



**UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO  
MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**



**REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

The School of Medicine endorses the general policy of the Medical Sciences Campus in encouraging its applicants to seek the broadest cultural formation available prior to their training in the field of health professions. Candidates are admitted to the freshman class of the School of Medicine on a competitive basis. The applicant must comply and present evidence of the successful completion of the following requirements for admission:

1. Bachelor's Degree in a college or university accredited by the Council of Higher Education or the corresponding US accrediting agency.
2. Minimum general grade point average of 3.00, based on an A=4.00 scale (includes all courses taken at college/university level).
3. Minimum science grade point average of 3.00, based on an A=4.00 scale (includes all courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics taken at college/university level).
4. Total coursework must include the following:

Course	Hours	Comments
General Chemistry	8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours	
Organic Chemistry	8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours	
Physics	8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours	These requirements are in addition to the basic introductory courses required at some colleges or universities. Basic introductory courses in the Physical Sciences may not be substituted for the credit hours stipulated.
Biology	8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours	These requirements are in addition to the basic introductory courses required at some colleges or universities. Basic introductory courses in the Biological Sciences may not be substituted for the credit hours stipulated.
Spanish	12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours	Six (6) semester hours in Advanced or Honor courses in Spanish acceptable to the Admissions Committee and approved with a grade of A, B or C per semester may substitute for the twelve (12) semester hours required.

Course	Hours	Comments
English	12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours	Six (6) semester hours in Advanced or Honor courses in English acceptable to the Admissions Committee and approved with a grade of A, B, or C per semester may substitute for the twelve (12) semester hours required.
Behavioral and Social Sciences <i>Considered Courses: Sociology, Psychology, Political Sciences, Economics, Ethics or Anthropology</i>	12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours	Basic introductory courses in the Social Sciences taken at the UPR system (CISO 3121, CISO 3122) will not be substituted for the hours stipulated.

***Courses included in the MCAT test content are strongly recommended prior to entering medical school: Biochemistry, Psychology, Sociology, Statistics plus the already required sciences courses such as Biology, Chemistry and Physics.***

***Other courses recommended: Statistics, Genetics, Microbiology, Histology, Anatomy or Anatomy and Physiology, Immunology, Embryology, and Human Development.***

5. All academic requirements must be completed not later than the end of the second semester of the academic year preceding admission, excluding the summer session of that year. Admitted candidates will have their admission revoked if they fail to comply with this requirement.
6. Our curriculum is conducted in English and Spanish, and patient interactions are nearly always conducted in Spanish, therefore, demonstrated fluency in speaking, reading, and writing both languages is required. Applicants must select language courses that develop writing and reading comprehension skills.
7. Personal characteristics expected of applicants and evaluated through letters of recommendation and interviews are as follows:
  - a. Maturity
  - b. Motivation
  - c. Reliability
  - d. Creativity
  - e. Perseverance
  - f. Sensitivity towards others
  - g. Resiliency
8. A working knowledge of computers and their applications (computer literacy) is required, given the integration of computer technology into the medical curriculum.

- a. The Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) must be taken no later than **September 30, 2024**. An MCAT taken after that date will not be considered in the selection process for the entering class. The test will be valid for three (3) years. MCAT scores below 495 will not be considered for evaluation. The website is: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/taking-mcat-exam/>
9. Prior to application, students must make sure they meet all **Technical Standards**, which will be required for admission, promotion, and graduation. **Technical Standards** can be accessed at: <https://md.rcm.upr.edu/technical-standards-for-medical-school-admission-retention-promotion-and-graduation/>

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### **1. American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS):**

Applications to our School of Medicine are processed through the American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS), a centralized application service for applicants to first-year classes at participating US Medical Schools. The website is: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/applying-medical-school-process/applying-medical-school-amcas/>.

The complete application must be processed by AMCAS between **June 1<sup>st</sup> and before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. We urge candidates to submit the AMCAS Web Application with enough time in order to be considered before **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, the absolute deadline. **DEADLINE EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE GRANTED.**

#### **2. University of Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus Application:**

In addition to the AMCAS application, all applicants who are permanent residents of Puerto Rico must complete and submit between the **September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>** deadline of the University of Puerto Rico - Medical Sciences Campus Application Form, together with the payment of the \$30.00 non-refundable application fee established at our institution. Payment should be made **online or by check or money order payable to the University of Puerto Rico**. **If payment is made directly at the Collection Office; VISA, MasterCard, American Express, or ATH may also be used.**

**APPLICATION MAY BE REQUESTED AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

<https://solicitud.upr.edu/>

**APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

#### **3. Other Required Documents:**

- a. One (1) official transcript from each college attended is to be sent directly to the Central Office of Admissions no later than **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, the absolute deadline.

- b. One (1) completed Premedical Evaluation Form from the Premedical Committee of the college of attendance to be submitted directly to AMCAS application or three (3) recommendations from your current professors using the school's official format designated for this purpose. The three (3) recommendations don't need to be submitted to AMCAS. Access the following internet address for the official format:

<https://webapps.md.rcm.upr.edu/mdadmissionletter/recommendation-letter.html>

- c. It is required that candidates have their portfolio by no later than **December 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year in wish you are seeking admission. This portfolio must include a **Personal Statement** and documents that evidence your participation in extracurricular activities (research, community service, leadership, shadowing, and scholarly activities). A candidate without a portfolio will not be interviewed. The document must be sent in PDF format and must be uploaded to the following link: <https://webapps.md.rcm.upr.edu/mdadmissionletter/portfolio.html>
- d. Once you receive an interview invitation, you must confirm by replying to the email with your interest within 48 hours of receipt, or the interview slot will be given to another candidate.
- e. In extraordinary cases, an additional official transcript including the current academic year's first semester grades can be requested by the admission officer to be evaluated and must be received before February 15 of the year in wish you are seeking admission.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REQUIREMENTS AND DOCUMENTS BY THE ESTABLISHED DEADLINES, WILL LEAD TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE REJECTION.**

**PLEASE MAIL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**CENTRAL ADMISSIONS OFFICE – MEDICINE I  
UPR – MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS  
PO BOX 365067  
SAN JUAN, PR 00936-5067**

<b>PERSON YOU CAN CONTACT IN THE CENTRAL ADMISSIONS OFFICE</b>	
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**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Since the University of Puerto Rico – School of Medicine is a state-supported institution, preference will be given to qualified applicants who are legal residents of Puerto Rico. Students that can establish legal residency will qualify for state tuition fees.

Highly qualified Puerto Rico non-residents must demonstrate strong ties to Puerto Rico. To determine strong residential ties to Puerto Rico, the Committee on Admission will review the applicant's birthplace, high school attended, college attended, and parent's legal residence. An applicant who meets two (2) of

the four (4) categories demonstrates strong ties to Puerto Rico. Non-residents who demonstrate strong ties will be considered for out-of-state tuition fees.

Foreign national applicants with an established legal residence in Puerto Rico will only be considered if, at the time of application, they are either US citizens or have been granted a permanent resident VISA in the United States.

The Admissions Committee of the School of Medicine will consider the following selection factors in screening qualified applicants, according to a formula established and approved by the Academic Senate of the Medical Sciences Campus:

1. Academic Performance determined by:
  - a. General and Science Grade Point Average
  - b. Bonus points: in Science, Mathematics (Calculus), and Behavioral and Social Sciences courses, in addition to the required ones, approved with a grade of B or above.
  - c. Consistency in general grade point average
  - d. The number of withdrawals as evidenced in the official transcript.
2. Medical College Admission Test (MCAT):
  - a. All test areas of assessment are taken into consideration.
3. Non-academic factors, expressed in numerical indices, derived from two (2) sources:
  - a. Recommendation from the Premedical Committee or three (3) from current professors are required.
  - b. For extraordinary situations, refer to instructions for recommendation letters.
  - c. After an initial screening of all other selection factors, the Admissions Committee will determine which candidates will be invited for a personal interview.

### **ACCEPTANCE**

To guarantee enrollment upon acceptance, the candidate must make a **\$100.00 non-refundable deposit** within 15 days of receipt of the notice, together with a written acknowledgment. The student must comply with the requirements specified in the letter of admission and abide by the recommendations of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) as stated in the current edition of the “Medical School Admission Requirements” book.

### **TIMETABLE FOR ADMISSION**

Filing of AMCAS Application, University of Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus Application, and other required documents:

Earliest date for AMCAS: June 1<sup>st</sup>. (the year before admission)

The earliest date for UPR-MSC: September 1<sup>st</sup>. (the year before admission)

Latest date for both applications: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**ESTIMATED FEES AND EXPENSES PER YEAR**  
**(2024 - 2025)**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Medicine I (12 months)</b>	<b>Medicine II (12 months)</b>	<b>Medicine III (12 months)</b>	<b>Medicine IV (12 months)</b>
Tuition and Academic Fees	<i>Tuition fee: \$17,000 Maintenance fee: \$400 Laboratory fee: \$100 Technology fee: \$200 Materials: \$6,523</i>	<i>Tuition fee: \$17,000 Maintenance fee: \$400 Technology fee: \$200 Materials: \$5,546</i>	<i>Tuition fee: \$17,000 Maintenance fee: \$400 Technology fee: \$200 Materials: \$5,713</i>	<i>Tuition fee: \$17,000 Maintenance fee: \$400 Technology fee: \$200 Materials: \$4,510</i>
<b>Subtotal: Amount Payable to the Institution</b>	<b>\$24,723</b>	<b>\$23,646</b>	<b>\$23,813</b>	<b>\$22,610</b>
<b>Estimated Other Expenses:</b>				
Electronic Equipment	\$2,000		\$1,000	
Supplementary Resources and Study Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
Parking	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Medical Equipment	\$1,400			
Uniforms and Overalls	\$400	\$200	\$500	\$300
Tests and Educational License		\$1,000	\$1,000	
Additional Expenses (Housing / Travels / Interviews)			\$3,000	\$6,000
Room and Board	\$16,470	\$16,470	\$16,470	\$16,470
Transportation	\$1,202.40	\$1,202.40	\$1,202.40	\$1,202.40
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,782.40	\$3,782.40	\$3,782.40	\$3,782.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,977.80</b> No Sub. \$47,167 PLUS \$5,810.80	<b>\$49,300.80</b> No Sub. \$47,167 PLUS \$2,133.80	<b>\$53,767.80</b> No Sub. \$47,167 PLUS \$6,600.80	<b>\$52,864.80</b> No Sub. \$47,167 PLUS \$5,697.80

**\*Tuition fees for students considered OUT OF STATE: \$35,000 per year approximately.**

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This brochure does not constitute a contract between the School of Medicine and the applicant for admission, and the information contained herein is subject to change without notice and is reviewed yearly.

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