



**University of Puerto Rico  
Medical Sciences Campus  
School of Medicine  
Department of Psychiatry  
General Psychiatry Residency Program**

Webpage: [www.md.rcm.upr.edu/psychiatry](http://www.md.rcm.upr.edu/psychiatry)

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO ERAS APPLICATION  
Academic Year 2025-2026\***

***The Department of Psychiatry accepts applications from graduates of  
LCME-accredited Schools of Medicine***

**1. Personal Statement in Spanish**

In addition to the English version submitted through ERAS, candidates must submit a Personal Statement in Spanish via email to [psychiatrycoordinator.rcm@upr.edu](mailto:psychiatrycoordinator.rcm@upr.edu).

**2. Official Transcripts\*\***

One **official** transcript, including cumulative average grade point (GPA), from both Undergraduate and Medical School must be submitted.

**3. Letters of Recommendation**

Three letters of recommendation are required. It is highly recommended that at least one letter be written by a supervisor from a clinical rotation. Applicants who graduated more than one year prior to application must also submit a letter from the most recent employment or clinical work experience supervisor.

**4. USMLE Requirements**

**Official** evidence of passing USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK must be submitted.

Step 2 CK must be passed no later than **two (2) weeks before** the NRMP ranking deadline which is **March 4, 2026**.

**5. NRMP Registration**

Applicants must provide **official** evidence of registration with the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP). Please send this confirmation to: [psychiatrycoordinator.rcm@upr.edu](mailto:psychiatrycoordinator.rcm@upr.edu).

**6. Language Requirement**

Candidates must be fully bilingual in Spanish and English, with fluency in speaking, reading, comprehension, and writing in both languages.

**7. Additional Requirements for PGY-II Applicants**

Candidates applying for PGY-II entry must also include:

- a) A letter of recommendation, in English, from the current Training Program Director, specifying the clinical rotations and exact dates of each rotation completed during the PGY-1 training.
- b) **Official** evidence of having passed all USMLE parts (Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3). Each part can be taken a maximum of four (4) times, prior to the start of residency.

**Official transcripts should be sent to:	Gloria Suau Sanchidrián, MD Program Director Department of Psychiatry UPR - School of Medicine Medical Sciences Campus PO Box 365067 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-5067
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12, 2025**

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Accepted candidates are required to submit all necessary documents prior to signing their residency contracts. No candidate will be permitted to begin residency training without full completion of these documents and compliance with the requirements of the UPR–School of Medicine Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office. These include, among others, official evidence of a provisional or permanent license to practice medicine in Puerto Rico and an **official** copy of the medical school diploma.



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***The Department of Psychiatry accepts applications from graduates of international medical schools that are recognized by the Puerto Rico Board of Medical Examiners and listed by the World Health Organization (WHO).***

**1. Visa Requirement**

Non-U.S. citizens must hold a valid J-1 or H-1B visa.

**2. Medical School Recognition**

Official evidence that your international medical school is approved and recognized by the *Junta de Licenciamiento y Disciplina Médica de Puerto Rico* (Puerto Rico Board of Medical Examiners). Verification can be accessed at <https://orcps.salud.gov.pr>.

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**6. ECFMG Certification and USMLE Requirements**

a) Candidates must hold a currently valid ECFMG certificate and provide **official** evidence of passing USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK.

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