

UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium

Fall 2021



The UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium is a partnership of postbaccalaureate premedical programs at the Schools of Medicine at UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, and UC San Francisco. Our mission is to increase the number of physicians practicing in underserved regions of California by assisting capable and dedicated students from disadvantaged backgrounds in gaining admission to medical school.

Student Spotlight

Cecilia Hurtado accepted her spot at the UCSF Postbaccalaureate program in 2019. Part of her decision to pursue a postbaccalaureate program was to, "find more opportunities to strengthen [her] academic record" but she was also seeking community and built in mentorship. "As a first generation student, I didn't have much of that coming from my undergrad." The collaboration and focus on serving underserved communities is really what drew Cecilia to the UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium.

Cecilia is currently a MS1 at the UCB UCSF Joint Medical Program and is in the PRIME US program focused on the urban medically underserved populations.

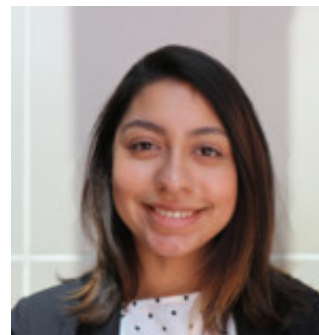
In particular, Cecilia hopes to work with the Spanish speaking and Latinx immigrant population. "I would love to be led by communities in the future work that I do."

That element of community was central in Cecilia's experience in the UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium. Despite the pandemic and throughout the typical tribulations as a pre-med, Cecilia felt, "...really held and supported through all of it."

"I just can't overstate how important it was with the classes, with the interviews, with applying to medical school and doing it alongside a community...as a first generation student, it can already feel isolating and community is everything."

When discussing her colleagues in the program, Cecilia acknowledged that, "Their wins were my wins. And my wins were theirs."

Cecilia offered advice to aspiring doctors who are feeling discouraged now. First off, find things you love outside of medicine to keep you happy and motivated. And, remarking on a quote she recently heard, "Failure is only failure when you are stagnant". Cecilia encouraged current pre-meds to know that they are enough and are not defined by the missteps in their past.



Cecilia Hurtado
UCB & UCSF Joint
Medical Program
PRIME US
Class of 2025

Our Programs



Our Outcomes

The UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium has worked with over 1,400 students since 1991. Across all programs we are proud to share that over 80% of our students have successfully been offered admissions to medical schools across the U.S. within the past decade.

Over 80% matriculation rate to medical school

Postbaccalaureate program graduates from underserved and disadvantaged backgrounds are essential in providing access to care for underserved communities and serve as a source for healthcare workforce diversity.*



What We Do

The UC Postbaccalaureate programs are designed for pre-med students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are passionate about becoming physicians in underserved areas of California.

UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium

- One free centralized application that mirrors the AMCAS application
- Offers academic enhancement postbaccalaureate programs that are 1 year in length
- All programs offer academic enhancement, MCAT preparation, and medical school application support
- Visit our website for eligibility requirements



*McDougle, Leon, et al. "A National Long-term Outcomes Evaluation of U.S. Premedical Postbaccalaureate Programs Designed to Promote Health Care Access and Workforce Diversity." *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, vol. 26 no. 3, 2015, p. 631-647. Project MUSE, doi:10.1353/hpu.2015.0088.

More on Our Incredible Students!

Celebrating our Students!

Amidst this pandemic our students have achieved amazing things- the biggest being their dreams of putting on that white coat. We are so proud and happy to announce that 53 of our UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium students successfully enrolled into medical school in 2021!

We now have UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium alumni walking the halls as MS1's at the following institutions:

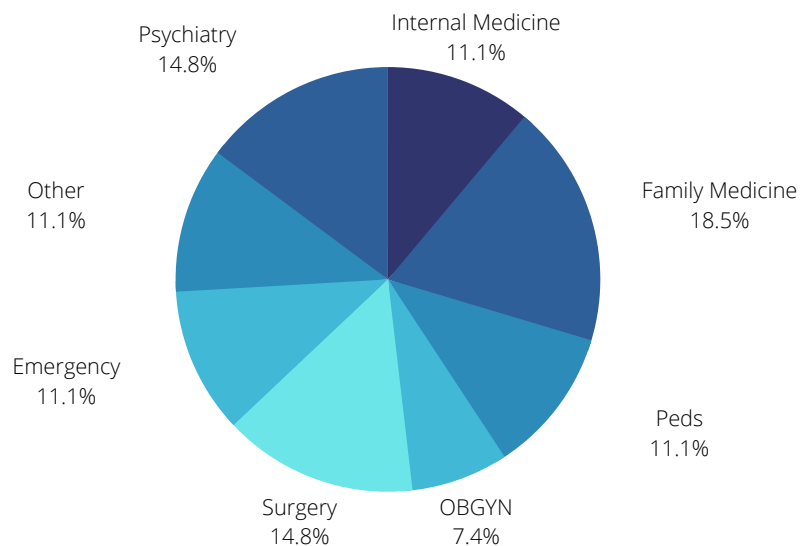
- AT Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Charles Drew School of Medicine
- Georgetown University
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- MSU College of Human Medicine
- UC Davis School of Medicine
- UC Irvine School of Medicine
- UC Riverside School of Medicine
- UC San Diego School of Medicine
- UC San Francisco School of Medicine
- University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine
- University of Southern California School of Medicine
- University of Washington School of Medicine
- University of Wisconsin
- VCOM Louisiana
- Western University College of Podiatric Medicine



Meet Your New Residents!

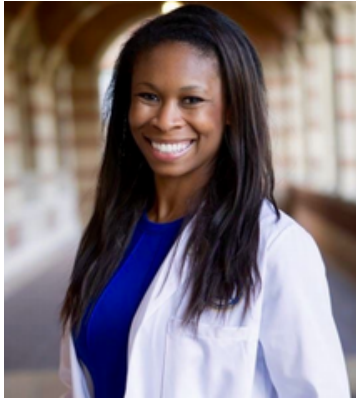
Congratulations to our new medical school graduate alumni of 2021!

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| Alejandra Beristain- Barajas, MD | Kaosoluchi Enendu, MD |
| Carina Mireles-Romo, MD | Laura Hernandez, MD |
| Christleen Casem, MD | Lizette Rodriguez, MD |
| Danielle Gibson, MD | Marlene Torres, MD |
| David Avila, MD | Michelle Didero, MD |
| Diana Lopez, MD | Samuel Olanrewaju, MD |
| Enrique Guzman van Dyken, MD | Sergio Marquez, MD |
| Esteban Aguayo, MD | Sinan Jabori, MD |
| Farsam Fraz, MD | Stay Osua, MD |
| Gabriela Lopez, MD | Timothy Vu, MD |
| Jeremy Ann, MD | Tony Friday, MD |
| Jessica Membreno, MD | Zessee Mekonnen, MD |
| Jessie Guerrero, MD | |
| Julia Devito, MD | |
| Julia Tran, MD | |



Student Voices

Eden Patton (UCLA RAP)

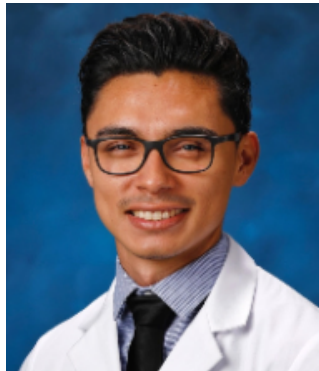


"The RAP Program is a powerful postbacc because of the individualized mentorship that is tailored to your strengths and personal goals. In addition to academic support, participating in the RAP Program is an immersive experience because of the abundant opportunity to be surrounded by innovative minds in healthcare, public health, and healthcare policy. This was instrumental in honing in on my passions, and future goals for medical school and beyond."

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA (PRIME)

Kenneth Robertson-Brown (UCI)

"I am genuinely grateful for my wonderful and supportive cohort, counselors, and mentors I met during my time in the Postbaccalaureate Program at UC Irvine. The program gave me the tools to succeed and become a more confident individual in my study and test-taking skills, which I struggled with as an undergraduate. I was surrounded by a strong and loving community, which played a huge factor in my success and instilled in me the qualities of being both a mentor and a leader. Without the UCI Postbaccalaureate Program, I would not be in the position I am now."



UC Los Angeles School of Medicine (PRIME)

Leonida Radford (UCSF)



"During my time in the postbacc program, I was able to focus solely on my academics and gained the confidence that I needed to apply and attend medical school. Not only did it increase my academic confidence, but it also gave me a community of peers with a shared interest to mitigate health disparities and increase diversity in the medical profession. As I begin my journey in medicine, I am constantly reflecting on the lessons that the post-bac taught me and am certain that they will continue to guide me throughout my career."

University of Washington School of Medicine

Semaj Hornbuckle (UCD)

"My postbacc year was one of the most challenging yet rewarding opportunities I've been blessed to participate in. I was challenged academically and was allowed to for the first time focus solely on the course curriculum. I became more informed on various topics surrounding the field of medicine through our seminars. And throughout a global pandemic, they provided me and my classmates with support to keep us persevering through this difficult time. This program also provided me guidance and mentorship from my cohort and program faculty. Without their assistance, I wouldn't be a medical student who now has the opportunity to pay it forward to the future physicians...and the communities that need their service."



UC Davis School of Medicine

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Moving Forward

Welcoming Our New Cohort

Welcome UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium class of 2022! We are excited to welcome you all to this lifelong community of support and mission focused work!

- 56 students admitted to the UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium in 2021
- 70% of this cohort are first generation
- 98% of our cohort identify as coming from a disadvantaged background



Call for Community Collaboration

We hope to continue to foster collaborative efforts with like-minded programs recruiting URM students, student support programs, and pre-med organizations.

Please connect with us if you would like us to present to your students and pre-med advisors about the UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium! We are happy to attend upcoming workshops, events, or conferences.

Please submit requests by clicking [HERE](#).



Virtual Info Sessions

The UC Postbaccalaureate Consortium Central Office is offering free monthly info sessions for interested future applicants! If you know of any interested pre-meds or those who may want to learn more about postbaccalaureate programs share these interactive events with them!

Find more information on our website hyperlinked below!

Stay in Touch!

