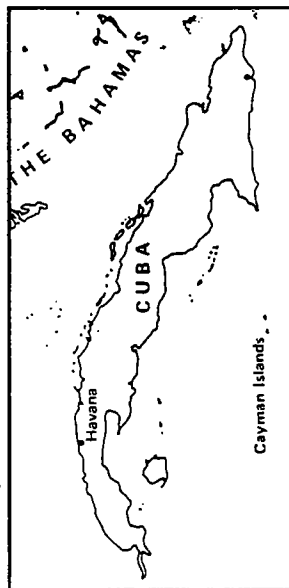


Cuba

Following the Revolution of 1959, the education system underwent a series of reforms which opened access and introduced vocational-technical programs to serve the needs of the new socialist society. A progression of laws enacted from 1960 guaranteed the right of every child to a free education, making education compulsory from ages 6-14. Private schools, which had served the elite, were nationalized in 1961 when all education was put under the control of the Ministry of Education. Pedagogical institutes were created at each university in 1964 to overcome the great shortage of teachers. The government also ex-

perimented with a number of innovations designed to strengthen socialism, combining work programs with study at all levels. Some rural secondary schools,



for example, boarded students during the week on local farms, alternating work and study hours on a year-round basis. Higher education is now offered at four universities and at institutes of higher education, all of which have the same status. There is little autonomy for higher education institutions. Cuba spends about 7.5 percent of its GNP on education--far above the rest of Latin America. Because of intensive programs to wipe out illiteracy, Cuba now claims 96 percent literacy for its population of nearly 11 million. Teacher education at secondary level is being phased out.

Credential Name	Entrance Requirement	Length of Program	Type of Program	Gives Access to
Level: Medio Superior (Upper Secondary) Following 6 years of primary and 3 years of lower secondary education.				
<i>Bachillerato</i>	Lower Secondary School Diploma	3 years	academic	further study
<i>Título de Obrero Calificado</i> (skilled worker)	Lower Secondary School Diploma	2 years	vocational	employment
<i>Título de Técnico Medio</i>	Lower Secondary School Diploma	3-4 years	technical	further study
<i>Título de Perito</i>	Lower Secondary School Diploma	3-4 years	non-technical	further study
<i>Maestro de Educación Primaria</i>	Lower Secondary School Diploma	4 years	teacher training	employ./primary level or further study

Level: Educación Superior (Higher Education)

Institutos Superiores (non-university) and *universidades* (universities)

<i>Título Profesional</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	4-6 years	professional	further study
<i>Doctor en Farmacia</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	4 years	professional	further study
<i>Ingeniero</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	5 years	professional	further study
<i>Doctor en Derecho</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	5 years	professional	further study
<i>Médico</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	5-6 years	professional	further study
<i>Doctor en Cirugía Dental</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	5-6 years	professional	further study
<i>Licenciatura en (specialization)</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Título, Maestro or Perito</i>	5 years	academic	further study
<i>Candidato a Doctor en Ciencias</i>	<i>Licenciatura or Título Profesional</i>	2-3 years + thesis	academic	further study
(Candidate for Doctor of Science)				
<i>Doctor (Doctorado) en Ciencias</i>	<i>Candidato a Doctor en Ciencias</i>	1 year + thesis	academic	
(Doctor of Science)				