

# COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

## UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS  
GUIDELINES AND POLICIES  
ON ADMISSION  
leading to the Degree of  
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE  
(PAASCU LEVEL IV Accredited)  
Academic Year 2019-2020

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VISION AND MISSION  
OF THE  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE  
University of the Philippines Manila

VISION

A community of scholars

highly competent in the field of medicine with a heightened social consciousness;  
imbued with moral, ethical and spiritual vigor;  
dedicated to a life of learning;  
committed to the development of Philippine society;  
inspired by love, compassion and respect for the dignity of human life,  
and anchored on the principles of Truth, Freedom, Justice, Love of country and the Democratic way of life.

MISSION

Guided by moral, ethical and spiritual values, we commit ourselves to excellence and leadership in community-oriented medical education, research and service, using the primary health care approach, intended especially for the underserved.

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### FEES\*

All fees are payable in full upon registration.

## MD-PhD Program

The MD-PhD (Molecular Medicine) Program of the UPCM aims to train aspiring physician-scientists for careers dedicated to the pursuit of basic and applied biomedical research towards the advancement of health from individual to global levels. The prescribed program of study comprises eight years. The first year is devoted to graduate-level coursework and research. Students go through LU III to LU VII of the OSI program together with the regular MD student cohort while enrolling in elective courses relevant to their graduate training and research. Two years of study are devoted to the completion and defence of the PhD dissertation. Students may opt to sandwich the two years of dissertation work in the regular MD program. Applicants are expected to clearly demonstrate their aptitude and motivation for advanced study in molecular medicine and related areas. Graduates of this program can also practice medicine.

The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) awards full scholarships to support accepted MD-PhD students throughout the prescribed eight years of study, subject to the terms and conditions regarding academic performance and return service as set forth in the DOST scholarship contract.

## THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The College of Public Health has a collaborative and coordinating relationship with the College of Medicine through its Departments of Parasitology & Medical Microbiology. The Departments of Parasitology and Microbiology directly participate in the education of medical students.

## THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Philippine General Hospital (PGH) is the University Hospital with a three-fold function of service, training, and research synergistically complementing and reinforcing one another.

Its mission and vision is to remain as the leading national institution of health care for the Filipino people, with a more dynamic networking system with other government and non-governmental health organizations so that more beneficiaries can avail of its services. It provides leadership in training and developing competent, dedicated, humane and ethical professional workers and endeavors to extend these services to other health workers in the country.

As a service hospital, it fills the health needs of the general population and offers medical and surgical services to people with all types of ailments. The hospital has a capacity of 1,500 patients and is equipped with modern facilities. There are two other buildings—the Central Block and the Out patient Department, the latter servicing an average of 2,000 out-patients daily.

As a teaching hospital, it is the training and clinical research center of the UPCM. Its programs include: undergraduate training for LU III and IV students, ambulatory medicine for LU V students, clinical clerkship for VI students, internship for LU VII, clinical residency and fellowship training.

As a research center, the hospital provides a venue to conduct clinical research for all health workers.

## LIBRARIES

### A. COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Soon to rise is a multi-story building that will have Medical Library (known as Florentino B. Herrera Jr Medical Library). The Library provides quality support to the instructional, research and extension programs of the UPCM. It is the largest among the College Libraries in U.P. Manila and probably the country's most extensive and current repository of information in the medical sciences.

The Medical Library is now temporarily located at 2/F Salcedo Hall, Department of Physiology, College of Medicine with Reserved, Filipiniana collection (books/local journals), Theses and eight(8) computers from EMERALDS '71 room available to use for browsing, typing and registration/access to the subscribed databases.

The F.B. Herrera Jr. Medical Library is a center for study of medical and clinical sciences, and its collections are particularly strong in the subjects of basic and clinical biomedical subjects such as: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Family Medicine, Medicine, Molecular Biology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Otorhinolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Pharmacology, Physiology, Psychiatry, Radiology, Rehabilitation Medicine, Surgery, etc. To date, we continuously develop and maintain a total collection of more than 65,000+ volumes of books, journals, special collections such as archival/memorabilia and audio-visual materials. Subscription to various medical database and other resources in the field of health sciences such as UpToDate, Clinical Key flex etc to name a few are also growing. Electronic resources subscribed by UP Manila are also available for access using the UP Manila network and or remotely available through the use of Virtual Private Network (VPN) or login details provided by the College Library where it was subscribed. You can have access to collection of books (including latest acquisitions), serials, documents and electronic resources by clicking these hyperlinks: *UP Manila Libraries Online Catalog/ Electronic Resources*.

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### COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The library, located on the first floor of the College of Public Health Building is geared towards the curricular and research needs of the College of Public Health. Its collection includes films, filmstrips, slides, microfilm CD-ROM, videotapes and special collections (local or Filipiniana materials), and pamphlets.

## PGH DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARIES

Each basic science and clinical department has its own library which students can use.

## ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

The Committee on Admissions, a 9 member committee elected by the College Council of UPCM, is mandated to implement the admission policy. Headed by a Chairperson, the Committee recommends and selects who among the applicants are qualified students. Selection is based on intellectual and personal preparedness of the applicant.

Applicants may apply either as Direct or Lateral entrants to the Doctor of Medicine Program of the UP College of Medicine. Applicants may also apply to the MD-PhD Program.

### General Admission Policies

Only applicants of good moral character shall be admitted.

Only applicants who have never been convicted of a crime shall be admitted.

Only applicants with good academic records shall be considered for admission.

Only applicants with the personality and attitudes considered suitable for a career in medicine shall be accepted.

5. Filipino citizens shall be given priority on admission.

6. The highest ranking applicants based on the admissions criteria shall be further evaluated in an interview by a faculty panel.

An admitted student who fails to enroll may be admitted in any succeeding year only after he/she re-applies and is selected on a competitive basis with the rest of the applicants for that year.

Qualified applicants who are not admitted may re-apply in any succeeding year.

10. Students who have been dropped from the rolls of the U.P. College of Medicine or other medical schools shall be denied admission or readmission.

11. Medical students from other medical schools are NOT eligible for admission to any Learning Unit.

Other relevant University rules on admission which are not contradictory to the preceding rules shall apply.

The Admissions Committee and the UPCM reserve the right to refuse admission to any applicant on the basis of standards and criteria set forth by the Committee as mandated by the proper University officials.

## THE ADMISSION PROCESS

Direct Entrants: (Intarmed Program) Learning Unit (LU) I

High school graduates who have met the requirements for admission to the University of the Philippines System are eligible for admission to LU I. Applications are coursed through the University of the Philippines System General Admission Process. The LU I INTARMED students are selected from the top 50 male and top 50 female college freshmen qualifiers (ranked according to University Predicted Grade (UPG) who indicated in the U.P. College Admission Test (UPCAT) application form their interest in INTARMED.

Only 40 applicants (20 males and 20 females) will be finally admitted into the program following a selection process which includes interviews.

3. ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A RETURN SERVICE AGREEMENT (RSA).

B. Lateral Entrants: Learning Unit (LU) III (Medicine Proper)

The Medicine Proper is a five-year study of basic and clinical sciences, humanities and internship.

Only applicants who will have obtained their Baccalaureate degree (Bachelor in Science or Arts) by the end of school year 2018-2019 or earlier are eligible. Applicants who will obtain their Baccalaureate degree in the Midyear (or Summer term) of 2019 are NOT eligible for admission.

The applicant must have a valid National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) score not lower than 90 percentile taken April 2017 to October 2018. The NMAT is administered by the Center for Educational Measurement which can be contacted at the address below:

24th Flr., Cityland Pasong Tamo Tower,  
2210 Chino Roces Ave., Makati City

Tel. No. 813-3686, 813-3694-95; Email: cem-inc.org.ph/nmat



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- 3.1. FOR ALL REGIONALIZATION PROGRAM (RP) & INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (IP) APPLICANTS: ACCEPTANCE TO SERVE AND ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY (ASAL) AGREEMENT & REPLY SLIP (Refer to Primer on the Regionalization Program )
- 3.2. FOR ALL OTHER APPLICANTS: RETURN SERVICE AGREEMENT (RSA) & REPLY SLIP (Refer to Handbook on Return Service Obligation Policy)

C. Admission to the MD-PhD Program

Prospective applicants are encouraged to explore the possibility of admission into the MD-PhD Program as early as their interest warrants, even prior to filing an application for the MD Program, by contacting the coordinator of the MD-PhD Program Committee through the office of the Associate Dean for Academic Development, UPCM.

The most basic admission requirement for admission to the program is an outstanding scholastic record with a bachelor's or master's degree in a field relevant to health and biomedicine, preferably molecular biology and biotechnology or biochemistry. Applicants initially apply for admission into the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program, explicitly indicating on their application forms their intent to apply for admission into the MD-PhD Program. From among the MD-PhD Program applicants who successfully qualify for admission into the MD Program, the MD-PhD Program Committee selects candidates to be interviewed for further screening on the basis of their submitted application documents.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

This applies to all programs unless otherwise specified:

A complete application includes:

1. A properly accomplished application form of the UPCM Application forms will be made available upon cash payment of an application fee of Php 1,500.00\* which is NON-REFUNDABLE  
Note: The Application Form is valid only for the Academic Year applied for.
2. ORIGINAL/OFFICIAL Transcript of Records for at least the first three and one-half (3-1/2) years of Baccalaureate Program.  
For the Intarmed applicants, the Fourth year high school report card for at least 3 grading periods must be submitted.
3. Four copies of 2x2 pictures signed by the applicant on the front of the picture.

\* subject to change

4. Certified true copy of PSA Birth Certificate. (A photocopy is acceptable provided the original is shown for verification).

Original Certificate of Naturalization for naturalized Filipino citizens. ONLY original Certificates of Naturalization and other documents issued by the Commission on Immigration and Deportation shall be acceptable. Applicants with PENDING naturalization papers and documents are NOT eligible for admission.

6. Latest True Copy of Income Tax Returns (ITR) of both parents. (A photocopy is acceptable provided the original is shown for verification)

For LU III & MD-PhD applicants only: Original plus a photocopy of the NMAT result.

8. For LU III & MD-PhD applicants only: DOST Clearance for students who have availed of DOST scholarships in their baccalaureate degree course.

Applicants who have obtained their Baccalaureate degree during the first semester 2018-2019 or earlier are encouraged to submit their complete application before the deadline to facilitate the processing of their application.

Application Period for Academic Year 2019—2020: October 15, 2018- February 15, 2019

Deadline for filing of all required documentation for a complete application: February 15, 2019

Submit all requirements in a long brown envelope with your printed name surname first) written in pencil only.

## Immunization

An immunization certificate and catch-up immunization will be **required for enrollment**.

The vaccines recommended for still susceptible students are: MMR, dT, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A. Optional vaccines are: Rabies, Typhoid and Meningococcal vaccines.

Screening and immunization can be done by the UP Manila Health Service at minimal cost.

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Address all other inquiries to:

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