

License & Accreditations

State Authorization License

The PCUPR Accreditation Office is the entity (liaison) of the University, responsible for updating and channeling, through the existing platforms, all the documentation required by the licensing and accrediting agencies, keeping the communication channels open between the agencies and the institution.



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**

The Accreditation Office keeps an up-to-date general record of all programs authorized under the JIPS license. For more information you can contact us through the emails at the end of this document.

Institutional Accreditation



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Every educational institution has the responsibility of maintaining quality control of teaching-learning. It is through continuous reassessment that quality control is maintained. The duration of the accreditation license granted by the MSCHE to educational institutions, according to the new established accreditation cycle (2017), lasts eight (8) years. However, annually it has to file reports of the academic achievement of the students and the financial health indicators of the institution (Annual Institutional Update (AIUs). After four (4) years, MSCHE analyzes how the performance has been through the data collection (Midpoint Peer Review, Self-Study Evaluation).

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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

Data from PCUPR

This accreditation is for the program of:

Juris Doctor

Law School

Ponce Campus

Accreditation since:	1972
Last evaluation visit:	May 2021



3390 Peachtree Road NE – Suite 1400
 Atlanta, GA 30326
 (404) 975-5000
<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

Continued Accreditation for seven (7) years
 Valid: 2022-2029



Council for the
 Accreditation of
 Educator Preparation

(Before: Teacher Education Accreditation Council TEAC)

1140 19th St. N.W. Suite 400
 Washington, DC 20036
 (202) 223-0077
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
 Suite 300
 Schaumburg, IL 60173
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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).



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

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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



National Accrediting Agency
for Clinical Laboratory Sciences

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Rosemont, IL 60018-5119
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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

Candidacy



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For the Combined program in Bachelor of Science in Speech-language Therapy and Master in Science in Speech-language Pathology. CAA award candidacy for a period of five years.

Candidacy Award Period: Feb. 1, 2022 - Jan. 31, 2027

First Annual Report due: Feb. 1, 2023

The achievement of this candidacy allows students to be admitted to the new program, both to the combined BS/MS program and to the master's program from August 2022.

For more information:

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In 2018 the College of Business Administration received its Candidacy Certification. They are currently in the evaluation process for accreditation.

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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).

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