

**Government Sponsors 600 Students In Medicine, Dentistry And Pharmacy At IPTS
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PUTRAJAYA, July 31 (Bernama) -- A total of 600 science stream students who failed to get places in medicine, dentistry or pharmaceutical studies at public universities (IPTAs) for the 2012/2013 academic session will be sponsored by the government to study the subjects at private institutions of higher learning (IPTs).

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin said all the students had completed either the Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia, Matriculation or Foundation Studies and obtained Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 4.0.

He said they picked the three areas of studies as their main choices at IPTAs, but failed to get a place.

He said they comprised 310 Malay students, 260 Chinese, 21 Indians and nine others.

"The 600 candidates will be financed by the Public Services Department (JPA) and they need to state their agreement on the given offer," he told reporters after breaking the fast with the staff of the ministry, here.

He said all the 600 students would be contacted by JPA before August 15.

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