

UNIVERSITY PROFILE

2025-2026



Charles R. Drew University
of Medicine and Science
Where Hearts Learn to Heal

HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded in 1966
- Ranked #1 in MS Biomedical Sciences
- Ranked Top 100 in MS Nursing
- 157th medical school in the nation
- One of 36 community-based medical schools in the nation
- More than 80% of graduates intern or provide care in underserved communities

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- Doctor of Medicine
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
- Master of Science in Genetic Counseling
- Master of Health Science, Physician Assistant
- Master of Public Health in Urban Health Disparities
- Master of Science in Nursing

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- BS, Radiologic Sciences
- BS, Psychology with Emphasis in Community Counseling
- BS, Public Health
- BS, Nursing
- BS, Biomedical Science
- AS, Radiologic Technology

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Computed Tomography
- Lactation Consultant
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Mammography
- Post-Baccalaureate, Pre-Medicine
- Post-Baccalaureate, Family Nurse Practitioner

RESIDENCIES

- Internal Medicine
- General Psychiatry
- Family Medicine
- Addiction Medicine
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship

ABOUT CDU

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) is a private, nonprofit institution dedicated to educating health professionals who are committed to social justice and health equity.

Founded in 1966 by local activists and organizers in the aftermath of the Watts Uprising, CDU is located in the heart of the Watts-Willowbrook neighborhood of South Los Angeles. Students come to CDU, and graduate from it, with a shared purpose: to close the health disparity gap by serving in medically underserved communities.

CDU is a designated Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) and recognized as a Historically Black Graduate Institution (HGBI). Its Medical Education program is one of only four Historically Black medical colleges in the nation. CDU is also a member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

A true community institution with a cradle-to-career pipeline, CDU is situated within a 1-square-mile zone that includes the MLK Medical Campus and King/Drew Magnet High School. Through a broad range of public-facing programs, services, and clinics, CDU advances preventative care, promotes wellness, and addresses chronic diseases that disproportionately impact the residents of South Los Angeles.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Renowned for its community-based approach to medical education—and as the only historically Black medical school in the western United States—the College of Medicine has trained hundreds of physicians through its longstanding partnership with the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine. In 2022, the College achieved preliminary accreditation to offer an independent, four-year medical degree program. The inaugural class of this historic program will graduate in 2027.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Central to CDU's mission of advancing equitable healthcare access, the College of Science and Health develops academic programs that address critical needs in healthcare and scientific discovery. Its Physician Assistant program, the first of its kind in California, was established to build upon the field experience of Vietnam War medics. Its Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program consistently ranks #1 in the country.

MERVYN M. DYMALLY COLLEGE OF NURSING

CDU's College of Nursing, established in 2010 and named in honor of California legislator Mervyn M. Dymally—who authored California Senate Bill 1026 providing the funding that helped make CDU possible—offers a range of degree pathways designed to prepare nurses at every stage of their careers, with a particular emphasis on supporting entry-level practitioners pursuing advanced professional licensure.

RESEARCH

CDU's research teams have made advances in areas of health disparities, cancer, HIV/AIDS, cardiometabolic, mental health, and policy research. The teams' efforts have garnered national and international recognition, awards, and competitive grant funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense (DoD), and other federal and state sources.

ACCREDITATION

CDU is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, and the California Department of Education. Additional accreditation and licensing agencies include:

CEPH (Public Health) | CCNE (College of Nursing) | ACGME (Institutional) | ACGME (Graduate Medical Education/Residencies) | ARC-PA (Physician Assistant) | BRN (Nurse Practitioner, BS Nursing, ELM Nursing) | JRCERT (AS Radiologic Technology) | SSH (Simulation Center)

ENROLLMENT

1226 Total enrollment

754 Total faculty

390 Total staff

79% of students are from California

58% of students are from L.A. County

11% of students are from Service Planning Area 6*

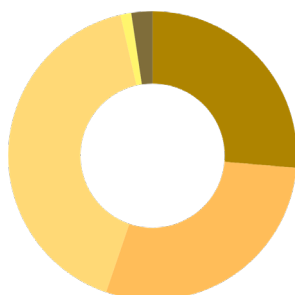
29 Average age of undergraduate students

32 Average age of graduate students

28 Average age of medical students

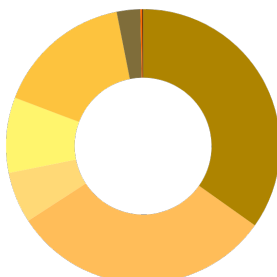
* Athens, Compton, Crenshaw, Florence, Hyde Park, Lynwood, Paramount, Watts

PER COLLEGE



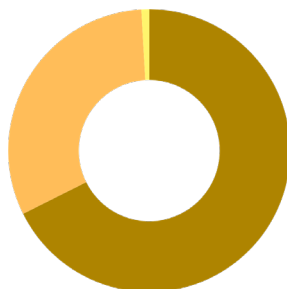
- 1.2% Post-Baccalaureate
- 26.3% College of Medicine
- 28.9% College of Science and Health
- 41.2% College of Nursing
- 2.4% Other/Non-Matriculated

BY RACE/ETHNICITY



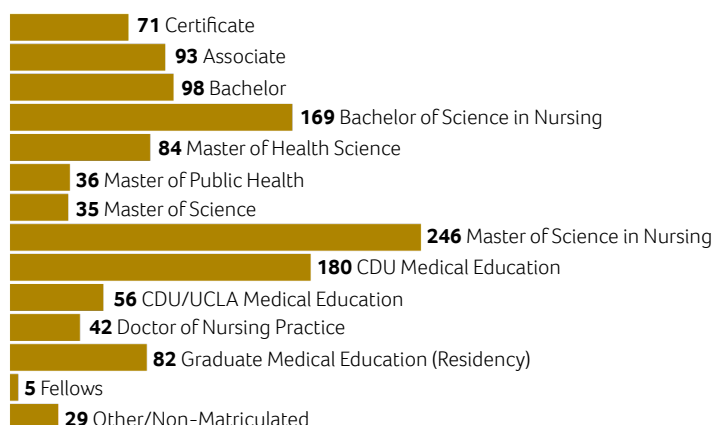
- 34.8% Black or African-American
- 31% Hispanic or Latino
- 8.9% Asian
- 6% White
- 16.2% Unknown
- 2.8% Two or more races
- 0.2% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- <0.1% American Indian or Alaskan

BY GENDER



- 67.6% Female
- 31.5% Male
- 0.9% Unknown

BY DEGREE



LEADERSHIP



David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. David M. Carlisle has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science since 2011. Under his leadership, CDU has experienced an era of programmatic growth, rising national reputation, and record-breaking fundraising that has included landmark gifts from Bloomberg Philanthropies and MacKenzie Scott.

Before joining CDU, Dr. Carlisle served as Director of the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development under three governors. A board-certified internal medicine specialist and published author, his scholarship spans health policy, quality of care, medical education diversity, and the elimination of health disparities. In 2025, he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Carlisle earned his medical degree from Brown University; a PhD and Master's in Health Services from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health; and a BA from Wesleyan University.

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