

UC is home to one of the largest health professional instructional programs in the nation – including six schools of medicine, with a regional campus and joint degree programs at other UC campuses, that are addressing the state’s physician workforce shortages through educational and training programs. The medical schools are also hubs for research breakthroughs that save lives every day across the state and the nation.

6 SCHOOLS, STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL IMPACT



UC's six medical schools at UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego and UCSF have branch campuses and joint degree programs at UC Berkeley, UC Merced and UCSF Fresno.

UC's six schools of medicine and joint degree programs are highly selective, educating many of the best students in the country. UC medical schools are annually ranked among the nation's leading institutions for primary care training and medical research.

- 3,831 undergraduate medical students, which is 42% of California's total
- 750+ medical students graduate each year
- Approximately 6,000 graduate medical education residents
- 35% of California medical residents train at UC
- 98% [match rate](#) of UC students into residency programs, a key success metric for medical education
- 73% of UC students stayed in California for their residencies, which is more than the state's overall 63% retention rate that is the highest in the nation

A RIGOROUS PATH



UC medical school graduates earning an M.D. typically complete four years of medical school and three or more subsequent years in a residency program. Most go on to provide life-changing care, teach the next generation of physicians or conduct innovative research. In order to earn their medical degree, students must demonstrate mastery in medical knowledge, procedural skills and communication through national standardized benchmarking exams and rigorous structured clinical evaluations.

ADDRESSING PHYSICIAN SHORTAGES

Beyond providing the core medical school curriculum required by the national medical school licensing organization, UC's medical schools offer supplemental education tailored to local community health needs, especially for populations experiencing the greatest physician shortages. These [UC PRIME programs](#) are open to all applicants interested in the programs' mission.

- 900 UC PRIME graduates
- 86% of UC PRIME graduates go on to residency training in California

Additionally, the UCSF Fresno campus, which was founded to combat the severe physician shortage in the San Joaquin Valley, has degree, residency and fellowship programs that train future physicians in the high-need specialties in the region.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Veterans Affairs medical centers [are an important location for residency programs operated by UC's schools of medicine](#), bringing specialized academic medicine to the approximately 1.5 million veterans in California, the largest population in the nation. This includes the training through UCSF Fresno, which was established in 1975 with support from the VA and the state legislature.

Hundreds of UC faculty physicians, medical residents and medical school students provide expert, team-based care at seven VA medical centers across California.

- 64 percent (2,285) of UC medical students train at VA medical centers at some point over the course of their four years of medical school
- 66 percent (4,000) of UC residents and fellows have key clinical training experiences at VA medical centers