



Boston University School of Medicine



## INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM IN DERMATOLOGY

### Mission

*The **mission** of the International Graduate Training Program in Dermatology at Boston University is to teach international medical graduates state-of-the-art clinical practice of dermatology and related sciences of cutaneous biology with the goal that graduates will then advance care for patients with skin diseases in their home countries.*



#### *A message from the Program Director:*

Thank you for your interest in our International Graduate Program in Dermatology.

By teaching physicians from around the world, we, the faculty of the Dermatology Department at Boston University School of Medicine, are

happy to spread our knowledge to areas of this globe, where dermatologic expertise is scarce or not existent, and through that extent our helping hands to patients with skin diseases in faraway places.

We are proud of our international graduates and their accomplishments, both during the training program and even more so in their professional lives in dermatology after graduation and the return to their home countries. Our international programs are unique in the United States, and maybe even in the world, as we not only teach in the classroom and let our trainees observe in the clinic, but directly involve them in patient care. Under direct faculty supervision, they take medical histories, examine patients, document the visits in electronic medical records, and perform the whole range of dermatologic procedures, including e.g. biopsies, cryotherapy, excisions, laser surgery.

If you decided to join us for one of several different training programs, you would join a growing community of BU-trained dermatologists all over the world. Our student body is highly diverse and so is our teaching faculty with natives from eight different countries. Yes, the admission process is highly competitive and the demands of the program are high. We understand the challenges you face when you

come to the US to study, but we also recognize the benefits you will gain from making such a courageous move. We are constantly thriving to further improve these academic programs and to keep them highly rewarding for our students.

Regulatory requirements to practice medicine are changing constantly everywhere, and we know that you may face hurdles at home with recognition of a US-based training. We are constantly working with our students on an individual basis and with authorities in different countries, and I can say that so far we have been quite successful in having our training program recognized in your home countries. We are committed to continue this advocacy on your behalf in the future.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/derm/training-programs-overview/international-graduate-training-program/> or e-mail us at [dermtrng@bu.edu](mailto:dermtrng@bu.edu) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

**Thomas M. Ruenger, MD PhD**

Director, International Graduate Program in Dermatology  
Professor and Vice-Chair of Dermatology



Dr. Barbara Gilchrest (front right) and Dr. Amal Kurban (front left), founders of the International Graduate Program in Dermatology, with Dr. Thomas Ruenger (center back), current Director of the Program

## Programs

The Department of Dermatology offers two tracks of graduate dermatology training:

- Programs leading to a university degree for physicians who desire specialization in dermatology;
- Non-degree programs for physicians that seek only a one-year basic training in dermatology (Diploma program), or for trained dermatologists who seek one year of additional advanced training (Certificate program).

All programs (degree and non-degree) involve direct patient care with hands-on clinical participation under clinical faculty supervision.

### Degree Programs

The Department of Dermatology offers the following programs of study leading to Boston University School of Medicine degrees:

- **Master of Science in Dermatology (2 years)**
- **Doctor of Science in Dermatology (4 years)**

Entrance requirements include a medical degree from a recognized university, a year of internship, one or more years of experience in medicine (preferably with an emphasis in dermatology), and an excellent proficiency in English.

The Master of Science and Doctorate programs, designed for medical graduates seeking advanced training in dermatology, are based on U.S. graduate medical training methods, encompassing didactic lectures, seminars, conferences, direct patient contact, and in the case of the Doctorate degree, a thesis requirement.



Trainees have primary patient responsibilities and receive hands-on training in all dermatologic procedures under direct faculty supervision.

The Master of Science and Doctorate Programs are academic, course-based programs that provide clinical dermatology training with a sound basis in the fundamentals of dermatologic science. Students in these programs are assigned to clinical outpatient sessions at the Boston Medical Center, where they have primary patient responsibility under faculty supervision, as well as to rotations in the Department's Section of Dermatopathology and inpatient consultation service. Specific rotations in dermatologic and laser surgery provide additional instruction in these increasingly important dermatologic treatment modalities.



Intensive teaching in dermatopathology is an integral and continuous part of all programs, much of which takes place at this multi-head microscope

Daily clinical exposure is complemented by lectures, seminars and conferences by members of the faculty and invited prominent speakers. At bi-weekly Grand Rounds, interesting cases are presented and discussed. Please see our website for a complete list of clinical and basic science courses of these programs.

### Non-Degree Programs

The non-degree pathways are:

- **Diploma in Dermatology (1 year)**
- **Certificate in Clinical Dermatology**

The Diploma Program is equivalent to the first year of the Masters Program. Students are permitted to enroll in this program initially and subsequent admission to the Masters Program is contingent upon successful completion of the first year requirements.

The Certificate in Clinical Dermatology is an advanced program geared towards dermatologists who desire a more in-depth knowledge and practice of dermatology.

This program may be tailored to accommodate certain areas of interest of the student.

In both these programs, there is a concomitant academic program. Lectures and seminars by world-renowned dermatologists and scientists are offered throughout the year.



The clinic of the dermatology department will move into a brand new and large clinic space in the currently constructed Shapiro Ambulatory Building. The move is scheduled for the spring of 2011.

### How to Apply

New applications for the academic year starting July 1, 2011 are now being accepted until **November 15, 2010**. Please visit our website at: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/derm/training-programs-overview/international-graduate-training-program/> for more information and to download an application form.



Graduating Class of 2010

***\*\*All full-time degree and non-degree programs are tuition-bearing. The tuition fee set by Boston University School of Medicine currently stands at USD \$48,116 per year\*\****