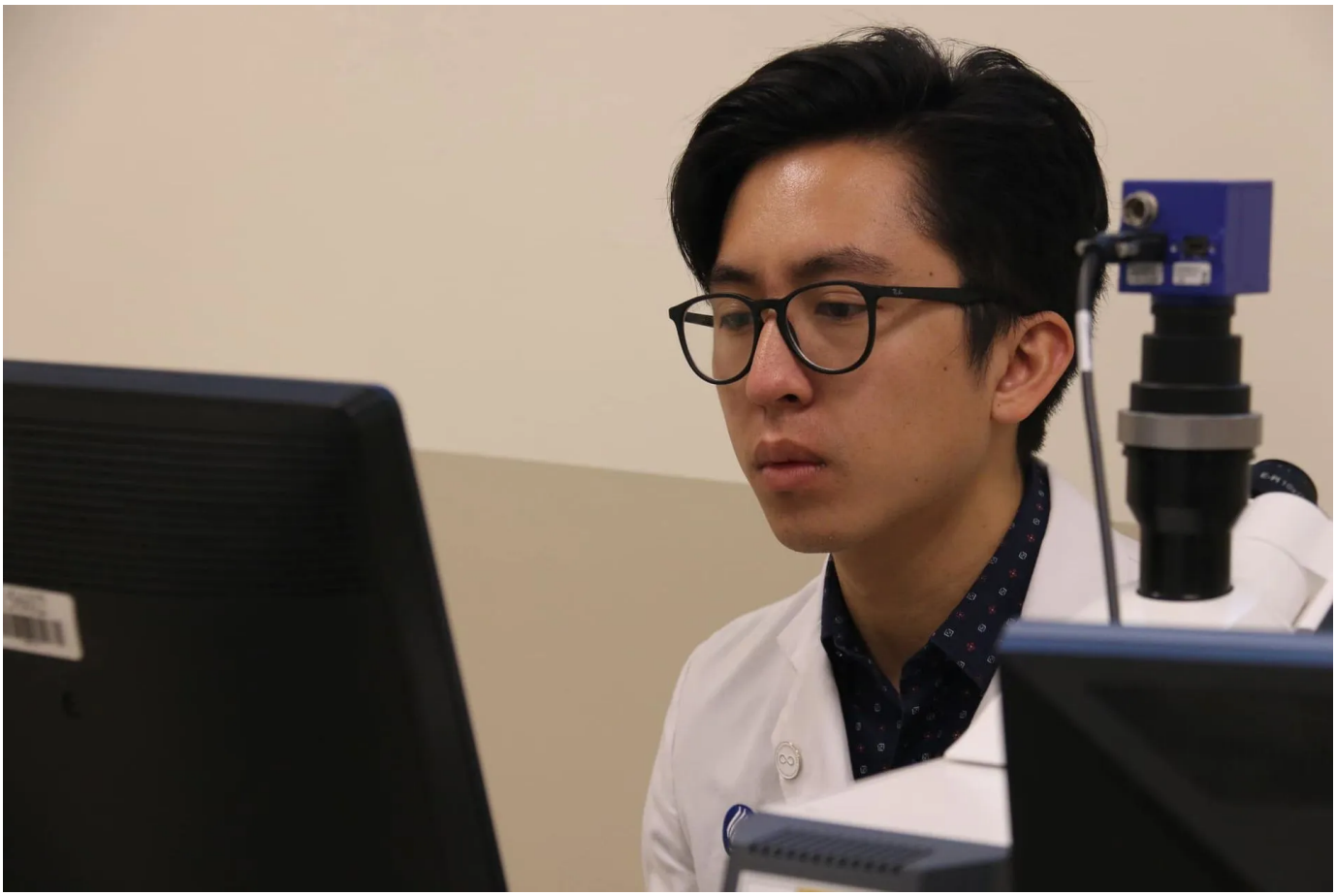
Outstanding! Mexican obtains exceptional score on US doctors' exam



With an above average score, Jorge Akira Valdivia hopes to be admitted to prestigious American institutions
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Jorge Akira Valdivia, a medical student at Tec Guadalajara, obtained an outstanding score that few achieve on the **USMLE** international medical specialty exam.

Valdivia was exceptional in that he **scored 251 points**, when the world average is 230 and the average required in the first stage of that particular specialty is 236.

The ***United States Medical Licensing Examination*** (USMLE), is a highly competitive exam that enables doctors to practice in the United States of America (USA).

Jorge Akira Valdivia, who’s studying for a medical degree (MC) at Tec Guadalajara, scored 251 points on the United States medical residency exam.

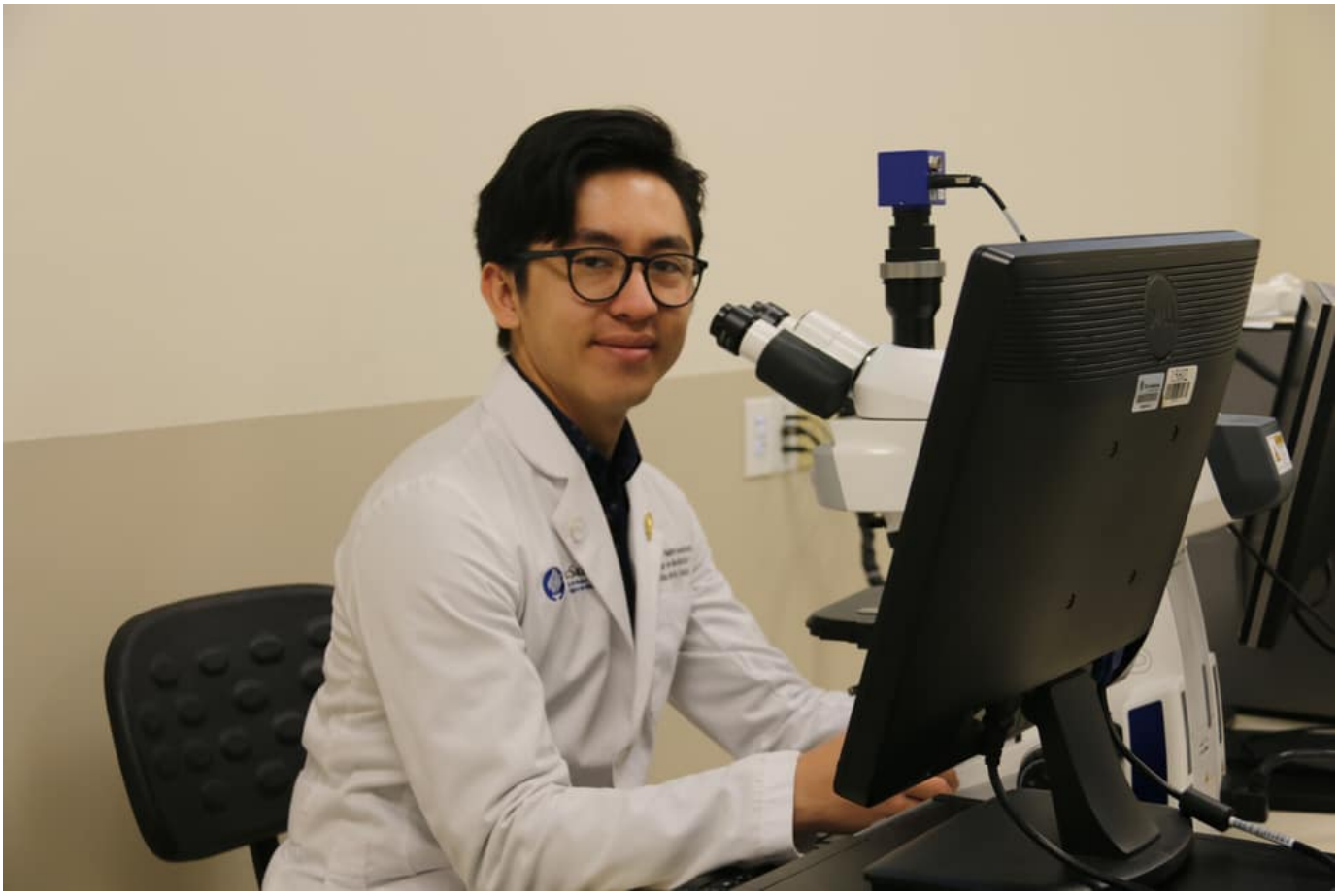
There are **3 stages** to this examination:

- ***Step One.-*** the first hurdle is that it can only be taken once. Basic medical science such as anatomy and genetics is examined at this stage.
- ***Step Two.-*** Evaluation of clinical knowledge to facilitate choosing a specialty.
- ***Step Three.-*** Personal and communication skills are evaluated in the final phase.

Thousands of international students seek to enter prestigious institutions such as the ***Mayo Clinic* and *Johns Hopkins***, but only those with the highest scores in ***Step One*** do so.

Valdivia prepared for just over a year to take the test in December 2019, for admission to the ***Texas Medical Center*** or the ***UC San Diego Medical Center*** in

California.



*“It all started when we were given an **evaluation test** at the Tec, and after seeing my results, Dr. René Lucano encouraged me to take the USMLE,”* Valdivia said.

He told us that key to his successful result was **relying on peers** who had already taken the exam and recommended study material.

*“These achievements consolidate our **educational model**, positioning our students on the **international stage**,”* said Gabriela Vázquez, Dean of Medicine for the Western Zone.

Vázquez explained that since the USA has become an **international benchmark for medicine**, the most prestigious institutions in this sector are found there.

This achievement adds to those of the Guadalajara School of Medicine, which obtained **first place** in the **National Medical Residency Exam** (*Examen Nacional de Residencias Médicas*, ENARM) in 2019.

The next step for Valdivia will be to prepare for the **second phase of the exam**, which he will take in the middle of this year.

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