

## URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY: PROMOTING ACCESS TO SAFE AND FREE DRINKING WATER ON CAMPUS

Urdaneta City University (UCU) is deeply committed to promoting health, well-being, and sustainability within its campus community. As part of its ongoing efforts to support the welfare of students, faculty, and visitors, the university ensures free access to clean and safe drinking water across various locations on campus.

### Accessible Water Facilities for All

UCU has installed free drinking water stations and fountains strategically placed in high-traffic areas such as academic buildings, student lounges, administrative offices, and outdoor spaces. These facilities provide students, staff, and visitors with an easily accessible source of potable water throughout the day.

The initiative aims to reduce the reliance on bottled water, minimize plastic waste, and promote healthy hydration habits among the university population. By ensuring that safe drinking water is always available, UCU helps create an inclusive and health-conscious learning environment.

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### Ensuring Safety and Quality

To maintain the highest standards of water safety, UCU implements regular monitoring and maintenance of all water dispensers and fountains. The university's Facilities and Environmental Management Office (FEMO) conducts routine checks on filtration systems, pipe sanitation, and water quality testing. These measures ensure that every drop of water provided on campus meets the standards set by the Department of Health (DOH) and World Health Organization (WHO) for potable water.

In addition, water refilling stations within the campus are accredited and comply with sanitary and safety regulations. Staff members are trained to inspect dispensers regularly to prevent contamination and ensure consistent water quality.

### Sustainability and Environmental Impact

The installation of free drinking water fountains aligns with UCU's broader sustainability goals. By encouraging the use of refillable bottles and reducing single-use plastic consumption, the university supports SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production alongside SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation.



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Students and employees are encouraged to bring their own tumblers or reusable water bottles, contributing to a more environmentally friendly campus culture. This practice not only promotes sustainability but also fosters a sense of shared responsibility for environmental protection.

### Health, Wellness, and Inclusion

Free access to clean drinking water is a vital part of UCU's health and wellness strategy. Hydration is essential for maintaining concentration, cognitive performance, and overall well-being—especially in an active academic environment. By ensuring that hydration points are available to everyone, UCU demonstrates its commitment to inclusivity, student care, and community health.



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