Our Lady of Fatima University (OLFU)

The year 1967, marked the auspicious beginnings of what is to become a premier educational institution in the country particularly in the field of medicine, nursing, and paramedical courses. It all started when Jose C. Olivares, a chemistry professor by vocation but with strong entrepreneurial spirit, and his son-in-law, Dr. Vicente M. Santos, an obstetrician, founded the Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in 1967. It soon became the primary provider of medical services to the residents of Valenzuela and its neighbouring towns. With a vision of creating medical complex that will be a training center for competent health care providers, Mr. Olivares created the Fatima Medical Science Foundation Inc., and initially established the Our Lady of Fatima College of Nursing in 1973.

More curricular programs were added in the 1970s including courses in Midwifery, Chemistry, and Veterinary Medicine. More buildings were erected to accommodate the rapidly growing student populace.

In June 1979, the Fatima College of Medicine welcomed its pioneer batch of medical students with Dean Filemon T. Gozum, M.D. at the helm of the academic program. Underscoring its civic and humanitarian calling, the Fatima Medical Science Foundation Inc., established the Leonora Juzgaya Scholarship Grant, which bestows free tuition, board and lodging and textbooks to financially challenged but academically gifted medical students.

Through the years, the Our Lady of Fatima University has responded to the rapid changes in medical science and technology and the social milieu through constant modernization of its facilities and continuing development of its faculty. From the 1980s through the 1990s the country witnessed the development of OLFU with the inclusion of other courses and programs such as Physical Therapy, Hotel & Restaurant Management, Computer Studies, Maritime Education and Criminology.

2012 The University expands to Pampanga as it acquired East Central Colleges (ECC) of San Fernando which was integrated into the OLFU System. The OLFU Pampanga Campus will be opened this June 2013.

To date, the Our Lady of Fatima University has 4 campuses: Valenzuela City (Main Campus), Quezon City (Hilltop Campus) Antipolo City and Pampanga.
Curriculum

Students from India after class 12 first enrol in a Pre-medical course for 8-10 months before they are eligible to be admitted to the 4 year medical course. Students with a Bachelors Degree can be admitted directly to MD course. The four-year medical course progresses from the study of the normal to the abnormal human being. Most subjects are yearly courses taken up for two semesters.

The first year covers the normal Human Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Preventive Medicine & Community health, Psychiatry and Medical Practice I. Class lectures are delivered mostly through computers using LCD projectors complemented by slide/ film showing, laboratory work and group discussions. Pedagogy and Bioethics are incorporated in Principles of Medical Practice I. An introduction to Medical Informatics is incorporated in Preventive Medicine and Community Health before the biostatistics session. Problem-based learning is gradually introduces in certain topics in Biochemistry and Physiology.

The second year deals with Pathology, Microbiology, Parasitology, Pharmacology, Preventive Medicine and Community Health, Psychiatry II and Medical Economics plus introductory courses in clinical subjects. In small groups, students begin to meet patients in actual hospital setting where they are introduced to history taking and physical examination.

The third year involves didactic lectures on common diseases encountered in clinical practice as well as interesting or rare conditions. Pathohysiology is reviewed while clinical features, diagnostic approaches and principles of management are emphasized.

The fourth year or clinical clerkship is mainly spent in actual patient care with 3 affiliated Hospitals serving as the clinical laboratory. Hospital rounds and group discussions give the student a good perspective on bedside manners, diagnosis and management. The clerks rotate through the different clinical departments for 48 weeks with periodic evaluation. The University has arrangement with Govt. Hospitals and the AFP Hospital for Clerkship
Our Lady of Fatima University (OLFU) now manages and operates the Nueva Ecija Doctors’ College, Inc. (NEDCI) located in Maharlika Highway, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija effective November 9, 2015. NEDCI is the fifth campus of Our Lady of Fatima University. Other OLFU campuses are Valenzuela City, Quezon City, Antipolo City, and lastly the Pampanga Campus which was inaugurated in 2013. Students of NEDCI are assured of the same quality of education and services that being provided to students of other OLFU campuses.

NEDCI is currently offering four (4) college programs namely Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Tourism and Hotel and Restaurant Management. Beginning School Year 2016-2017, it will also accept Senior High School (SHS) students offering the four (4) strands of Academic Track, i.e., Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM); Humanities and Social Sciences (HumSS); and General Academic Strand (GAS), same SHS program offerings as other OLFU campuses.
Fatima College of Physical Therapy, Fatima College of Pharmacy, Fatima College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Fatima College of Nursing and Fatima College of Dental Medicine, programs are accredited by the Philippine Association of and Universities-Commission on Accreditation.¹ The Association of Schools, Colleges and University-AAI also accredited Fatima's Graduate School and the College of Arts and Sciences. The Fatima College of Medicine is also accredited by the New York State Education Department and the Illinois State Board of Education.⁸ The College of Maritime Education is ISO Certified ISO 9001:2000 and is included in the Commission on Higher Education's "white list" as a qualified provider of maritime education. The College of Medicine is accredited by Association of the Philippine Medical Colleges. It was also listed in the World Health Organization Geneva Recognized Medical Schools. It is accredited furthermore by the Illinois State Board of Education and New York State Board of Education and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to administer Title IV Program.
Fatima Medical Center and Virtual Laboratories

At the heart of the College of Medicine lies the 'Fatima Medical Center which is a 200-bed hospital within the university campus. The Center is an institutional partner that serves as a teaching tertiary hospital, equipped to give students hands on experience and exposure. It is furnished with medical, diagnostic and surgical equipment. It houses a first class emergency room, intensive care unit, with centralized monitors, physical rehabilitation clinic, pulmonary laboratory, ophthalmology clinic and ENT clinic.

Fatima creates a "hands on classroom" providing students with patient care experience. Equipped with training manikins and simulators, Fatima provides students exposure to medical procedures.
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