

# PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY TRAINING IN LAO PDR

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In Lao PDR, the basic medical program is a six-year program. It consists of a three-year period of Basic Science and another three years of Clinical Practice. There is one medical school at the University of Health Science, Vientiane, Lao PDR. About 300 medical students graduate each year.

After graduation from the Basic Medical Program, students will continue their clinical practice by:

1. Practicing as a general practitioner in the rural area under the supervision of local staff for three years before getting the license for practicing medicine, and can have an entrance exam for postgraduate training.

2. Being selected for a scholarship for training and spend a two-year internship, practicing pediatrics in the affiliate teaching hospitals under supervision of consultants, and then attend a three-year program of residency training.

The pediatric residency training in Lao PDR started in 1997. Each year, only 6-7 places per year are available for pediatric residency training in Lao PDR.

For fellowship training, all subspecialists in Lao PDR are trained overseas in medical schools in various countries. The fellowship program for training in Thailand started in 2012 in the fields of hematology and infectious diseases.