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Memo to *Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

Accreditation? (Our intent to apply for recognition with NYSED)

Western Atlantic University School of Medicine (WAUSM) started its first class of students in 2022 and initiated an application for recognition by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in 2023. At that time, the Program Reviewer, Ryan deOlde, advised WAUSM to wait until it had more data on student outcomes, such as retention and graduation rates, residency match rates, and other measures the NYSED considers evidence of an effective program. WAUSM currently has provisional accreditation through the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) and will graduate its first class and apply for full accreditation in 2026. WAUSM intends to update, complete, and submit its application shortly after that.

Where can WAUSM students do clerkships?

WAUSM students can complete clerkships and electives in almost all states in the US and in The Bahamas. Some exceptions to this include New York, where they can complete up to 12 weeks, and New Jersey and Florida which have additional registration requirements. WAUSM plans to apply for those registrations after it has graduated its first class in May 2026 and receives full accreditation from CAAM-HP.

Where can WAUSM graduates do residencies?

WAUSM graduates are eligible to do residencies in almost all states in the US. One exception to this is in New York, where the NYSED recognition referenced above would need to be in place first.

Where can WAUSM graduates get licensed?

WAUSM graduates will be eligible for licensure in all US states, though each state has its own requirements and some states require more than others. For example, New York requires that international medical graduates complete a minimum of three years of residency training. In some states, WAUSM graduates may need to have board certification or be licensed in another state first.