

## **SCHOOL AND PROGRAM ACCREDITATION**

### **About Middle States Accreditation**

The San Juan Bautista School of Medicine (SJBSM) is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The MSCHE is a voluntary, non-governmental, regional membership association currently serving higher education institutions in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other geographic areas in which the Commission conducts accrediting activities. The stated mission of the MSCHE is to assure “students and the public of the educational quality of higher education. The Commission’s accreditation process ensures institutional accountability, self-appraisal, improvement, and innovation through peer review and the rigorous application of standards within the context of institutional mission.”

MSCHE last approved SJBSM accreditation was in 2009. In the fall of 2018, the Institution officially commenced the next round of self-study, in preparation for a visit and evaluation by MSCHE in the spring of 2020.

Learn more about Middle States and its mission <https://www.msche.org/about-us/>

### **About Liaison Committee on Medical Education**

The SJBSM is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). LCME last approved SJBSM accreditation in 2019. The LCME granted SJBSM the longest term of accreditation available, and the next accreditation visit will be in 2024-2025.

LCME accreditation is a voluntary, peer-reviewed process of quality assurance that determines whether the medical education program meets established standards. This process also fosters institutional and programmatic improvement. To achieve and maintain accreditation, a medical education program leading to the MD degree in the United States and Canada must meet the LCME accreditation standards contained in the LCME document *Functions and Structure of a Medical School*. To achieve and maintain accreditation, programs are required to demonstrate that their graduates exhibit general professional competencies that are appropriate for entry to the next stage of their training and that serve as the foundation for lifelong learning and proficient medical care.

Accreditation by the LCME establishes eligibility for selected federal grants and programs, including Title VII funding administered by the U.S. Public Health Service. Most state boards of licensure require that U.S. medical schools granting the MD degree be accredited by the LCME as a condition for licensure of their graduates. Eligibility of U.S. students in MD-granting schools to take the United States Medical Licensing Examination ([USMLE](#)) requires LCME accreditation of their school. Graduates of LCME-accredited schools are eligible for residency programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ([ACGME](#)).

Learn more about LCME and its mission <https://lcme.org/>

### **About Consejo de Educación de Puerto Rico**

The *Consejo de Educación de Puerto Rico (CEPR)* contribute to raising the quality of education in Puerto Rico to the highest international standards to develop on the Island education of excellence, with innovation and technology. The *CEPR* has as its essential purpose to license private basic education institutions and private and public post-secondary institutions. At the same time, be the custodian and administrator of the statistical documentation related to education and academic research to ensure the development of the necessary skills to generate a better quality of life and greater economic activity for Puerto Rico.

In 2016, the CEPR approved the Renewal License of the San Juan Bautista School of Medicine to continue operating as a higher education institution in Puerto Rico and offer recognized academic programs in certification (Medicine, Public Health and Nursing). The license is valid for a term of five (5) years. The next license renewal will be in 2021.

Learn more about CEPR and its mission

<http://www.agencias.pr.gov/agencias/cepr/inicio/acercadalcepr/Pages/default.aspx>

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