

[Medical studies]

1. You are currently in high school and wish to study medicine in France

You must apply for the first year of the PASS (Specific Health Access Path) or LAS (Health Access Path) bachelor degree on the [Etudes en France](#) website.

What is the difference between the two?

- PASS: a medical studies major and a non-medical studies minor (for example: law, literature, etc.)
- LAS: This is the opposite, a non-medical studies major (for example: economics, history, management, literature, etc.) and a medical studies minor.

At the end of the first year, the best students will be able to continue their medical studies. If the student fails to be admitted into the medical studies path, they can join a degree that corresponds to their chosen non-medical studies major/minor.

IMPORTANT: Medical studies are extremely selective and difficult (30% admitted to the second year of medicine). It is mandatory to have a **C1 level in French** (DELF).

For more information: [PASS or LAS Bachelor degree](#)

2. You are currently studying medicine in a country outside of the EU

You can :

- Start again your studies from the first year (see above)
- Request a "study exemption"

To request a study exemption, the student must send an electronic file containing the documents listed in the [decree of December 13, 2019](#) to Campus France Armenia. To do this, please send your documents to lucile.bousquet@diplomatie.gouv.fr via the [France Transfert](#) website.

If you are accepted and depending on your profile, the study exemption will allow you to study directly in the 1st or 2nd cycle where you stopped. You will have to take a knowledge and skills verification exam corresponding to the years of study you already did.

IMPORTANT :

- You can submit your application for **only one** university
- You can submit your application only twice (e.g. for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. If you are not accepted the second time, you will not be allowed to apply again)
- A **minimum B2** level in French is required, **C1 level highly recommended**

3. You hold a medical degree from a country outside of the European Union and wish to practice medicine in France

You cannot practice in France with your degree, you can:

- Start your studies again in the first year (see above)
- Request a « study exemption » (see above)
- Pass the [Knowledge Verification Tests](#) (EVC) of the PAE (Practice Authorization Procedure). These are knowledge verification tests (theory and practice) in the specialty in which you wish to practice. If you pass these tests, you will then have to practice for 1 to 3 years and then appear before the [Practice Authorization Commission](#) (CAE). **The level C1 in french is required.**

4. You hold a medical degree from a country outside of the EU and wish to follow a specialized medical training in France

The Diploma of Specialized Medical Training (DFMS) and the Diploma of Advanced Specialized Medical Training (DFMSA) allow foreign doctors to complete specialized training in France from 6 months to 3 years. During their training, DFMS/A students have the status of students acting as interns (FFI).

IMPORTANT: the DFMS or DMFA **does not allow** you to practice medicine in France after. **The level B2 in French is mandatory.**

For more information: [DFMS-DFMSA](#)