the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic

Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education. However, academic credentials earned from institutes or branches established in Mainland China by foreign schools shall require public notarization in Mainland China and be verified and examined by an institute established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan.

Academic credentials stipulated in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding Paragraph may be exempt if the enrollment application is filed for the first semester of first grade of elementary school.

A school that reviews the application documents without verification by R.O.C. diplomatic missions or institutes established or appointed by, or a private agency commissioned by the Executive Yuan as prescribed in subparagraphs 2 and 4 of the preceding paragraph may request for verification by an Overseas Agencies. If the said documents have been verified, the school may request examination of the documents.

Schools at or under the level of senior high school shall submit a list of international students to the competent education authorities for reference after the enrollment is completed.

An international student as mentioned in Paragraph 1 being denied enrollment due to the selected school's filled recruitment quota may apply for assistance from the authorized educational government agencies to enroll in a school with available recruitment quotas. Elementary through senior high schools may arrange the said international student to an appropriate grade level or to have an audit student according to the examination results of the applicant referred in Paragraph 1. The said audit student shall be limited to no longer than one year; the respective student's enrollment status will be recognized if the student successfully passes the examination.

Article 20-1 If a chaotic war situation, major disaster, or major epidemic occurs in the country of an international student, and educational institutions in the region become unable to operate normally as a result, that student's admission to senior secondary school or junior college may be given special consideration, if those circumstances have been fully checked and documented by an R.O.C. diplomatic mission or by the embassy, consular office or authorized representative office of the student's country in Taiwan, and then confirmed by the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior.

It is a principle that the additional student admission quota under special consideration mentioned above shall be one percent of the total student recruitment quota approved for the respective schools.

Article 21 Fees that are to be paid by international students in Taiwan should be calculated by using the following:

1. Students who are admitted to study in Taiwan pursuant to the previous 2 articles, or are recipients of MOFA Taiwan Scholarships, under the recommendation of R.O.C. diplomatic missions, or holders of the status of permanent residents in our country shall pay their tuition and other fees in accordance with the same standards that apply to Taiwan nationals.
2. Students admitted to educational institutions in Taiwan in accordance with an education cooperation agreement shall pay their tuition and other fees that are specified in the agreement.
3. A school that accepts an international student who does not qualify to the preceding 2 Subparagraphs may apply its own tuition and other fees standard to the said student, and the said standard may not be lower than the standard adopted by other private schools at the same level.

Students that were admitted to study in Taiwan before the effective date of the February 1, 2011 amendment shall pay for their own tuition and other fees in accordance with the previous standards.

Article 22 At the time of registration a new international student shall present proof of a medical and injury insurance policy which is valid for at least 6 months from the date the student enters Taiwan. Current student shall present written proof that they have joined Taiwan's the National Health Insurance Plan.

The abovementioned written proof of insurance issued in foreign country shall be verified by R.O.C. diplomatic missions.

Article 23 If international students violate the Employment Services Act, Schools or authorized authorities shall immediately handle the cases in accordance with the related regulations after investigation.

Article 24 If international students discontinue their schooling or because of any other reason that causes them to change or lose their student status at the school, the school must notify the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs, the Service Center of National Immigration Agency, the Ministry of the Interior, and send copies of these notifications to the Ministry of Education.

Article 25 The authorized educational government agencies may, if necessary, visit schools that admit international students. Any institutions found in

violation of the regulations herein shall be subject to penalty, pursuant to the pertinent laws and regulations. The authorized educational government agencies may adjust schools' enrollment quotas for international students, as conditions require, if schools are not pursuant to Article 23.

- Article 26 Subparagraphs 1, 3, and 4 of Paragraph 4 of Article 7, Articles 9, 15, 16, 22, and 24 shall apply to the application procedures, scholarships or subsidies, discipline and guidance, absence for more than one fourth of total class hours of a semester, and reporting of change or loss of student status regarding international students that are attending Mandarin Chinese language centers at a university/college in Taiwan.
- Article 27 The format of the forms referred to in Subparagraph 1, of Paragraph 1 of Article 7, Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1 of Article 18, and Subparagraph 1, of Paragraph 1 of Article 20 shall be defined by the respective schools. The format of the forms referred in Subparagraphs 5 and 6, of Paragraph 1 of Article 18 shall be defined by the Ministry of Education.
- Article 28 The Regulations shall take effect on August 1, 2012.  
The amendments to these Regulations promulgated on September 8, 2017 took effect from the promulgation date; the amendments to these Regulations promulgated on December 24, 2012 took effect from January 1, 2013; and the amendments to these Regulations promulgated on August 23, 2013 took effect from September 1, 2013.

**Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of  
Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher  
Education**

Amended on August 5, 2014

- Article 1     These Regulations are enacted in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 28 of the University Act.
- Article 2     The assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials for institutions of higher education shall be transacted in accordance with these regulations.
- Article 3     Terms herein are defined as follows:
1. Assessment and Recognition: means the recognition of foreign academic credentials by the processing institution to ensure that the credentials are equivalent to domestic academic credentials for academic institutions of the same kind.
  2. Reference list: means the list of names and addresses of foreign academic institutions collected and announced by the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry).
  3. Verification: means to ascertain the authenticity of any foreign graduation certificates, diplomas, certificates of study, etc. validated by overseas consulates, representative offices, agencies of the Republic of China or other bodies authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as overseas agencies).
  4. Examination: means to examine and prove whether or not the school is accredited in its home country as well as matters concerning the admission requirements, term of study and curriculum etc.
- Article 4     Terms and conditions for recognition of academic credentials awarded in foreign countries:
1. The diploma shall be awarded by an academic institution listed in the ROC Ministry of Education's reference list. Those not listed in the reference list shall be accredited by the foreign government concerned or foreign accreditation agencies.
  2. The term of study and curriculum shall be the same as those prescribed by the equivalent ROC academic institutions.
- Article 5     To apply for Assessment and Recognition of foreign academic credentials, the applicant shall submit the following documents to each institution of higher education:
1. a photocopy of proof of foreign academic credentials and transcripts for all academic years;



2. a certificate of entry and exit dates during the period of overseas studies, issued by the designated immigration authority. However, foreign citizens or overseas Chinese are exempt from this requirement;
3. Other relevant documents.

The authentication of the documents referred to in Subparagraph 1 in the preceding paragraph may be conducted by the applicant him/herself, or substituted with an inquiry made by the processing institution to the foreign school or by an R.O.C. overseas agency upon request.

For the applicant who meet the requirements as referred to in Paragraph 8 or 9 of Article 6, the proof issued by the foreign government concerned or foreign accreditation agencies may be substituted with the certificate as referred to in Subparagraph 2 of Paragraph 1.

Article 6 The period of study as referred to in Subparagraph 2 of Article 4 shall mean the period when the applicant studied at the local school. The relevant rules are as follows:

1. The accumulated period of study in respect to a high school graduate shall be in conformity with the local academic system.
2. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a bachelor's degree shall be at least 32 months.
3. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a master's degree shall be at least 8 months.
4. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a doctor's degree shall be at least 16 months.
5. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with both a master's and a doctor's degree concurrently conferred by the same school/department shall be at least 24 months.
6. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant, who is a college graduate or equivalent, pursuing a bachelor's degree shall be at least 16 months.

With regard to the period of study referred to in the preceding paragraph, each institution of higher education shall compare the domestic and foreign academic systems and make a comprehensive judgment based on the local academic system where the applicant obtained the degree, the school calendar during the period of study as well as the entry-exit records. Where the period of study is not consistent with the regular academic system or the school calendar, such period of study shall not be recognized.

The period of study of an applicant with outstanding performance during their study of a bachelor's degree may be reduced by the

processing institution based on the academic system of each foreign institution of higher education and actual circumstances.

In respect of a person with disabilities under the Special Education Act, the period of study may be reduced by the processing institution based on the academic system of each foreign institution of higher education, the extent of disabilities and other actual circumstances.

Where the applicant concurrently studied at domestic and foreign universities under an international academic collaboration program, the applicant shall not complete the study entirely at the domestic university. The period of study at both universities may be accumulated concurrently and subject to the following rules instead of those set forth in Paragraph 1 hereof:

1. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a bachelor's degree shall be at least 32 months.
2. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a master's degree shall be at least 12 months.
3. The accumulated period of study in respect to an applicant with a doctor's degree shall be at least 24 months.

Course credits taken by the applicant at a domestic university set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be no less than one-third of the total course credits required for the conferral of the underlying degree.

If the applicant has studied at a foreign school for a period equal to or longer than two-thirds of the period of study as referred to in Paragraph 1 or 5, the processing institution shall compare the domestic and foreign academic systems for academic institutions of the same kind, make a comprehensive judgment based on the local academic system where the applicant obtained the degree, the school calendar during the period of study as well as the entry-exit records, and finally decide whether the applicant can be admitted with an equivalent educational level.

If the applicant has received cross-border education (Taiwan excluded) as required by the foreign school from which he/she obtained the foreign academic credentials, the period of study for cross-border education will not be incorporated into the period of study as referred to in Paragraph 1 until he/she has submitted the proof issued by the foreign school and the proof has been authenticated by the processing institution. In addition, the school offering the cross-border education shall meet the requirements as referred to in Article 4, the Regulations Governing the Accreditation of Schools in Mainland China, or the Academic Credential Verification and Accreditation Methods adopted in Hong Kong and Macao.

If the applicant has graduated from a degree program jointly established by local and foreign universities under the approval of the Ministry, the period of study at the local university may be incorporated into the period of study as referred to in Paragraphs 1 and 5.

Article 7 With regard to the courses set forth in Subparagraph 2 of Article 4, if the degree conferred by a foreign school is obtained through courses carried out via distance learning programs, the courses shall be taken at a school that is in compliance with Subparagraph 1 of Article 4 or at a domestic university under an international academic collaboration program; provided that, the amount of credits taken shall comply with relevant domestic regulations governing distance learning programs.

Article 8 To do the assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials, except for those of art qualifications, institutions of higher education shall follow the following procedure:

1. The assessment and recognition of academic credentials of foreign high schools or of foreign institutions of higher education listed in the reference list shall be conducted in accordance with these Regulations;
2. The assessment and recognition of academic credentials of foreign institutions of higher education not listed in the reference list shall be carried out after a thorough examination.

In case of any doubt, the recognition shall be carried out by a task force formed by the processing institution; the organization and operation of the task force shall be determined by the processing institution.

If the task force cannot make a decision on the recognition, an explanation for the doubt shall be submitted to the Ministry along with supporting documents as aids for the recognition.

Article 9 Applicants shall submit the Letter of Consent in English on the authorization of examination and related documents to institutions of higher education for examination of foreign academic credentials.

Items in foreign academic credentials that institutions of higher education request the applicant or apply to the overseas agencies for examination assistance are as follows:

1. admission requirements;
2. term of study;
3. curriculum;
4. whether or not the school is recognized by the competent educational authority or by a relevant accreditation agency in the home country; and
5. other necessary items.

- Article 10 The following are ineligible for recognition of academic credentials awarded in foreign countries:
1. diploma of correspondence programs;
  2. certificate of attendance for programs such as training courses, seminars and so forth;
  3. obtaining the candidate status for a doctoral degree while not completing the doctoral degree shall be accredited as the master's degree;
  4. a doctoral degree conferred after the basic completion of a dissertation, without either enrollment or completion of courses;
  5. honorary degrees;
  6. diploma programs administered in non-Mandarin speaking regions, with Mandarin serving as the language of instruction, excluding high school diplomas;
  7. diploma programs administered by branches or degree program of foreign academic institutions not accredited by the Ministry or diplomas obtained from agencies in the name of foreign academic institutions recruiting students in ROC; or
  8. a diploma obtained via distance learning which does not meet the requirements as referred to in Article 7.
- Article 11 If any documents provided by an applicant are found to be forged or falsified in any way, the recognition the diploma of the applicant shall be cancelled; the applicant shall be denied admission if he/she has been offered admission; the applicant shall have his/her student status revoked and no certificate will be issued if he/she has completed the registration and enrollment process; the applicant's status as a graduate will be invalid and his/her diploma shall be returned and nullified if he/she has graduated. In case of any criminal responsibility; the applicant shall be transferred to the prosecuting authority for legal treatment.
- Article 12 These Regulations may serve as reference for government competent authorities to the assessment and recognition of foreign academic credentials for the purposes of personnel recruitment or testing.
- Article 13 These Regulations shall be effective as of the date of promulgation.

## **Curriculum Planning and Implementation**

### **I. Medical Education**

The curriculum design is characterized by the following features:

1. Setting clear and achievable educational goals, with which the curriculum is developed, diverse pedagogical approaches are employed, student performance is measured, and improvements are made. During the clerkship period, students will receive training in clinical skills, learn through simulation education and standardized patients, and take tests with standardized patients.
2. Training students to be general practitioners. Graduates are expected to possess basic medical skills and be able to provide medical services in remote communities and to specific groups. Students will be trained to take good care of patients, acquire medical knowledge, cultivate medical professionalism, constantly improve themselves, adapt themselves to different medical environments, and have good communication and interpersonal skills.
3. Evaluating courses regularly and making improvements based on the evaluation results. Course quality indicators are: the feedback from both the faculty and students, students' test results, and the results of the evaluations carried out by external evaluation organizations.

The curriculum is divided into two parts: integrated clinical cornerstone courses and clerkship, and English is the only language of instruction. The humanities in medicine are also incorporated into the four-year medical education. The first half of the four-year program (i.e. the freshman and sophomore years) focuses on block-based teaching of organ systems, offering a total of 16 modular courses. Each of the modular courses integrates different subjects in the field of basic medical sciences/clinical medicine, with an eye to helping students learn step by step systematically. Compared with traditional medical education, the number of total teaching hours can be reduced by approximately 30 percent by adopting the new integrated curriculum, and students are, therefore, strongly encouraged to learn autonomously in their spare time. In addition, diverse teaching methods are used. For example, problem-based learning (PBL) or team-based learning (TBL) may be part of a modular course to help students digest what they have learned from each block and to train them to think actively and communicate well. Students will start their second half of the four-year program (i.e. the clerkships in junior and senior years) after having completed the 16 modular courses.

Clerkship Planning:

1. During the clerkship period, students are required to rotate through different medical specialties, including internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics & gynecology, family/community medicine, emergency medicine, orthopedic

surgery, plastic surgery, and psychiatry. Senior students may take clinical electives to emphasize certain interests.

2. Students will take clerkships at E-Da Hospital. E-Da Hospital has drawn up regulations concerning the clerkships taken by medical students, and its departments have also made plans for clinical clerkships. Students of this Program will take clerkships in accordance with the applicable regulations and plans.
3. Orientation course: the orientation training for students before working at the hospital:
  - (1) Getting familiar with the working environment, hospital regulations & rules, welfare measures, and hospital administration systems; and
  - (2) Understanding and following infection control and occupational safety guidelines (including needlestick prevention and fire protection).
  - (3) The orientation for each department will be held when students rotate to the department.
4. When rotating to the Department of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Pediatrics, students will attend outpatient clinics, and learn holistic healthcare skills by working on the ward. They will also be assigned to the Emergency Room where they can learn how to identify emergency situations and keep medical conditions under control.
5. The clerkship plan made by each department shows clear learning objectives and contains effective teaching strategies and evaluation methods.
6. Continuous efforts in improving one's medical knowledge are indispensable for medical services. Therefore, two electives, *Medical Writing* and *Special Research Topics in Clinical Medicine*, are offered in the junior and senior years, respectively, among others.

## II. Chinese Language Learning

Chinese language courses are offered to help international students know more about this island and get used to living in Taiwan. As students may come from different countries and cultures and therefore have different first languages, ISU will actively assist them in increasing the proficiency in Chinese, with an eye to helping them get acclimatized to studying and living in Taiwan. ISU introduces the following measures:

1. International students are required to take *Practical Chinese (I), (II), (III), (IV), (V), and (VI)* in the freshman, sophomore, and junior years (a total of six semesters). The intensive language training aims to expose these students to the Chinese language environment to a maximum extent, so that they can get acclimatized to studying and living here in a short period of time, take this opportunity to experience the Taiwanese culture, and have a great affection for Taiwan.

2. Although English is the only language of instruction during the clerkship period, not all patients speak English. To lower the language barriers between students and patients, *Medical Communication Practice in Chinese* is offered every semester of the sophomore and junior years to improve their Chinese language skills. In addition, students taking clerkships will be provided with one tablet computer each to download free translation software to facilitate their interaction with patients.

- Curriculum Design: <http://www.isu.edu.tw/site/326e/4>