



# MEDICAL EDUCATION

THE FUTURE OF HEALTH,  
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

## MED ED @ UC MERCED

In August 2020, UC Merced, UCSF and UCSF-Fresno initiated planning to establish an accredited, joint medical education program in which UC Merced would become a branch campus of UCSF School of Medicine. When mature, this program will train 48 medical students per year on the UC Merced and UCSF-Fresno campuses. Students will earn their MD degree from UCSF. Twelve of the slots will be reserved for BS-to-MD students, and students from other institutions will be accepted directly into the MD program to fill the remaining slots.

UC Merced is creating an early-acceptance 8-year BS-to-MD program for 12 students, starting in fall 2023. These students will enter UC Merced as freshmen with a provisional acceptance to UCSF School of Medicine, contingent on meeting academic metrics.

- » **Years 1-4** | Bachelor of Science at UC Merced.
- » **Years 5-6** | Pre-clinical medical training at UC Merced (18 months).
- » **Years 6-8** | Clinical training at UCSF-Fresno (30 months).

*(Preclinical training includes basic science and clinical skills; clinical training includes core and advanced supervised experiences in hospitals and clinics.)*



**Providing medical education in the San Joaquin Valley has been a goal of UC Merced since it opened its doors in 2005. Health care is a critical need in our region.**



### DID YOU KNOW?

**45** The Valley has fewer than 45 primary-care physicians per 100,000 people; the average in California is 156.



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## A TRANSDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENT FOSTERING INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

UC Merced has begun planning for a new campus building to support instruction, research and faculty in medical education, public health and behavioral sciences. The latter two fields are required by the American Association of Medical Colleges for medical school training. This building will create a transdisciplinary environment to foster innovation and research, enabling UC Merced to train physicians uniquely qualified to address the Valley's health needs.

The proposed Health, Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education Building will be home to the Departments of Psychological Sciences and Public Health, UC Merced's medical education program and the Health Sciences Research Institute, serving approximately 2,220 undergraduates by 2030 — 15% of UC Merced's projected enrollment, including BS-to-MD cohorts. Psychology enrollment has grown 54% over the past five years and we expect it to grow 38% by 2030. Public Health has grown 333% over the past five years and we expect it to grow 33% by 2030.



The four-story building, to be designed by the firm ZGF, will hold approximately 182,700 gross square feet of instructional, academic office, research and community-facing space and common areas. The estimated cost is \$210.4 million, of which the university has been awarded \$7.8 million in AB94 funds and has dedicated an additional \$4.2 million in campus funds for design and CEQA evaluation.



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Funding of \$15 million annually was awarded through the state Legislature in 2020 to support medical education programming. Additionally, U.S. Reps. Jim Costa and Josh Harder in 2021 filed a bill that could bring another \$15 million in federal funding to the medical program.

