

# COSTA RICA

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## Updates at the end of the text cover the period through 31 December 2007

Total population in 1995: 3 500 000

Number of physicians per 100 000 population (1993): 126

Number of medical schools: 4

Duration of basic medical degree course, including practical training: 5 or 6 years (a further year of supervised clinical practice is required before the degree is awarded)

Title of degree awarded: Médico Cirujano (Physician and Surgeon)

Medical registration/licence to practise: Registration is obligatory with the Colegio de Médicos y Cirujanos de Costa Rica, Sabana Sur, San José. The licence to practise medicine is granted to graduates who have completed 1 year of social service. Graduates of foreign medical schools must have their degree validated. Foreigners must have been resident in Costa Rica for at least 5 years to obtain a licence to practise.

Work in government service after graduation: Obligatory (1 year)

Agreements with other countries: —

ESCUELA AUTONOMA DE CIENCIAS MEDICAS DE CENTRO AMERICA SABANA OESTE  
CARRETERA ESCAZU

APDO 638-1007

CENTRO COLON

SAN JOSE

Tel.: +506 296 3944

Fax: +506 231 4368

Year instruction started: 1978

Language of instruction: Spanish

Duration of basic medical degree course, including practical training: 5 years

Entrance examination: Yes

Foreign students eligible: Yes

FACULTAD DE MEDICINA

UNIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA

CIUDAD UNIVERSITARIA "RODRIGO FACIO"

SAN PEDRO DE MONTES DE OCA

SAN JOSE

Tel.: +506 207 4570

Fax: +506 207 5667

Year instruction started: 1963

Language of instruction: Spanish

Duration of basic medical degree course, including practical training: 6 years

Entrance examination: Yes

Foreign students eligible: Yes

ESCUELA DE MEDICINA  
UNIVERSIDAD DE IBEROAMERICA (UNIBE)  
APDO 11870  
SAN JOSE 1000  
Year instruction started: 1995  
Language of instruction: Spanish  
Duration of basic medical degree course, including practical training: 5 years  
Entrance examination: Yes  
Foreign students eligible: Yes

ESCUELA DE MEDICINA  
UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL DE LAS AMERICAS  
APDO 1447-1002  
SAN JOSE 1002  
Tel.: +506 233 5304  
Fax: +506 222 3216  
Year instruction started: 1992  
Language of instruction: Spanish, English  
Duration of basic medical degree course, including practical training: 5 years  
Entrance examination: Yes  
Foreign students eligible: Yes

**Update through 30 June 2003**

Instruction began in January 1997 at:

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
UNIVERSIDAD HISPANOAMERICANA  
BARRIO ARANJUEZ  
100M NORTH AND 300M EAST OF THE HOSPITAL CALDERÓN GUARDIA  
P.O. BOX 408-1002  
SAN JOSÉ

**Update through 31 December 2007**

Correction:

The title of the medical degree certificate given in Costa Rica listed on page 99 of the seventh edition of World Directory of Medical Schools, should read as follows:

"Licenciado en Medicina".