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Helping to provide healthcare to underserved communities in South Central, Los Angeles.

Diana Cantero is a Physician Assistant at Universal Community Health Center in Los Angeles (UCHC). "I work with a team of doctors and other PA's to provide primary care to patients who otherwise would not have access to healthcare," she says. UCHC's mission is to provide quality, accessible healthcare to underserved communities. "I love my job because I get to make a difference in the lives of my patients by not only treating them, but by educating them and empowering them to live a healthier life," says Cantero.

Cantero received her bachelor's degree in biology from CI in 2009. "At CSUCI, I was privileged to have small classrooms and to have research opportunities that I wouldn't have gotten at any other campus," she says. "Graduating was a dream come true for myself and for my family and I am very proud to be a CI graduate." It was this program that laid the groundwork for her to later receive her master's in Physician Assistant Practice from USC in 2014. "Having a strong foundation allowed me to be successful in graduate school and as medical professional."

"My ultimate goal would be to someday have a partnership with a doctor, providing medical care to those in need," she says. "A more personal goal would be to go on a medical mission trip to a third world country to help with medical care there."

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