

Institutional Background Information:

The Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC) is a private medical school incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Currently, the UCC is a health-sciences university with fully accredited academic programs in Medicine, Medical Imaging Technology, Biomedical Sciences, Substance Abuse Counseling, and Chiropractic. The UCC faculty members conduct extensive basic and clinical biomedical research and provide specialized health care services.

Since 1976, UCC has been committed to providing educational opportunities to students and to serving the communities where they live. I am running a few minutes late; my previous meeting is running over. UCC strives to provide students with excellent opportunities for advanced education. In 2009, UCC received authorization from the Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education (PRCHE) to confer a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology, and in 2011, to award a PhD in Neuroscience.

In 2018, the UCC received authorization from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) to confer the Doctor of Chiropractic degree; this degree combines a solid foundation in the basic sciences and clinical skills with an in-depth immersion in evidence-based chiropractic. With this new program, UCC has become the first and only Chiropractic School in Puerto Rico.

Profile of the students at the UCC:

UCC's total fall enrollment for the academic year (2025-2026) is 602 students. The number of undergraduate students enrolled at UCC is 87. The number of students enrolled in graduate programs, MS/PhD/DC, is 178, and M.D. 337. The number of undergraduate students does not include students from other institutions on the island who visit UCC to perform research.

UCC has graduated 178 students in the academic year (2025-2026). As a part of MS/PhD/DC#, UCC also has a Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program.

Demographics of the student body in the UCC

Demographics of the student body in the	Fall 2021-22	Fall 2022-23	Fall 2023-24	Fall 2024-25	Fall 2025-26
Enrollment Data (last 5 years)	Total No.	Total No.	Total No.	Total No.	Total No.
Undergraduate BS/AD	86	71	90	90	87
Graduate *MS/PhD/DC#	103	121	157	168	178
MD students	321	292	311	346	337
Total students enrolled	510	484	558	604	602
Graduation Data (last 5 years)	Total No.	Total No.	Total No	Total No	Total No
Undergraduate BS/AD	19	56	71	73	70
Graduate MS/PhD/DC*	17	26	28	34	44
MD students	77	66	51	77	64
Total student graduated	113	148	150	184	178

* Includes MS students from both the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and the Counseling on Substance Abuse Program

Doctor of Chiropractic (DC) Program began Fall 2018

Demographics of students in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program

Demographics of the student body in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	2021-2026
<u>Enrollment Data</u> (last 5 years)	Total No.
MA/MS	6
PhD	29
Total students enrolled	35
<u>Graduation Data</u> (last 5 years)	Total No.
MA/MS	6
PhD	15
Total students graduated	21
<u>Obtained an academic/professional position in the health-related sciences</u> (last 5 years)	Total No.
Obtained a Postdoctoral Position	53.3%
Obtained an Academic Position	26.6%