

School of Dental Medicine



University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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OUR ORIGINS:

On June 21, 1956, a joint resolution was passed in the Legislature to appropriate the funds needed for the planning and purchase of the initial equipment required to establish the School of Dental Medicine.

The School of Dental Medicine was finally ready to begin with its first class in August 1957.

VISION:

Educational institution recognized worldwide for its academic excellence, with strategic alliances of a national and international nature that contribute to its educational and service competitiveness, with leadership, framed in research, social and community commitment.

MISSION:

The UPR School of Dental Medicine is a proactive higher education institution in the training of dentists of the highest caliber, sensitive to the needs of its patients and aimed at the comprehensive service of the population of Puerto Rico and the global community; through a doctoral program in dental medicine supplemented by diverse postdoctoral offerings and an innovative continuing education program. A leader in research in oral-systemic health, it fosters critical thinking, intellectual curiosity and commitment to the needs of the population. It assumes interprofessional practice, the integration of technology into creative management and the construction of new scientific knowledge regarding the determinants of oral health, as a continuous, rigorous, respectful, collaborative and sustainable process.

ORGANIZATION:

The School of Dental Medicine is one of six on the Medical Sciences Campus. In addition to the Dental Medicine (DMD) Graduate Program, there are graduate programs in Pediatric Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, General Dentistry (GPR) Residency, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics, Periodontics, and two programs affiliated with the School with an Agreement through *NYU Langone Health* (*NYU Langone Health*). for its acronym in English). In addition, the school has had an Advanced Placement Program for International Dentists since 2010.

The School of Dental Medicine has three departments. The following sections are structured under the Department of Ecological Sciences: Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry and Community Dentistry. The Department of Restorative Sciences includes the sections of Operative Dentistry and Prosthodontics; and the Department of Surgical Sciences which consists of the following sections: Endodontics-Periodontics, Oral Surgery, Diagnostic Sciences and Oral Biology.

LOCALIZATION:

We are located on the first floor and part of the basement of the Main Building of the Dr. Guillermo Arbona Irizarry Medical Sciences Campus, at the Puerto Rico Medical Center, in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLYING TO DENTAL MEDICAL SCHOOL:

Below are the eligibility criteria for the School of Dental Medicine, as well as other recommendations for the application fee. The names, e-mails and telephone numbers of the liaison persons for orientation and admission to this School are also included.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

- To be eligible for the first-year class of the DMD Program, the candidate must present evidence of having completed **90 credits** based on semester studies, in a duly accredited college or university. Within these courses, the following requirements are required:

<i>Spanish</i>	<i>12 credits</i>
<i>English</i>	<i>12 credits</i>
<i>Biology or Zoology</i>	<i>8 credits</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<i>8 credits</i>
<i>General Chemistry</i>	<i>8 credits</i>
<i>Organic chemistry</i>	<i>8 credits</i>
<i>Social and Chemical Sciences</i>	<i>6 credits</i>
<i>Behavior (Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, or Ethics)</i>	

- Only courses taken in the departments of the disciplines they represent will be considered.
- In Spanish and English courses, a maximum of 6 of the 12 required credits passed by the *College Board's CLEP or Advanced Level or Placement* exam will be considered. Credits approved by CLEP or AP must be validated by your academic institution and thus stated in the official transcript. On the other hand, 6 credits in approved honors, advanced, or literature courses with a grade of A, B, or C can substitute for the 12 credits required in these subjects.
- It is recommended that these course requirements be taken and approved before submitting the application for admission to the Medical Sciences Campus. That is, before the application deadline.
- It is recommended to complete a baccalaureate degree.
- To consider your application for admission, every course requirement must have a grade of A, B, or C.
- We do not recommend taking course requirements during the second semester of the academic year in which it is requested. If this is the case, in case of admission, it would be conditional on receiving the grade of A, B or C in that course, on or before June 30. Otherwise, admission could be revoked.

- All course requirements must have an A, B, or C grade to be considered for scoring or credit. Pass (P) or No Pass (NP) **grades will not be accepted**. If you have **Pass (P)** in any required course, you must apply for grade equivalency at the Registrar's Office of your academic institution and provide Official Institutional Certification of such equivalency to the Central Admissions Office. This does NOT apply to Spanish and/or English courses approved by the College Board's Advanced Level or Placement (AP).
- All science courses must include theory and laboratory. *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, lab courses may be affected; those exceptions will be evaluated on an individual basis.*
- Students are encouraged to choose courses of greater academic complexity, in order to acquire greater maturity and intellectual depth. These courses may be in progress at the time of application. The recommended courses are as follows:
 - *Biochemistry*
 - *Cell or Molecular Biology*
 - *Histology*
 - *Physiology*
 - *Anatomy*
 - *Microbiology*
 - *Genetics*
 - *Psychology*
 - *Ethics.*
- Courses can be in English or Spanish. However; All students must be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking both Spanish and English.

Admission Process:

- The deadline to apply for admission and file **all** documents is **November 1** of the year prior to the academic year of admission.
- You must complete the application for admission to the Medical Sciences Campus by accessing the Admissions Portal through the link: <https://solicitud.upr.edu/>. It is available from **September 1st** and the deadline to complete and pay it is **November 1st**. You will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$30.00 that can be made electronically through the application. If you have problems, you should contact the Central Admissions Office of the Medical Sciences Campus.
- You must also file an application with the *ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service*. This must have been received by ADEA AADSAS **no later than November 1st**.

The application to dental school ADEA AADSAS:

<https://www.adea.org/godental/Apply/apply-to-adea-aadsas>

<https://aadsas.cas.myliaison.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

ADEA AADSAS Customer Service Representatives:

Phone: (617) 612-2045

<https://www.adea.org/godental/discover-dentistry/contact-us>

Correo electrónico: support@adeaaadsas.myliaison.com

- It is a requirement that you take the **Dental Admission Test (DAT)**. You must request such an exam directly on the ADA website - **American Dental Association:**

Dental Admission Test (DAT)

<https://www.ada.org/education/testing/exams/dental-admission-test-dat>

- In addition, **you must submit to the Central Admissions Office of the Medical Sciences Campus, on or before the application deadline**, the following:
 - Official transcript from each university institution in which you have studied both at ADEA AADSAS and at the Central Admissions Office of the UPR RCM.

Mailing address for **sending official transcripts:**

*Central Admissions Office
UPR - Medical Sciences Campus
Dental Medicine Program
PO Box 365067
San Juan, PR 00936-5067*

If your institution is able to officially send transcripts electronically, you can do so to:
documentosadmisiones.rcm@upr.edu

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS:

Applicants for admission to the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine are evaluated based on four criteria articulated in a formula: academic performance, DAT scores, personal characteristics, and approved science courses.

Academic Performance:

- Academic performance is determined by:
 - Academic average, it being understood that a minimum final grade of C (on a scale in which A=4.00) is mandatory in all required courses.
 - Grade point averages of 3.00 are recommended to be competitive.
 - The number of repetitions, drops, poor grades and failures as evidenced by the official credit transcription.

Dental Admission Test:

- The applicant must have taken the *DAT* **on or before the deadline of November 1**. In the event that it is necessary to retake the exam, you should note that a 60-day period is required between each attempt and that exams taken after the deadline will not be considered for the current application process.
- The parts of the test taken into consideration for evaluation are: *Total Science (SNS)*, *Reading Comprehension (RCT)* and *Perceptual Ability (PAT)*. You must ensure that you get minimum scores of **16 on the old DAT** or **360 SNS/320 RCT/340 PAT on the new DAT**. Applicants with scores in such parts of the DAT below those mentioned will not be considered or evaluated. It is worth mentioning that obtaining a score of **18 or more in the old DAT or 400 SNS / 360 RCT / 390 PAT in the new DAT is considered a competitive application**.
- The results of the *DAT* are valid for three (3) years.

Residence:

The School of Dental Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico was established as part of a commitment to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to improve and ensure the health of its citizens. The University of Puerto Rico recognizes its responsibility to prepare individuals who meet and meet the dental health needs of the Island. For this reason, preference will be given to residents of Puerto Rico. In addition, the quota for non-resident candidates is limited. Only fully bilingual candidates are considered.

Personal Characteristics:

- This criterion is evaluated through:
 - **A personal interview** - After an initial screening based on the three factors mentioned above, the Admissions Committee determines which students are scheduled for a personal interview.
 - **Portfolio** - It is a summary of the candidate's educational background and life experiences. It must be submitted electronically once the school requests it. Refer to the last page of this booklet.

ACCEPTANCE:

The Central Admissions Office of the Medical Sciences Campus will send an official electronic notification indicating the acceptance or rejection of the applicant. If accepted, you must confirm your admission and reserve your space online by making a **non-refundable payment of \$100.00**. For this, you have a period of **10 working days**; otherwise your seat will be assigned to the corresponding alternate in shift. In case of conditional admission, the student

must meet the requirements mentioned in their admission letter within the stipulated period of time for it.

All students admitted to the School of Dental Medicine are required to participate in orientations when they are scheduled. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of admission. **No** information is provided on positions or results obtained in interviews or portfolios. Doubts as to the decision made may be discussed within **14 calendar days of the date of the denial letter**.

RE-APPLY TO DENTAL MEDICAL SCHOOL:

An applicant who is not admitted and decides to apply again for a next admissions cycle has to submit the following documents:

- New ADEA -AADSAS *application* and RCM Admission Application
- Updated credit transcript
- Any other documents required by the Central Admissions Office

The applicant may submit any documents or information that may affect the decision of the Admissions Committee.

READMISSION:

A regular student, who for any reason withdraws or is withdrawn from the Program, **may be considered for readmission after a one-year waiting period. This is as long as he has not received a recommendation of non-admission from the Academic Progress and Performance Committee of the School of Dental Medicine or the institution.** This student has to compete again with that year's applicants for admission.

The RCM is a current Postsecondary Institutions Board Renewal License and is accredited by the MSCHE (Middle States Commission on Higher Education). In addition, it does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, nationality, age, origin or social or economic condition, physical or mental disability, or political affiliation.

APPLICANT SUPPORT STAFF:

- **Assistant Dean of Student Affairs**
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- **Admissions Officer**

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- **Administrative Staff**

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**ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE DOCTORATE IN DENTAL MEDICINE
2025-2026**

Important Note: *These are estimated costs and may vary at any time. Final costs can only be provided at the time of enrollment.*

	DENTAL I (10 months)	DENTAL II (11 months)	DENTAL III (11 months)	DENTAL IV (10 months)
CREDITS	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
MANT FEE.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
LAB.	600.00	600.00	100.00	100.00
TEC FEE.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
SCHOOL FEE	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
VIRTUAL BOOKS	2,011.00	1,104.00	1,094.00	1,121.00
UTILIZATION FEE	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,655.00	1,655.00
KAPLAN			458.00	
RCM PAYMENT COMMITMENT	\$29,111.00	\$28,204.00	\$28,807.00	\$28,376.00
STUDENT KIT	6,837.00	2,132.00		
PREP-CHECK APP			200.00	
MAGNIFIERS	1,500.00			
PREP-CHECK APP			200.00	200.00
INBDE			845.00	
ADDITIONAL BOARD PREPARATION			400.00	
PARKING	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
INTERVIEWS/TRIPS			1,500.00	1,500.00
LAPTOP	2,000.00			
ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS	\$13,917.00	\$15,308.70	\$15,308.70	\$13,917.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,016.00	\$1,117.60	\$1,117.60	\$1,016.00
MISCELANEOS	3,196.00	\$3,515.60	\$3,515.60	\$3,196.00
TOTAL	\$59,577.00	\$52,277.90	\$53,893.90	\$50,205.00
NO SUB	\$42,722.00	\$44,944.00	\$44,944.00	\$42,722.00
MORE	\$16,855.00	\$7,333.90	\$8,949.90	\$7,483.00

- Tuition for non-residents varies according to the applicant's geographical residence and the same amount will be applied to the four years of study.

Financial Assistance Officer: Lymari Vélez (lymari.velez@upr.edu)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PORTFOLIO OF THE CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

All candidates for admission to the School of Dental Medicine will be asked to submit a portfolio with documents evidencing their participation in extracurricular activities that they deem significant in their academic, professional, and personal development and growth. Below is information that can guide you on what can be included in the portfolio. There may be other activities that are not listed here. It should include any extracurricular information or activity that you think the Admissions Committee should be aware of.

- **Examples of evidence that could be provided according to each topic:**

- **Participation in Research:** You may include as evidence any publication that includes your name, *table clinics*, evidence of your attendance at research conventions in or outside of Puerto Rico, letter of entity accepting your *abstract* for presentation, poster presentation, letter of recommendation from your mentor in research, thesis or dissertations.
- **Participation in Community Service Activities:** These can be certificates of participation, letter of invitation to the activity or thanks, photographs, newspaper reviews, among others.
- **Participation in Sports Activities:** This may include a letter of recommendation, photographs of events or awards (this includes medals or trophies), newspaper reviews of the event, or any other document that may prove it.
- **Member of Student or Civic Associations:** Association card, photograph of activities, letters or certificates, etc.
- **Work:** Letter of recommendation from your immediate supervisor. If you obtained any distinction during the time worked, you can also include it (employee of the month, etc.).
- **Dental Office Work:** Letter of recommendation from the dentist and number of hours worked.

The portfolio should include a *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) at the beginning. The CV can help you organize the portfolio. Documents in the portfolio should follow a sequence within their category from the most recent to the oldest starting with their years of university studies.

If you have any questions after reading this, you may contact the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs by email at: estudiantesdental.rcm@upr.edu or by calling (787) 758-2525, exts. 1113/1219.