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**ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS**

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS – UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

**GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - UNDERGRADUATE**

Applicants to any campus of Inter American University of Puerto Rico at the undergraduate level must comply with one of the following options:

**Option A:**

1. Submit an official document issued in any tangible medium that serves to certify that the student has completed the graduation requirements of an accredited high school, with a GPA of 2.00 or its equivalent.

In the event that a student requests admission before graduation from high school and has difficulty obtaining the certification that proves that the student has completed the graduation requirements or any other document that must be presented, the student will be admitted on a provisional basis. The student thus admitted will have an academic term to present the required documentation. The chief executive of the corresponding academic unit may extend this period.

2. Submit the results obtained in the Prueba de Admision Universitaria (PAA), the School Aptitude Test (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or any other equivalent.

**Note:** Due to the health emergency caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, students who request to be admitted to some of the terms that begin during the 2021-22 academic year, are exempt from this requirement. For those academic programs with requirements established in this General Catalog, related to the PAA, SAT or any other equivalent, this requirement continues in force.

3. Obtain an index of 785 or its equivalent, according to the procedure established by the Admissions Office.

**Option B:**

1. Submit an official document issued in any tangible medium that serves to certify that the student has completed the graduation requirements of an accredited high school, with a GPA of 3.00 or its equivalent.

This admission option does not require the presentation of the result of the PAA test, the Scholastic Aptitude Test or any other equivalent.

**PROGRAMS WITH GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Accounting	Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice
Bachelor in Business Administration	Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice

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in Accounting	
Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology	Bachelor of Arts Degree in Forensic Investigation
Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in Biotechnology	Associate of Arts Degree in Culinary Arts and Gastronomic Sciences
Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology	Bachelor Degree in Arts in Culinary Arts and Gastronomy Sciences
Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Business Administration	Bachelor of Science in Design and Development of Videogames
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Agricultural Technology	Bachelor Degree in Forensic Science
Associate of Applied Science in Computer Science	Bachelor of Arts Degree in Multidisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	Bachelor of Business Administration program in Human Resources Management
Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Sciences	
<b>PROGRAMS WITH SPECIFIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Pre-Engineering <i>Note:</i> The Barranquitas Campus and other IAUPR campuses have state authorization to offer engineering program courses. These students transfer to the IAUPR, Bayamón Campus.	For admission to the Pre-Engineering program, students must have an admission index of 980 points or more and have graduated from high school or its equivalent with a minimum general grade point index of 2.50.
Associate Degree in Science in Medical Emergencies	In addition to complying with all the admission regulations established in the General Catalog, the applicant for the degree must: -Have a 2.50 admission average from high school or place of origin. -The candidate who already has an Associate Degree in Medical Emergencies and wishes to complete a bachelor's degree must have completed the degree with a minimum average of 2.50 in the core and major courses from a known institution. -Candidates who come from a certificate program in Medical Emergencies may challenge up to ten credits through the evaluation of their portfolio or challenge exam in the subjects described: MEEM 1111, 1120, 1121, 2141, 2234 and 2351, following the parameters established in the section on validation of learning experiences of the current General Catalog, electronic version.

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<p>Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing</p>	<p>Comply with the admissions requirements established in the General Catalog.</p> <p>To be a candidate for admission to the Associate Program in Nursing, candidates must have a minimum grade point index 2.50 from their high school or place of origin.</p> <p>To be admitted to a practice agency the following is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A current certificate of no criminal record issued by the Police of Puerto Rico.</li> <li>- A health certificate valid for one year issued by the Health Department.</li> <li>- Evidence of vaccination against Hepatitis B.,</li> <li>- Evidence of vaccination against chickenpox or chickenpox titer tests.</li> </ul> <p>Some agencies and courses have additional requirements. Students are responsible for complying with any other requirement imposed by the practice agency. Among these are: An updated certificate of CPR, a negative dope test, a nose and throat culture and a negative certificate of sexual offender.</p> <p>Admission of transfer students to the Program or to take courses of the major with combined registration requires the previous authorization of both Program directors.</p>
<p>Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing</p>	<p>Comply with the admissions requirements established in the General Catalog</p> <p>To be a candidate for admission to the Bachelor's Program in Nursing, candidates must have a minimum grade point index 2.50 from their high school or place of origin.</p> <p>To be a candidate for admission to the third level (third year courses) of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have satisfactorily completed the requirements of the first two years of the Degree in Nursing or,</li> <li>- Present evidence of holding an Associate Degree in Nursing from an accredited and recognized institution of higher education. Candidates having an Associate</li> </ul>

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	<p>Degree must complete any general education requirement established by the Institution for awarding the degree.</p> <p>-Present at the time of admission to the Program evidence of any permanent license they possess.</p>
Associate of Applied Science Degree in Pharmacy Technician	<p>To be considered for admission, students must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a minimum high school or university grade point index of 2.25.</li> <li>- Have an interview with the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Pharmacy Technician Coordinator or Committee.</li> <li>- Submit the following documents: certificate of no criminal record, negative drug test, and a certificate of vaccination against Hepatitis B.</li> </ul>
Associate Degree in Applied Sciences in Radiological Technology	<p>Students aspiring to the Associate Degree in Applied Science in Radiological Technology must meet the following specific requirements for admission to the Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be admitted to Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, in a campus authorized to offer the Program</li> <li>- Submit a completed admission application on or before the date stipulated by the Program</li> <li>-Present an official and updated transcript of recent studies.</li> <li>-Have a general grade point average of at least 2.50</li> </ul> <p><b>Admission Procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The transcript of courses taken, and credits will be evaluated</li> <li>- The absolute value of the general grade index (GPA) will be considered from 2.50 in a scale of 4.0</li> <li>- Each course taken will be assigned a value in accordance with its credit value. The assigned value will be multiplied by the numerical value of the grade obtained (A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points)</li> </ul>
Bachelor of Science in Radiological Sciences in Computerized Tomography and Magnetic Resonance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Submit evidence of having completed the graduation requirements for the Associate Degree in Radiological Technology in a properly certified institution.</li> <li>- Have a minimum average of 2.50.</li> <li>- Meet the established norms of admission in the General Catalog of Inter American University of Puerto Rico.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Present an effective copy of the following documents: Certificate of Health, Certificate of Immunization against Hepatitis B and Chickenpox, Negative Certificate of Criminal Records submitted by the Police of Puerto Rico (not more than six months old), certificate of Cardiovascular Resuscitation (CPR), and Evidence of a HIPPA course</li> <li>- In addition to the indicated admission requirements, the candidates who come from other institutions will be evaluated in relation to the curricular program of origin to determine the courses they must take.</li> </ul>
<p>Bachelor of Science Degree in Radiological Technology in Mammography and Angiography</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit a completed admissions application in or before the date stipulated by the Program and declare the major in Bachelor of Science in Radiological Technology in Mammography and Angiography</li> <li>- Present an official and updated transcript of credits of recent studies.</li> <li>- Have a general grade index of 2.50 more</li> <li>- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from professors who know you as a student</li> <li>- In addition to complying with the admission requirements established in the General Catalog of the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, the student must present a valid copy of the following documents: Health certificate, certificate of Immunization against Hepatitis B and Varicella, Negative Criminal Record Certificate issued by the Puerto Rico Police, and Certified CPR, HIPAA, OSHA</li> <li>In addition to the admission requirements indicated, candidates from other institutions will be evaluated in relation to the curricular program of origin and the necessary adjustment to the courses to be taken.</li> </ul>
<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS</b>	
<p>Master of Science in Agricultural Biotechnology</p>	<p>The students requesting admission to this program, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold a Bachelor in Natural Sciences or in related areas with a minimum grade point index of 2.50.</li> <li>- Submit an essay of intention to state the interest in pursuing a Master of Science in Agricultural Biotechnology or Industrial Biotechnology. The essay can be presented in the Spanish or English language.</li> <li>- Present two (2) letters of recommendation from the</li> </ul>
<p>Master of Science in Industrial Biotechnology</p>	

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	<p>faculty or the employer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have approved a minimum of three (3) credits in each one of the following areas for the Master of Science in Industrial Biotechnology:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cellular-Molecular Biology or Biochemistry</li> <li>- Statistics</li> <li>- Calculus I</li> <li>- Analytical Chemistry</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Have approved a minimum of three (3) credits in each one of the following areas for the Master of Science in Agricultural Biotechnology:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cellular-Molecular Biology or Biochemistry</li> <li>- Statistics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Master of Science in Nursing in Critical Care</p>	<p>The students requesting admission to this program, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold Bachelor in Nursing from an accredited institution.</li> <li>- Have a grade point index of 2.50 or above in the last sixty (60) credit hours of academic work.</li> <li>- Have a provisional or permanent and current generalist nursing license for practicing nursing in Puerto Rico.</li> </ul>
<p>Master of Science in Nursing in Medical Surgical Nursing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be an active member of the College of Professional Nursing of Puerto Rico.</li> <li>- Have at least one year of experience as a nursing professional offering direct customer care in hospitals for the Critical Care specialization.</li> <li>- Send two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who have supervised the candidate in the work setting or from the nursing faculty.</li> </ul> <p>Present the following documents:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A health certificate.</li> <li>- Vaccination certificate of Hepatitis B and other vaccines required by practice settings.</li> <li>- A Certificate of No Penal Record issued by the Puerto Rico Police Department.</li> <li>- Law # 300 of September 2, 1999 - Verification of Criminal History of Providers of Care Services for Children and the Elderly.</li> <li>- Original and copy of current provisional or professional license, registration certificate and membership of the College of Professional Nursing in Puerto Rico.</li> <li>- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.</li> <li>- Updated Resume.</li> </ul> <p>Note: It will be the student's responsibility to meet the requirements of the external center in order to carry out their internship. Some agencies and courses stipulate additional requirements. Students are responsible to meet any other requirement that the practice agency may require. Among these are: generalist regular license, up-to-date CPR certificate, negative doping test, and nose and throat culture, among others.</p> <p>Students with a provisional license will have conditional admission. It is a requirement that the student has a permanent license to carry out the internship courses of the specialties.</p>
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.</li> <li>- Have a general academic index of 2.50 or above in the last sixty credit hours of academic work at the undergraduate or graduate level or a combination of both levels, at students' discretion. Although generally these credits will be at the undergraduate level, students with graduate credits from an accredited university may combine these graduate credits with the last credits approved at the undergraduate level until completing the 60 stipulated credits. Applicants for admission to graduate programs who do not meet the required grade point index may count the grades of courses repeated after</li> </ul>

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	<p>graduation for the admission index instead of the original grades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demonstrate, through an examination or other appropriate means as determined by the academic department or division, the ability to interpret professional material, both in Spanish and English, and the ability to express themselves correctly in writing in one of these languages.</li> <li>-Request an evaluation of their transcript by a specialized agency or by the academic unit where they are applying if their bachelor's degree or equivalent is from an accredited university that uses a grading system different from that in effect at this University.</li> <li>- Meet the test results of any test established by the program you are applying to.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Due to the health emergency caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic, students who apply for admission to a master's program that requires an admission test (GRE, GMAT, EXADEP or MAT) for some of the terms that begin during the academic year 2021-22, will be exempt from this requirement, as long as the enrollment is completed for one of the academic terms of such period.</p>
<p>Doctorate in Philosophy in International Biotechnology</p>	<p>The Doctorate in Philosophy in International Biotechnology (Ph.D.) provides two admission routes: (1) students who have a master's degree in science or related areas and (2) students who have a bachelor's degree in science and are interested in direct admission to the doctoral program through a combined curriculum of master and doctoral level courses.</p> <p><i>Requirements for students with a Master of Science degree (Route 1)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit evidence of having completed a Master of Science degree with a minimum academic index (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. In the case of degrees obtained in institutions outside the United States, these must be verified and accredited by the World Educational Service (WES) or some similar entity for the determination of equivalences with degrees from American universities.</li> <li>- Submit three letters of recommendation.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Present a letter of motivation or purpose of studies. This letter should explain the reasons why the student aspires to a doctoral degree in Biotechnology.</li><li>- Applicants of international origin who are admitted to the program must obtain their visa or work permit according to the guidelines established by the US Department of Homeland Security.</li></ul> <p><i>Requirements for students with Bachelor of Science degree (Route 2)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Submit evidence of having completed a Bachelor of Science degree with a minimum academic index (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. In the case of degrees obtained in institutions outside the United States, these must be verified and accredited by the World Educational Service (WES) or some similar entity for the determination of equivalences with degrees from American universities.</li><li>- Approve a minimum of 3 credits in each of the following areas at the master's level:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology</li><li>- Molecular Genetics and Bioinformatics</li><li>- Biosecurity</li><li>- Plant Biotechnology</li><li>- Instrumental Analysis of Biomolecules</li><li>- Industrial and Commercial Biotechnology</li></ul>These courses must have been approved with a minimum grade of B before beginning the core courses required by the doctoral program.</li><li>- Submit three letters of recommendation.</li><li>- Present a letter of motivation or purpose of studies. This letter should explain the reasons why the student aspires to a doctoral degree in Biotechnology.</li></ul>
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