



## University Clinic Opens Accessible Childcare Facilities for Students and Faculty

*Urdaneta City, Philippines* — Urdaneta City University (UCU) is proud to announce the opening of its accessible childcare facilities, located within the University Clinic, to support students and faculty with young children. This initiative underscores the university’s commitment to fostering a family-friendly and inclusive environment, allowing parents to focus on their studies and professional responsibilities while ensuring the well-being of their children.

### A Family-Friendly Initiative for the UCU Community

The newly established childcare facility aims to alleviate the challenges faced by parents balancing academic or professional responsibilities and childcare duties. Designed to accommodate children of various age groups, the facility provides a safe, secure, and engaging space for children, giving parents peace of mind while they attend classes, participate in work commitments, or engage in campus activities.

University Doctor of UCU University Clinic, shared, “We recognize the importance of supporting our students and staff in their family responsibilities. Our new childcare facility is part of our broader effort to promote a healthy work-life balance. By providing this service, we hope to reduce the stress parents may face and enable them to focus on their educational and professional goals.”

### A Safe and Nurturing Environment for Children

The childcare facility, designed with both safety and development in mind, is staffed by trained caregivers who are equipped to handle the various needs of children. The space is filled with age-appropriate toys, educational materials, and play areas to ensure that children remain entertained and engaged. The center is open to both students and faculty members, allowing for flexibility in scheduling to meet the diverse needs of parents.

Parents can drop off their children at the facility before attending their classes or working on campus, knowing that their children are being cared for in a well-equipped, monitored space. With the facility located within the University Clinic, parents also have the added convenience of having medical support close by, should the need arise.

### Supporting Parents in Academic and Professional Pursuits

UCU’s new childcare facility is part of the university’s ongoing efforts to ensure that all students and staff have the support they need to succeed, regardless of their parental responsibilities. By offering accessible childcare, UCU is helping parents overcome the challenge of balancing academic or work life with childcare, ensuring they can fully engage in university life.

One UCU student and mother of two, Miss Garcia commented, “Having the childcare facility on campus has made a huge difference for me. I no longer have to worry about where to leave my children while I attend my classes. It’s such a relief to know they are safe and being cared for while I focus on my studies.”

### A Step Toward Greater Inclusivity

This initiative is part of UCU’s larger mission to create a supportive, inclusive, and equitable environment for all members of its community. The childcare service is designed to remove barriers that may prevent parents from fully participating in their academic or professional endeavors, ensuring equal opportunities for students and faculty alike.





“UCU is committed to creating a campus that understands and supports the diverse needs of its community members,” said Ms. Bactad “Our childcare facility is one way we’re working to make UCU a more inclusive place for students and faculty with families.”

### Future Plans and Enhancements

Looking ahead, UCU plans to continuously improve the childcare services offered, ensuring that it remains responsive to the evolving needs of students and staff. The university’s goal is to expand access to family-friendly services and to provide a supportive environment where everyone, regardless of parental responsibilities, can thrive academically and professionally.

As UCU continues to lead by example in providing inclusive policies and services, the university is setting a standard for other educational institutions to follow in supporting the well-being and success of its community.



