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# Affordable medical education in Belarus

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Sergei Trotsyuk, the First Secretary, Embassy of Republic of Belarus in India has said that more than 12,000 international students from 88 countries are pursuing higher education in Belarus while medical course is quite popular with the Indian students.

Speaking to Indian students admitted in Vitebsk State Medical University (VSMU) in Belarus, Mr. Trotsyuk said Belarus is a European country and has strict safety norms for international students including round-the-clock security. Moreover, the degree is valid across the world as the country strictly adheres to the established norms.

Alena Beliakova, Vice Dean and Head of the Admissions of the VSMU said the medical universities of Belarus are

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listed in World Directory of Medical Schools published by World Health Organisation, Avicenna Directories, International Medical Education Directory of FAIMER, thus having global validity and also approved by the General Medical Council of UK and Medical Council of India.

She said the VSMU was established in 1934 and is State-owned. Indian students have

been studying at Vitebsk since 1991 and presently around 50 students from India are pursuing MD General Medicine, which is equivalent to MBBS in India. The Educational process is organised on the basis of traditional European curriculum which includes lectures, seminars, laboratory and practical classes. It has 8 clinics with sophisticated and modern equipment and 6,200 beds.

Rajaram, MD of Medico Abroad that admitted students said the medical course is affordable at Rs.1.20 lakhs per semester offered by reputed medical universities of Gomel, Vitebsk, and Minsk. He said foreign students have 5 hostels. Students have reading rooms and well organized services like laundry, cafeteria, post office, Internet, sports club near the students' hostel. Details can be had on [www.medicoabroad.in](http://www.medicoabroad.in).