



Top 25 Medical Schools Enrolling Hispanics

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As the Hispanic population grows, the need for Hispanic doctors who can not only speak the language of these new American residents but relate to them on the cultural level grows as well. However, the number of Hispanic students enrolled in medical school across the United States has not grown significantly over the past few years – and is not keeping pace.

The University of Arizona (UA) heads the list of the 25 schools enrolling the most Hispanic medical students. Hispanic medical students there number 231, which represents 11 percent of UA's total. The numbers of Hispanic students at 23 schools in the Top 25 range from 7 percent to 18 percent of the totals. The only school with a higher percentage is the University of New Mexico-Main Campus, where Hispanics constitute 25 percent of the medical school enrollment.

The top medical schools for Hispanics can be found in 12 states. Texas leads with seven schools, California follows with four, and New York has three. Florida and Pennsylvania each have two schools on the list, while Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Michigan and Iowa each have one.

In various lists of Hispanic students that *HO* has run over the years, there seems to be a trend toward greater Hispanic female numbers when it comes to top Hispanic student enrollment or completions. This is not the case with medical students. Hispanic men outnumber Hispanic women at 15 of the Top 25 for Hispanic medical student enrollment.

Of all the schools on the list, only seven have triple-digit numbers of Hispanic medical students. The remaining 18 schools register double-digit Hispanic enrollment. It also should be noted that these are total enrollment figures, not just full-time students. The Hispanic figures quoted come from the National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and utilize the traditional survey figures for establishing the number of Hispanics enrolling or completing studies at surveyed schools.

TOP 25 MEDICAL SCHOOLS ENROLLING HISPANICS

	Total	Hispanic			Percentage
		Total	Male	Female	
1. University of Arizona, AZ	2,021	231	59	172	11%
2. University of Illinois at Chicago, IL	1,368	164	75	89	12%
3. University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, TX	849	153	58	95	18%
4. University of Texas Medical Branch, TX	861	134	69	65	16%
5. University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, NJ	1,338	131	68	63	10%
6. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center-Dallas, TX	925	121	65	56	13%
7. The University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston, TX	871	107	51	56	12%
8. University of Miami, FL	653	87	46	41	13%
9. University of New Mexico-Main Campus, NM	306	78	42	36	25%
10. Baylor College of Medicine, TX	672	77	40	37	11%
11. Harvard University, MA	769	64	32	32	8%
12. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, TX	550	63	40	23	11%
13. University of Southern California, CA	689	58	31	27	8%
14. Stanford University, CA	440	58	30	28	13%
15. Loma Linda University, CA	709	55	28	27	8%
16. University of California-San Francisco, CA	602	54	28	26	9%
17. University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI	693	50	20	30	7%
18. Columbia University in the City of New York, NY	610	49	22	27	8%
19. New York University, NY	710	48	28	20	7%
20. Temple University, PA	712	48	29	19	7%
21. University of Pennsylvania, PA	662	47	27	20	7%
22. University of South Florida, FL	458	45	20	25	10%
23. University of North Texas Health Science Center, TX	555	45	22	23	8%
24. University of Iowa, IA	627	43	24	19	7%
25. SUNY/Health Science Center-Brooklyn, NY	773	41	19	22	5%

Data from NCES IPEDS database reflecting enrollment ending in AY 2007