

Editorial

Medical Education in Bangladesh

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Besides allopathy, unani, ayurvedic and homeopathy systems of medicine are recognized for practice in Bangladesh (MOHFW 2012). For allopathy, Bangladesh has diploma, graduation and post-graduation courses. Diploma in Medical Assistant, a course of 4 years duration with 6 months internship (SMF 2021) is conducted by 67 Medical Assistant Training Schools (MATS) with 5,572 seats of which 16 belong to the government with 1,082 seats and 51 operate by the non-government with 4,490 seats (DGME 2026). For graduation, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) courses are offered. 113 medical colleges offer MBBS course with 11,833 seats of which 37 government medical colleges have 5,100 seats (DGME 2025), 69 non-governmental medical colleges have 6,308 seats (DGME 2026) and 7 military medical colleges have 425 seats (Google 2026). 34 dental colleges and medical college dental units offer BDS course with 1,905 seats of which 9 government dental college and medical college dental units have 545 seats (DGME 2025) and 25 non-governmental dental college and medical college dental units have 1,360 seats (DGME 2026). Post-graduation courses in allopathy are offered by Bangladesh Medical University (BMU) and Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS). BMU offered MD in 40 disciplines, MS in 30 disciplines, M. Phil in 6 disciplines, M. Med in 1 discipline, Diploma in 18 disciplines, MPH in 8 disciplines and PhD (BMU 2026). BCPS offer fellowship (Fellow of College of Physicians and Surgeons, FCPS) in 27 general subjects and 38 specialized subjects and membership (Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons, MCPS) in 16 subjects (BCPS 2026).

For unani and ayurvedic, diploma (Diploma in Unani Medicine and Surgery, DUMS and Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery, DAMS) and graduation (Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery, BUMS and Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery, BAMS) courses are offered (BBUASM 2026). The lone Government Unani and Ayurvedic Medical College has 25 seats for BUMS and another 25 seats for BAMS. Another non-government unani and ayurvedic institute offers 30 seats for each of BUMS and BAMS. Two non-government Unani Medical College have 100 seats. Thus, 155 seats are available for BUMS and 55 seats for BAMS (DGME 2026b). 17 institutes offer DUMS courses, of which 1 belongs to the government and rest 16 from non-government and 10 institutes offer DAMS courses, all of which are non-governmental (BBUASM 2026).

In homeopathy also, diploma (Diploma in Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery, DHMS) and graduation (Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery, BHMS) courses are offered. 66 non-governmental institutes with 7,540 seats conduct DHMS courses (BHMEC 2026). For BHMS, two homeopathic medical colleges, one from the government and the other by the non-government offer 150 seats in total. The Government Homeopathic Medical College has 50 seats, while the non-governmental Bangladesh Homeopathic Medical College has 100 seats (DGME 2026b).

Bangladesh is well-developed in medical education. For allopathy, which is the main system of medicine, ranging from diploma to graduate to post-graduate courses are offered in large number of disciplines covering general and sub-specialties. Also for alternate medical systems, both diploma and graduate courses are available for unani, ayurvedic and homeopathy.

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