

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 and some of our first graduates are now practicing physicians in BC and across the country.

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 2011, the SMP established an Integrated Community Clerkship (ICC) Program based at Vernon Jubilee Hospital (VJH). Each year, three Year 3 medical students complete training in core rotations at VJH and family practice clinics and gain experience to the breadth of medicine offered in Vernon.

Vernon Physicians

The SMP is recruiting Vernon 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.

YEARS 1 & 2 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 in Kelowna.

YEARS 3 & 4 INTEGRATED COMMUNITY CLERKSHIP/ YEAR 4 ELECTIVES

Train ICC and Year 4 elective students in core medicine rotations (e.g. General Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry) or electives at VJH and/or in the community. Teach throughout the academic year with various opportunities and commitment levels, including clinical and didactic teaching.



ALL YEARS UNDERGRAD

Supervise FLEX projects for students involved with community activities or research, coach a PORTFOLIO group of students, or be a student MENTOR.

POST GRAD

FAMILY PRACTICE AND ROYAL COLLEGE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

Advance the education and skills-sets for residents rotating through your discipline. Teach throughout the academic year with various opportunities and commitment levels.

Why Teach?

You will like it! Medical students are known to have a positive impact on physicians, their practice, and their patients. The students' enthusiasm for learning often revitalizes physicians to pursue their own clinical and academic interests.

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

UBC will support you! Ongoing faculty development opportunities help all levels of teachers to improve their instructional skills. Accreditation standards require all physicians supervising UBC students and residents to hold a UBC Clinical Faculty Appointment (CFA). A CFA is also necessary to receive compensation for teaching.

Additional benefits include discounts on computer software and departmental purchases; UBC preferred rates for airplane tickets, car rentals, hotel rates, YVR airport parking; and a UBC library card and email account.

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

Contact us

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

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