



PHSU
PONCE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

PATHWAY GUIDE TO YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER

Where healthcare dreams become reality



YOUR PATHWAY TO PHSU

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PONCE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY (PHSU) provides the highest quality health sciences education available. This goal, in addition to the university's research and health services programs, continues a 45+ year tradition of uplifting our profession and contributing to our community. These contributions are led by our affiliated organizations, the Ponce Research Institute (PRI) and the PHSU Wellness Center, with a mix of scientists, health professionals, research staff and students. At the Wellness Center, they practice the healthcare skills necessary to support our community through medical and mental health clinical rotations. The PRI creates opportunities for students to discover and analyze pressing health challenges affecting underserved communities, in areas such as cancer, neuroscience, infectious diseases, women's health, community-based research, and e-health initiatives and services.

Our commitment to educational excellence is an underlying value that leads the university to seek and recruit not only outstanding faculty but also outstanding students. Combining expanded academic and professional educational offerings in a cooperative and intimate learning environment, PHSU continues to graduate highly competent healthcare professionals dedicated to their community and to expanding future needs of their profession.



ESTABLISHED IN 1977

PHSU continues excelling in the preparation of healthcare professionals in the disciplines of Medicine, Clinical Psychology, Biomedical Sciences, Neurosciences, Public Health, Nursing and Dentistry.

Our locations in Ponce and San Juan, PR, and St. Louis, MO provide a world-class, culturally competent, health sciences education to the population we serve, through innovative adaptive learning environments focused on the success of its students to become ethical practitioners and scientists.

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MISSION

The mission of Ponce Health Sciences University is to provide a world-class, culturally competent, health sciences education to the population we serve, through innovative adaptive learning environments focused on the success of its students to become ethical practitioners and scientists.

VISION

PHSU's vision is to build upon its reputation as a prestigious leading academic and research institution by continuing to educate underrepresented diverse populations while focusing research efforts on solving health disparities.

WHY PHSU?

- Healthcare specialized institution
- Technology-driven curriculum
- Dynamically adaptive learning
- Real-time student assessments
- Culturally diverse
- Bilingual education (Spanish and English)
- More than 40 clinical sites
- Opportunity to develop research skills
- Clinic Rotations in our Wellness Center

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ACADEMIC

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

- Doctor in Medicine (MD)¹
- Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences (PhD)
- Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS)²

SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL AND BRAIN SCIENCES

- Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology²
- Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (PhD)
- Master of Science in School Psychology (MSSP)³
with Specialty in Neuropsychology
- Postgraduate Certificate of Neurosciences of Learning
- Professional Certificate in Family and Couples Therapy

Available at:

¹ Ponce, PR and St. Louis, MO

² Ponce and San Juan, PR and St. Louis, MO

³ Ponce and San Juan, PR

ACCREDITATIONS

PHSU is licensed by the Board of Post-secondary Institutions in Puerto Rico and accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The next accreditation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027. The PHSU-Saint Louis Branch Campus is authorized by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (MDHE).

Programs may vary by campus or location.

Ponce Health Sciences University is approved by the Puerto Rico State Approving Agency to provide academic training to the students under the various GI Bill® programs. GI Bill® is a required trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

The Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU), as an educational institution and as an employer, values equality of opportunity, human dignity, and racial/ethnic and cultural diversity. Accordingly, the University prohibits and will not engage in discrimination or harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, disability, or status of the veteran. Further, the University will continue to take affirmative steps to support and advance its values consistent with the PHSU mission. This policy applies to admission, students, employment, and access to and treatment in PHSU programs and activities. This is a commitment made by the PHSU and is in accordance with federal, state and/or local laws and regulations.

For more information related to consumer information, tuitions and fees, school policies, programmatic accreditations among others, visit:



St. Louis, Missouri, presents a dynamic blend of culture, innovation, and history in the heart of the Midwest. Renowned for its iconic Gateway Arch, the city boasts a rich tapestry of museums, including the expansive Forest Park, home to the Saint Louis Art Museum and the St. Louis Zoo. Its vibrant neighborhoods offer diverse culinary experiences and a thriving arts scene. With a legacy of pioneering medical research and educational institutions, St. Louis provides a compelling backdrop for students at Ponce Health Sciences University, combining academic excellence with the charm of a city that embraces both tradition and progress.

ABOUT ST. LOUIS

OFFER

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

- Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)
with Specialty in Epidemiology
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
Tracks: General, Environmental Health or Epidemiology
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
with Specialty in International Health - **Online**

SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

- Doctor in Dental Medicine (DMD)



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Shaping the future
by healing lives.

ABOUT SAN JUAN

San Juan, Puerto Rico, stands as a vibrant tapestry of history, culture, and contemporary allure. As the spirited capital, it boasts the enchanting Old San Juan with its cobblestone streets, colorful facades, and iconic forts like El Morro. The city's dynamic energy pulsates through its bustling markets, diverse culinary scene, and lively nightlife. Nestled against stunning coastlines, San Juan's fusion of historic charm and modern vibrancy offers students at Ponce Health Sciences University an enticing backdrop for their academic journey, blending the richness of Puerto Rico's past with the excitement of its present.

ABOUT PONCE



Ponce, Puerto Rico, captivates with its vibrant culture, rich history, and picturesque landscapes. Nestled on the island's southern coast, this city boasts architectural treasures like the iconic Parque de Bombas and the elegant Castillo Serralles. Its diverse culinary scene, from savory Criollo dishes to delightful street food, reflects the city's blend of influences. With a backdrop of stunning beaches and lush mountains, Ponce offers an inviting blend of tradition and modernity, making it an enchanting destination for students at Ponce Health Sciences University.

DOCTOR IN MEDICINE

Our 4-year medical education program is designed to cultivate bilingual, ethical healthcare professionals who deliver compassionate, culturally competent care. The curriculum starts with two years of comprehensive preclinical training in core basic sciences, integrating clinical content and early experiences through innovative active learning methods, including a flipped classroom model and interactive response systems. In the third year, students embark on core clinical clerkships in various specialties, complemented by Professional Development courses. The fourth-year offers additional clinical experiences through electives and subspecialty rotations, preparing students for advanced training. With campuses in Ponce, PR, St. Louis, MO, and regional clinical sites in Puerto Rico, our program provides a diverse and robust medical education experience.



- LCME Accredited
- 96% Match Rate (March 2024)
- Technology-driven curriculum
- Innovative flipped classroom approach
- Dynamically adaptive learning
- Real-time student assessments
- Culturally diverse
- Bilingual education (Spanish & English)
- 40+ clinical sites in the US and PR

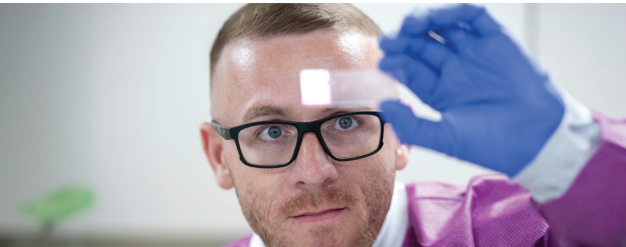
OUR MD PROGRAM

Available at: Ponce, PR and St. Louis, MO

The Medicine Doctoral (MD) Program is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Translational research experience
- Opportunity to work on solving health disparities
- Research fellowships and awards
- G-Rise Program



The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biomedical Sciences is a comprehensive, interdepartmental program offering a two-year core curriculum followed by advanced courses and dissertation research. It aims to develop independent, competitive professionals with strong interpersonal skills, dedicated to addressing and healing health disparities through biomedical research. The degree is awarded upon completion of core courses in biomedical sciences and an original research project that advances scientific knowledge and contributes to reducing health disparities.

G-RISE PROGRAM

The Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement (G-RISE) is a student development program granted by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Its goal is to develop a diverse pool of students earning a PhD and provide them with the necessary skills to successfully transition into careers in the biomedical research workforce. The RISE program at Ponce Health Sciences University was funded by R25GM082406 from 2008 until 2022, when it converted to G-RISE (supported by T32GM144896). It provides the organizational structure and extensive mentoring necessary to ensure trainees have a sense of belonging and scientific identity while empowering them to prepare for and overcome obstacles in their scientific careers.

The G-RISE Program at Ponce Health Science University has specific measurable objectives that aim to provide trainees with:

- Professional, operational, and technical research skills training
- Communication skills training
- Team building/networking opportunities



FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA)'s main objective is to help the students reach their educational career goals by providing information and technical assistance on various sources of student financial assistance programs.

Technical assistance is provided in the completion and processing of all relevant financial aid applications for the federal and/or local government, as well as any private funding sources.

The staff of the OSFA, works as a team, to offer the following basic technical services to the students: information about the diverse federal financial aid programs; information about the scholarship/grants available at PHSU; technical assistance in the completion of all forms/applications; application and verification process of Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and loans applications; electronic application for original FAFSA and FAFSA RENEWAL; electronic loan application system of students' loans; entrance counseling for new borrowers; exit counseling for students graduating and/or withdrawing; debt Management and Financial Counseling.

OFFICE HOURS

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HOW TO FILL YOUR FAFSA**



ADMISSIONS TO PHSU

Applicants to Ponce Health Sciences University are selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, fitness and aptitude for the study and other personal qualifications. The Admissions Committees also gives consideration to the use of language, special aptitudes, mechanical skills, stamina, perseverance and motivation. Students are admitted on the basis of individual qualifications, regardless of handicap, sex, race, religion, age, national origin, marital status, neither sexual nor political orientation.

Requirements, credits, duration, attendance costs, and outcomes vary by program. Learn more about the admissions calendar, policies, and application fees visiting psm.edu

OFFICE HOURS

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APPLY NOW



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL SCIENCES

One-year program

Provides a strong foundation to succeed in many health sciences careers

The Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS) at PHSU offers a comprehensive one-year curriculum followed by a comprehensive test, leading to a Master's degree. This multidisciplinary program aims to develop well-trained professionals with strong interpersonal and research skills. It is intended for graduates who wish to bolster their science credentials for health professions or improve their chances of admission to PHSU's MD or DMD Program. The program is designed to enhance students' qualifications for competitive research and academic careers in the medical sciences.

For more information about the PHSU School of Medicine visit:

Available at: Ponce and San Juan, PR and St. Louis, MO



SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL

Developing minds,
transforming lives.

COUNSELING CENTER

The purpose of the Counseling Center at Ponce Health Sciences University is to assist students in their university path so that they achieve their personal, academic and professional goals. The Counseling Center staff consists of licensed and trained mental health professionals with backgrounds in counseling and psychology. Each counselor has a different counseling style and varies in his/her technique. However, it is a collaborative and professional relationship that will focus on your concerns.

The services include:

- Academic Counseling Individual/Group
- Personal Counseling Individual/Group
- Career Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Personal Growth Workshops
- Health and Wellness Activities
- Reasonable Accommodation Application
- Tutoring Services Coordination
- Referral to Psychological and Psychiatric Services

LANGUAGE SUPPORT PROGRAM LSP



The Language Support Program is a service for every academic program in PHSU. The program seeks to empower students to overcome language and cultural barriers through a coaching and mentoring approach. The program focuses on individual needs and adapts to students' pace, goals and progress. The secondary languages assessed are American English and Spanish.

Live, Learn, Thrive



& BRAIN SCIENCES



DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Doctoral Degree in Clinical Psychology (PsyD) is grounded in the Biopsychosocial model and focuses on training Health Services Psychologists. The program follows the Practitioner/Scholar model and uses a competency-based curriculum aligned with APA accreditation standards. Students advance through a lock-step curriculum, developing clinical competencies in a sequential manner. They progress from entry-level to advanced competencies, culminating in a one-year full-time clinical internship.

Available at: Ponce and San Juan, PR and St. Louis, MO

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

PHSU's Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology program trains clinicians to approach their work scientifically and generate new knowledge through scientific methods. Following the Scientist-Practitioner model established by the Boulder Conference and updated by subsequent national conferences, the program emphasizes both research and clinical competencies. This model fosters the development of skills in evidence-based practice, guiding clinicians to integrate scientific epistemology into their professional work. Graduates are equipped to apply scientific principles to both their research and clinical practice.

The Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology program is available in Ponce Campus.

The Ph.D. & PsyD Clinical Psychology Programs are accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) in Ponce Campus and San Juan University Center.



DOCTOR IN DENTAL MEDICINE

Elevate your dental career with PHSU's Doctorate in Dental Medicine (DMD). This program blends advanced science, clinical practice, and patient care, ensuring graduates are fully prepared to excel in the dynamic field of dentistry. With a commitment to innovation and hands-on learning, PHSU's DMD program emphasizes comprehensive patient care, ethical practice, and community service, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to lead in both clinical and academic settings. Join PHSU and take the next step toward a fulfilling and impactful dental career.

Our 4-year program has a comprehensive competency-based curriculum which integrates the latest dental technologies and innovative treatment approaches, ensuring you graduate as a confident, skilled practitioner.

For more information about the PHSU School of Dental Medicine visit:



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE



Smile with purpose. Committed to the highest quality dental education.

The program in dental education received initial accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

with Specialty in Neuropsychology

The Master of Science in School Psychology (MSSP) at Ponce Health Sciences University provides foundational training in school psychology based on the NASP Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services. The program includes a Neuropsychology concentration, preparing students for licensing in Puerto Rico and most U.S. states. Graduates can also pursue doctoral studies in School Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology, or Clinical Neuropsychology. Students acquire core competencies in areas such as biological, social, cognitive, and emotional bases of behavior, research, and ethics.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF NEUROSCIENCES OF LEARNING

This certificate program equips teachers and professors with neuroscience and neuropsychology principles to enhance their work with students, including those with learning disabilities and neurodevelopmental disorders like Autism Spectrum Disorder and ADHD. It also serves psychologists and school personnel seeking advanced knowledge in applying learning neuroscience to clinical practice. Psychologists with a strong background in biological bases of behavior can directly enroll in an advanced Pediatric Neuropsychological Assessment course to gain specialized assessment skills. The program aims to improve educational and clinical outcomes through a deeper understanding of neuroscience principles.



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN FAMILY AND COUPLES THERAPY

This certificate program provides training in family and couples therapy. It is designed to enhance the assessment, intervention and consultation skills of professionals from the behavioral sciences, medicine and other health sciences holding at least a master's degree and professional license. Graduate students in a psychology doctoral program are allowed to register in the program.

For more information about the PHSU School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences visit:



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING



Experience the future of nursing with Ponce Health Sciences University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. Designed with your success in mind, our program offers flexible direct entry or transfer student options, allowing you to tailor your education to your unique path in a state-of-art building with advance technological equipment in our Nursing Lab. With just 121 credit hours*, you can earn your degree in three (3) years.

Our curriculum is aligned, not just prepared to enter the field but to lead it. From evidence-based practice to leadership, information management, and interprofessional collaboration, you will master the essential skills to thrive in today's healthcare landscape.

At PHSU, we're committed to shaping compassionate, culturally competent nursing professionals ready to make a difference in diverse clinical settings.

For more information about the PHSU School of Nursing visit:



* The courses are offered in Spanish.

The Bachelor Degree Program in Nursing at Ponce Health Sciences University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. (CCNE)

SCHOOL OF NURSING



Professionals created at the
forefront of health

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM



Empowering health leaders
for tomorrow.

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

with Specialty in Epidemiology

- 100% of our DrPH alumni are employed.
- 63 credits curriculum
- Comprehensive test at the end of the 2nd year
- Practicum experience and original research

The purpose of the Doctor of Public Health in Epidemiology (DrPH) is to educate professionals with knowledge, skills and abilities in the development of epidemiological methodology applied to health needs including the identification of risk factors, clinical research, programs assessment, prevention, protection and treatment of diseases. These professionals will contribute to the enhancement of public health through analyses and reformulation of laws that impact health on the local, state and federal levels.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

How to protect and improve health in communities

The MPH Program at PHSU addresses societal needs by offering a multidisciplinary curriculum in education, research, and community service to develop public health professionals skilled in protecting health and preventing disease. The program prepares students to tackle healthcare challenges such as improving access to care and reducing environmental hazards. Candidates from diverse backgrounds, including teachers, reporters, researchers, and health professionals, are considered for the program. The 55-credit curriculum includes foundational coursework and three tracks—Epidemiology, Environmental Health, and General—with a shared first-year curriculum.

Tracks: General, Environmental Health or Epidemiology

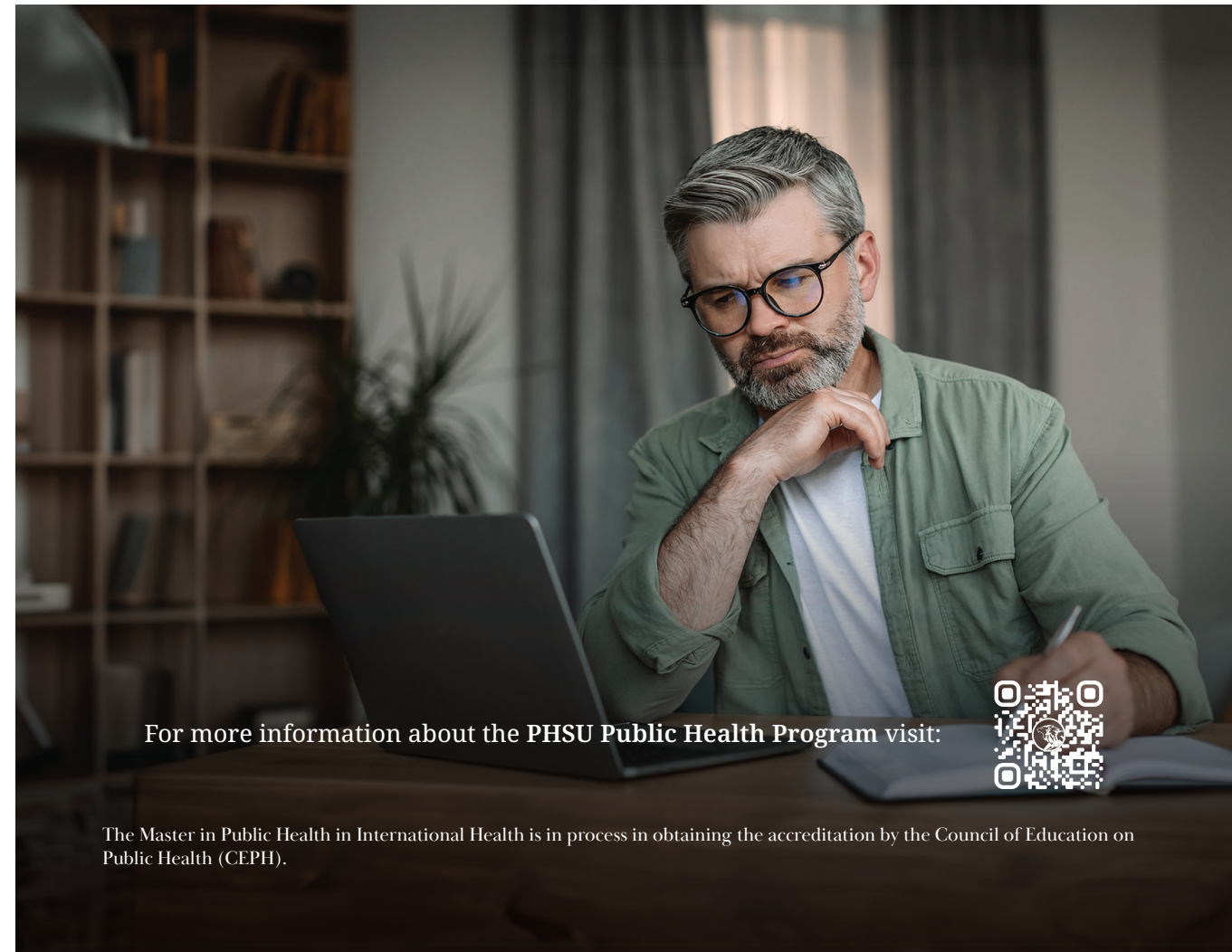
The Public Health Program (MPH and DrPH) are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

with Specialty in International Health

Online

The Master of Public Health with a specialty in International Health from Ponce Health Sciences University is a unique program in Puerto Rico, designed to train health professionals with the ability to make decisions based on international regulations and standards in times of health crisis. It is focused on international health interaction, which requires understanding of the actions between two or more countries. This program has a total of 55 credits and is taught virtually. Furthermore, its structure allows it to be completed in a period of two years.



For more information about the PHSU Public Health Program visit:



The Master in Public Health in International Health is in process in obtaining the accreditation by the Council on Education on Public Health (CEPH).