The Pavlov First Saint-Petersburg State Medical University was founded in September 14 (26) 1897 as the Medical Institute for Women. It was the first institution both in Russia and Europe that provided an opportunity for women to acquire higher medical education.

Soon after the founding, the Women’s Medical Institute (WMI) became a reputable institution and represented a recognized model for higher medical education and medical science. Clinics and departments of the WMI developed and implemented the most advanced methods of diagnostics and treatment.

Our University has changed a few names since the time of its foundation: the Women’s Medical Institute of St. Petersburg (1918), The First Medical Institute of Leningrad, also known as ‘the 1st Med’ (1924). This name went down in history of St. Petersburg and Russian medicine. In 1936 the First Medical Institute was named in honor of the Nobel Prize winner Academician I.P. Pavlov. In 1994 the First Medical Institute was reorganized into a medical university that received its present name.

In the 1930s the Institute of Chemistry and Pharmacy as well as the Institute of Pediatrics were detached from the First Medical Institute and established as independent units. In the meantime construction of new units and laboratory buildings were already in the design phase but the Second World War interfered with fulfilling that plan.
Education

The Pavlov First Saint Petersburg State Medical University is one of Russia’s leading medical institutions. We offer a wide range of different educational programs and our approach to the process of teaching and learning is unique. Being a big clinical center, we enable our students to put their skills into practice. Each clinical department has its hospital unit on campus and beyond. We organize our educational process in such a way that at any level of training students’ practical activities approximate to those carried out by a healthcare professional, patient supervision being of particular importance. Unlike many foreign medical institutions, we provide an opportunity for undergraduates to get their first career-related experience as early as the third academic year.

**Our University is rated as one of the 5 top medical schools in Russia. In 2011, according to the average academic scores of the Unified State Examination, we were ranked 1-st in Russia.**

The University offers a variety of programs available at the following faculties:

- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Dentistry
- Faculty of Sports Medicine
- Faculty of Adaptive Physical Education Culture
- Faculty of Paediatrics
- Faculty of Clinical Psychology
- Faculty for Foreign Students
- Higher Education Nursing School
- Faculty of Postgraduate Studies
- Faculty of Pre-University Education

The University, comprising 69 departments, with over 5 thousand Russian and foreign students, is proud to have a history of educating international students from the UK, the USA, Portugal, Argentina, Australia, Sweden, Greece, Israel, India, Jordan, Iran, Yemen, Cameroon, Cyprus, China, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Syria, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, etc
The University Teaching Hospital includes more than 100 departments, the Consultative and Diagnostic Center, diagnostic laboratory services, the Maternity Home and the Blood Transfusion Department.

The University staff includes skilled professionals whose experience and qualification is recognized both in Russia and abroad. Among them are 6 academicians and 7 corresponding members of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, more than 600 professors and MD/PhDs, 12 Chief Specialists of St. Petersburg and the North-West Federal District.

A characteristic feature of our work is a multidisciplinary approach to patient follow-up: at all stages of the follow-up a doctor is guided not only by the knowledge of his field but he also assesses the problem in its entirety and, if necessary, involves other specialists in the patient's diagnosis and treatment.

We strive to develop a proper individualized treatment plan for every patient.
Research Centers

- Scientific Research Center
- Center Medicine
- Regional Research Centre of Narcology and Psychopharmacology
- Scientific and Methodological Center for Molecular Medicine Russian Federation
- Centre of early phases of clinical trials

Our scientists are engaged in research aimed at improving the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, studying nonspecific chronic lung diseases, increasing the safety and efficacy of pharmacotherapy, designing new drugs that are more efficacious, safer and better tolerated than older medications, etc.