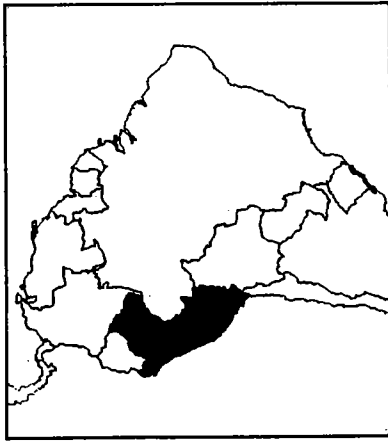




The Inca empire was centered in the "traditional" system of education was supplanted by the "reformed" system. In 1982, a "new" system was introduced, making primary education compulsory for six years between ages 6 and 12 and dividing secondary education into a three-year general cycle and a two-year specialized, upper secondary cycle. Because some institutions and titles remain from systems in existence before 1982, complexities result. Technical and vocational education is offered at both secondary and postsecondary level at *escuelas superiores de educación profesional/ESEP* (Cycle I, secondary level and Cycle II, postsecondary level) since 1972, and at *institutos de educación técnica superior/IETS* (institutes of higher technical education), which linger from the pre-1972 system. Higher education also is offered at about 50 universities, the oldest of which, the *Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos*, dates to 1551.

Credential Name

Entrance Requirement (Secondary Education) following 6 years of primary education (*educación básica*)

Length of Program

Type of Program

Gives Access to

*Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria**

completion of *educación básica*

5 years

academic/technical

further study

*Bachiller Profesional en (specialization)***

completion of 9 years of study

3-4 years

vocational/technical

further study

Level: Educación Superior (Higher Education)

Non-University

Profesor de Educación Inicial/Básica/Primaria

Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria, or *Bachiller Profesional (Ciclo I)*

4 years

academic/technical

further study

*Bachiller Profesional en (specialization)***
Especialista Profesional

Same as above
Same as above

4 years
2-3 years

technical
technical/vocational

further study
further study

University

Bachiller en Estudios Generales

Certificado Oficial de Estudios de Educación Secundaria (Quinto Año)

2 years

academic/prof.

further study

Bachiller en (specialization)

Licenciatura/Título Profesional

4-6 years

academic/prof.

further study

Médico-Cirujano

5-7 years

academic/prof.

further study

Veterinaria

6-7 years

academic/prof.

further study

Cirujano-Dentista

5.5 years

academic/prof.

further study

Especialista

Bachiller/Licenciatura/Título Profesional

2 years

academic/prof.

further study

Maestro/Magister

Bachiller/Licenciatura/Título Profesional

2 yrs. + thesis

academic

further study

Doctor (after 1969)

Licenciatura/Título Prof./Maestro

2-3 years

academic

further study

+ dissert.

*This certificate may be issued at any stage in the secondary cycle. Only the designation *Quinto Año* (fifth year) signifies completion of secondary education.
**One *Bachiller Profesional* is awarded at *ESEPs* (see above) Cycle I at secondary level and the other at *ESEPs* Cycle II at postsecondary level.