

**Inter American University of Puerto Rico**  
**School of Optometry**  
**2021-23 SCHOOL CATALOG ERRATA (NO. 1)**

Listed below are changes and corrections to the 2021-23 School of Optometry Catalog since its original publication in August 2021. These changes only appear here, not in the full PDF version of the catalog published on the School of Optometry website.

**Page 10.** The seventh sentence of the first paragraph of the section History of the University, should be replaced with the following two sentences: The school is approved by the Puerto Rico State Approving Agency to provide academic training to the students under the various GI Bill® programs. "GI Bill®" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**Page 18.** The section **Goals of the School of Optometry**, should be replaced with the following text:

1. To advance the mission of developing bilingual doctors of optometry from diverse socio-cultural backgrounds, with the knowledge, attributes, skills, and ethical values required by the profession.
2. Promote a collegial environment based on ethical, democratic, and Christian-ecumenical values that favor the integral development of students and faculty.
3. To provide the student with a learning experience based on academic and clinical rigor consistent with the development of the contemporary optometric profession.
4. To have full-time professors who develop knowledge through research and publications.
5. Promote efficiency and effectiveness in student processes and services in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws and regulations, as well as the standards of accrediting agencies.
6. Demonstrate the educational effectiveness of the program through assessment of student learning in relation to the curriculum the school's mission, and the degree conferred.
7. Align resources, processes, and ongoing evaluation of these to effectively respond to program and service challenges and opportunities.
8. Exercise administrative leadership necessary to advance the mission of the School of Optometry for the benefit of the program and students.

**Page 40.** The title of the subsection Veterans and other beneficiaries from Federal Programs should read Services for Veterans, Military Personnel and Dependents and its content should be as follows:

The school is approved by the Puerto Rico State Approving Agency to provide academic training to the students under the various GI Bill® programs. "GI Bill®" is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Eligible students intending to enroll and receive VA educational benefits should submit an application through the Department of Veterans Affairs portal.

A Covered Individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under

chapter 31 Veterans Readiness and Employment and chapter 33 Post-9/11 “GI Bill®”. “GI Bill®” is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Our policy permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 and chapter 33. A "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website - eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Our policy ensures that our educational institution will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 and chapter 33.