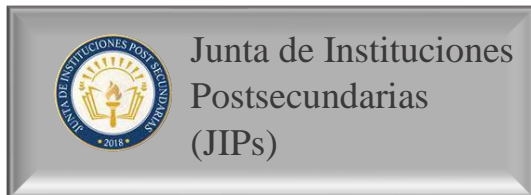


## License & Accreditations

### State Authorization License

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The Board of Postsecondary Institutions (JIPS for its acronym in Spanish) under the Office of Registration and Licensing of Educational Institutions (ORLIE for its acronym in Spanish) of the Department of State, is the body in charge of administering public policy regarding the licensing criteria of postsecondary education in Puerto Rico, within the regulatory framework established by the Reorganization Plan No. 6-2018 and Law 212-2018 (Law on Registration and Licensing of Educational Institutions). The JIPs has the power to issue licenses to all post-secondary educational institutions in Puerto Rico.

On May 23, 2021, the new JIPS Regulations (#9272) was approved by Certification Number 2021-053 and repeals Regulation No. 8265 and No. 8562.

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#### Data from PCUPR

Holds a license since 1949.

Renewal license (valid) for the three (3) Campus: Ponce,  
Arecibo & Mayagüez

#### CERTIFICATION NUMBER 2019-135

Valid: From August 27, 2019  
To **August 26, 2024**

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## Institutional Accreditation



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### Data from PCUPR

Initial Accreditation:	1/1/1953
Last Reaffirmation:	1/1/2014
Self-Study Prep-visits (virtual)	3/17/2022 & 4/27/2022
Next Self-Study Evaluation:	2023-2024

## Academic Program Accreditations



American Bar Association  
Section of Legal Education and  
Admissions to the Bar  
321 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60654-7598  
[www.abanet.org](http://www.abanet.org)

### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the program of:

**Juris Doctor**

**Law School**

Ponce Campus

Accreditation since:	1972
Last evaluation visit:	May 2021



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[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

#### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the program of:

**Bachelor of Nursing**

**Master of Nursing**

**College of Sciences**

Ponce Campus

Valid for eight (8) years

Evaluation visit: 19-21/oct./2021



Council for the  
Accreditation of  
Educator Preparation

(Before: Teacher Education Accreditation Council TEAC)

1140 19<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 223-0077  
[www.caepnet.org](http://www.caepnet.org)

#### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for all teacher preparation programs at:

**College of Education**

Ponce • Arecibo • Mayagüez Campus

Valid for seven (7) years

Since: May 2014

Valid: 2021-2028



Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program (CACREP)) after merging on 2017 with the Council on Rehabilitation Education.  
<https://www.cacrep.org>

1699 E. Woodfield Road  
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Schaumburg, IL 60173  
(847) 944-1345

#### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the graduated program of:

**Social Sciences with specialty in Clinical  
Rehabilitation Counseling**

**College of Behavioral Sciences and Community Affairs**

Ponce Campus

Since: 2008-2019\*

Next evaluation visit: Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, 2021

Validation extension up to: October 31, 2022

*This accreditation allows our students to apply for the  
Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification  
(CRCC).*



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#### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation applies for the programs of:

**Bachelor in Art with major in Social Work**

**College of Behavioral Sciences and Community Affairs**

Ponce Campus (Accredited since 1974 - June 2024)

Mayagüez Campus (Accredited since 2017 – June 2024)

**Master in Social Work with specialty in  
Clinical Area**

**College of Behavioral Sciences and Community Affairs**

Ponce Campus (Accredited since 2008- June 2024)

**Graduated School of Arecibo**

Arecibo Campus (Accredited since 2016- June 2024)

#### Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the program of:

**Bachelor of Architecture**

**School of Architecture**

Ponce

Valid for eight (8) years

Initial accreditation: Jan. 2015

Valid: Jan. 2018 - 2026



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for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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[www.naacls.org](http://www.naacls.org)

## Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the program of:

### Medical Technology

**College of Sciences**

**Department of Medical Technology**

Ponce Campus

Valid for ten (10) years

Next Interim Report 1/oct/2024

Self-Study Report 1/oct/2029

Valid until 31/oct/2030

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the bar examinations offered by the Board of Examiners of Medical Technologists of Puerto Rico, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists "American Society for Clinical Pathology" (ASCP) / BOC "Board of Certification"; which certify them to practice the profession in Puerto Rico and in the United States

## Accreditations in process



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In 2018 the College of Business Administration received its Candidacy Certification.

They are currently in the evaluation process for accreditation.

For more details you can contact:

Dr. Lilliam Velázquez-Zamora, director

Graduate School

College of Business Administration



For the Coordinated Program Bachelor Degree for Science on Nutrition and Dietetic. The College of Education received its Candidacy Certification (Oct. 2021-2025).

For more details you can contact:

Dr. Miriam Deida Colón, director

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Kelly Velásquez  
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For the Combined program in Bachelor of Science in  
Speech-language Therapy and Master in Science in  
Speech-language Pathology.

Candidacy site visit (virtual): Oct. 28-29, 2021

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