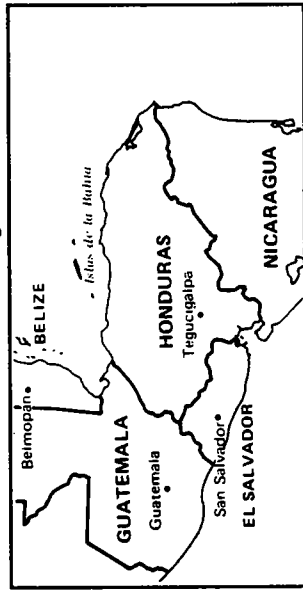


Honduras

Public education is controlled by the national government through a central *Ministerio de Educación Pública* (Ministry of Public Education). There is no regional or local control over education. Primary education from ages 7-13 is free and compulsory, but little money is available to be spent on education and there is lax enforcement of the compulsory law. Fewer than half of all children complete primary school, and only a third of the age cohort is enrolled in secondary school. The literacy rate is 56 percent in a population of about five million. Private education at primary level is offered in the main by

the Roman Catholic Church. Higher education is offered at four universities, at state faculties and at specialized state institutions of higher technical, vocational



tional, military and teacher education. The *Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras/UNAH* and the *Universidad Pedagógica Nacional "Francisco Morazán"* are publicly-funded, while the much smaller *Universidad de San Pedro Sula* and *Universidad José Cecilio Del Valle* are private and depend on student fees and private sponsors for funding. The two private universities enroll about three percent of university-level students. UNAH validates degrees awarded by higher education institutions. The language of instruction is Spanish.

Credential Name	Entrance Requirement	Length of Program	Type of Program	Gives Access to
Level: Ciclo Diversificado (Upper Secondary Education) Following 6 years primary and 3 years lower secondary education.				
<i>Bachillerato</i>	<i>Certificado Final del Ciclo Común General</i>	2 years	academic	further study
<i>Maestro de Educación Primaria</i>	<i>Certificado Final del Ciclo Común General</i>	3 years	teacher training	further study
<i>Perito Mercantil y Contador</i>	<i>Certificado Final del Ciclo Común General</i>	3 years	commercial	employ./further study
<i>Técnico Medio</i>	<i>Certificado Final del Ciclo Común General</i>	4 years	technical	employ./further study
Level: Educación Superior (Higher Education)				
Non-University				
<i>Técnico en (specialization)</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	2 years	technical/profes.	employ./further study
University				
<i>Técnico Universitario</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	2 years	technical/profes.	employ./further study
<i>Bachillerato Universitario</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	3-4.5 years	academic	further study
<i>Licenciatura/Título Profesional</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	4-6 years	academic	further study
<i>Profesor</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	4 years	teacher training	further study
<i>Ingeniero</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	5-6 years	professional	further study
<i>Doctor</i>	<i>Bachillerato, Perito, Técnico or Maestro</i>	6 years	professional	further study
<i>Especialidad (medicine only)</i>	<i>Título de Doctor</i>	30 credits + 3-year internship	professional	professional practice
<i>Maestría</i>	<i>Bachillerato Universitario or Licenciatura</i>	2-3 years + thesis	academic	

A *certificado de egresado*, or certificate of completed coursework, is issued at tertiary level to those who have completed coursework requirements, but have not met other requirements for a degree.