Graduate Medical Training at CDU

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Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) is a private, non-profit, student-centered university committed to cultivating diverse health professional leaders who are dedicated to social justice, health equity and serving under served communities through outstanding:

- Education,
- Research,
- Clinical service, and
- Community engagement.
The Beginning

• Charles R. Drew University was born in the aftermath of the Watts Revolt of 1965 that sounded alarms in Los Angeles and across the nation exposing the unmet needs of minority populations.

• Watts community organizers rose to the challenge and with our founders envisioned a new medical complex in Watts, tailored to its unique unmet needs. They worked closely together to defined the most pressing needs and develop programs to address them.

• The University was founded as a Post-Graduate Medical School with the first residencies opened in the mid 1970s.
CDU Today

College of Medicine (COM)

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- Medical Education Program (MD)
- Post-Baccalaureate Program in Pre-Medicine

College of Science and Health (COSH)

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Dean

- Physician Assistant Program (MPA)
- Biomedical Sciences (BS)
- Radiologic Technology (AS)
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Concepts
- Urban Public Health Program
  (MPH in Urban Health Disparities)

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- MSN-FNP
- MSN-PMC
- MSN-ELM
- MSN-ANE
Graduate Medical Education

- After 30+ years of robust residency programs, the closure of MLK Hospital forced CDU to voluntarily withdraw 16 residencies and fellowships and required CDU to find alternative placement for nearly 250 residents.
- In 2016, CDU College of Medicine again received accreditation as an ACGME Sponsoring Institution.
- In May 2017, CDU received notification of ACGME accreditation for its Psychiatry Residency Program. Psychiatry Residents will start July 2018.
- We are working on the Family Medicine Residency next.
- It will be the only residency training in the under-resourced community of South Los Angeles.
Re-establishing Residencies in South Los Angeles

- Supported by the Los Angeles County Health Agency, the residents will serve the communities of South Los Angeles, primarily at county facilities.

- CDU COM ensures educational excellence through its faculty, research enterprise, biomedical library, simulation center, and established community-engaged outreach activities.

- CDU COM is partnering with hospitals and other clinical entities to offer skill training for residents with an emphasis on serving culturally and racially diverse patients.
CDU is interested in partnering with the VA to establish additional residency programs (e.g. Internal Medicine, Surgery). The Long Beach VA Hospital could be a primary site for residency programs with CDU as the sponsoring institution, in a similar way as our partnership with LA County. This could set the stage for training additional health care providers as well.

Partner with CDU to start VA outpatient services in South LA, which is the home neighborhood of many of the veterans receiving care at the large downtown VA clinic.