

Covista Medical Schools Achieve 97% Combined First-Time Residency Attainment Rate

2026-04-23

AUC and Ross graduates match into family medicine, emergency medicine, psychiatry and other high-need specialties across 42 states.

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Covista](#) (NYSE: CVSA), America's largest healthcare educator, today announced a combined 97% first-time residency attainment rate* for its 2025-2026 graduating class at Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM) and American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC). Graduates will train to become licensed physicians at health systems spanning 42 U.S. states and 26 specialties.

AUC's Class of 2026 achieved over 98% first-time residency attainment rate, and Ross's Class of 2026 achieved 96%, results that reflect the breadth and competitiveness of two programs built to produce the physicians America needs most.

"There are more than twice as many passionate individuals who want to become physicians as there are seats in U.S. medical schools," said Scott Liles, president, medical and veterinary, Covista. "RUSM and AUC exist to open that door. Our graduates earned their place in high-caliber residency programs based on the strength of their clinical performance, board scores and interviews. This year's results are a testament to who they are. And they're going where the need is greatest. At a time when our own research shows the physician shortage is deepening, this class represents the kind of solution healthcare needs. Not tomorrow, but now."

According to [Covista's Care Capacity Monitor](#) (CCCM), fielded by Gallup, demand for physicians continues to outpace supply across the U.S. The data shows that for every unemployed healthcare worker, employers post more than two new job openings each month. Physicians are among the hardest clinical roles to fill. In fact, 92% of healthcare executives report challenges hiring physician specialists and 86% face the same hiring difficulty for primary care physicians. Today's residency attainment results send practice-ready doctors directly into those gaps.

"I've lived this process from every angle: as a student awaiting news, as a faculty member and vice dean watching those I mentored open their envelopes, as dean, and as a father and future father-in-law," said Mark Rosenberg, dean of American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. "I know what

this moment costs and what it means. And I know it does not happen without an entire community doing its part: students who refused to give up, faculty who invested themselves fully and staff who kept everything running when the pressure was highest."

This year's graduating class secured positions across 26 specialties facing documented national shortages, including internal medicine, family medicine, emergency medicine, psychiatry and pediatrics. They are also meeting the need geographically. The CCCM also found that rural and less urban communities face 2.3 healthcare job vacancies per month for every unemployed healthcare worker, compared to 1.7 in metro areas, and 85% of healthcare executives in those communities say they cannot find enough local talent. This year's graduating class is helping to address that gap directly; many AUC and RUSM 2026 residency placements are at hospitals serving communities where physicians are hardest to recruit, from the Texas Permian Basin and rural West Virginia to underserved urban areas such as Cook County, Illinois and the Bronx, New York.

"Having been through medical school, I truly appreciate how pivotal the match process is. It takes a great deal of care and preparation to navigate, not only for our students, but our faculty and staff who pour themselves into creating our future physicians," said Cheryl Holmes, dean of Ross University School of Medicine. "Today's results are proof that our approach, hard work and dedication paid off."

For comprehensive lists of residency placements, please visit the [AUC](#) and [RUSM](#) websites.

**Percent of students attaining a 2026-27 residency position out of all graduates or expected graduates in 2025-26 who were active applicants in the 2026 NRMP match or who attained a residency position outside the NRMP match*

About Covista

Covista (NYSE: CVSA) is America's largest healthcare educator, serving more than 97,000 students and supported by a community of 385,000 alumni across five accredited institutions. Through personalized, tech-enabled education powered by 10,000 faculty and colleagues, Covista expands access to healthcare careers and addresses the U.S. healthcare workforce shortage at scale. Covista is the parent company of American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Chamberlain University, Ross University School of Medicine, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and Walden University. For more information, visit covista.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Ross University School of Medicine

Ross University School of Medicine (RUSM), a Covista (NYSE: CVSA) institution, expands access and opportunity to students on the path to becoming skilled physicians determined to make an impact in global communities. RUSM has graduated more than 16,000 alumni who practice in the U.S. and Canada. Located in Barbados, RUSM is accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions. Visit medical.rossu.edu for more information, and follow on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC), a Covista (NYSE: CVSA) institution, is committed to training tomorrow's physicians, whose service to their communities and patients is enhanced by international learning experiences and an emphasis on social accountability and engagement. With campuses located in Sint Maarten and the United Kingdom, AUC has more than 8,500 alumni and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine. Visit

aucmed.edu for more information and follow on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Media Contact

Brittany Lockard

brittany.lockard@covista.com

704.202.9774

Source: Covista Inc.