

Southern Medical Program

THE SOUTHERN MEDICAL PROGRAM (SMP) is training the next generation of physicians, making new discoveries, and creating pathways to better health for communities across the BC Interior.

In partnership with Interior Health, the SMP is one of four regional sites for UBC's distributed MD Undergraduate Program. The SMP admits 32 students each year as part of the provincial cohort of 288 students, and designates up to ten spots for northern and rural applicants. SMP graduates have entered a wide variety of residencies across BC and Canada and some of our first graduates are now family physicians in rural BC.

Years 1 and 2 students divide their time between the Reichwald Health Sciences Centre at UBC Okanagan, Clinical Academic Campus at Kelowna General Hospital (KGH), and family practice offices between Vernon and Peachland. Years 3 and 4 students spend the majority of their training in Kelowna, Kamloops, Vernon, or Trail in addition to other clinical education sites across the province.

In 2019, the SMP established the Faculty of Medicine Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management at UBC Okanagan. The new Centre serves as a provincial leader for research excellence, knowledge translation and exchange in the urgent research field of chronic diseases.

Family Physicians

The SMP is recruiting family physicians to join our faculty and support medical education in their community. Our faculty and staff are happy to work with you to find teaching opportunities that best suit your practice and interests.

FAMILY PRACTICE

Help Years 1 and 2 students develop their clinical skills and discover a passion for family practice through early clinical exposure. Teach one-half day per week in clinic for a semester.

FOCUSED FAMILY PRACTICE

Expose Year 2 students to the breadth of family practice in a specialized area (e.g. Obstetrics, Addiction Medicine, ER, Hospitalist, or Oncology). Teach two focused sessions in clinic and/or hospital.

CLINICAL SKILLS

Lead small group clinical skills sessions for Years 1 and 2 students with the help of a volunteer patient. Teach an afternoon session(s) at the Clinical Academic Campus.

CASED-BASED LEARNING

Guide small group discussions for Years 1 and 2 students learning various clinical presentations. Tutor two to three times per week for a semester at UBC Okanagan.

RURAL FAMILY PRACTICE CLERKSHIP & YEAR 4 ELECTIVES

Support Year 3 students in their core rural family practice rotation and/or help Year 4 students solidify their interest in family and/or rural practice. Teach two to four weeks in clinic and/or hospital.



FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Advance the education and skills-sets for Family Practice residents on core rotation or electives. Teach throughout the academic year with various opportunities and commitment levels.

Why Teach?

You will like it! Medical students have shown to provide positive impacts on physicians, their practice, and their patients. Their enthusiasm for learning often revitalizes physicians to pursue their clinical and academic pursuits.

Your patients will like it! Most patients welcome the opportunity to help train the next generation of physicians.

UBC will support you! Accreditation standards require all physicians supervising UBC students to hold a UBC Clinical Faculty Appointment (CFA). A CFA is also necessary to receive compensation for teaching. Additional benefits of becoming a clinical faculty member include:

- Discounts on computer software and departmental purchases.
- UBC preferred rates for airplane tickets, car rentals, hotel rates, YVR airport parking.
- Discount for UBC attractions (i.e. Botanical Gardens, Museum of Anthropology).
- UBC library card and email account.

If you are new to teaching or want to advance your skills, the SMP offers numerous faculty development resources and professional development opportunities.

For more information, visit smp.med.ubc.ca/about/join-our-team.

Contact us

Thank you for your interest in teaching with the SMP. Please contact us to discover how you can support medical education in the BC Interior.

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