



FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC) admitted its first class in September 1950. The inaugural cohort of 60 students included 57 British Columbians of whom 20 were World War II veterans. UBC's first MD class graduated in 1954, including two women.

In the 1950s, UBC's Point Grey campus had no hospital facilities, clinical training took place off-campus at Vancouver General Hospital and other health centres designated as teaching hospitals. From these humble beginnings, province-wide distributed education became a hallmark of UBC, British Columbia's only medical school. Today's MD program enrolls 256 students annually in Vancouver, Victoria and Prince George and features nine clinical academic campuses and 13 affiliated regional centres located in hospitals throughout the province.

The Faculty of Medicine is composed of 31 departments, schools and research centres; trains nearly 2,600 undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students; employs 570 full-time faculty, 1,500 staff and 3,500 clinical instructors; and has produced 9,000 alumni. It continues its 58-year tradition of facilitating innovative, evidence-based, student-centred learning that is relevant to the 21st century.

UBC's Faculty of Medicine provides innovative educational and research programs in the areas of health and life sciences through an integrated and province-wide delivery model. In 2004, a distributed expansion of the MD undergraduate program began to increase access for the public to physicians in both urban and rural areas across B.C., and to improve the health of B.C. residents. The program is now delivered in Vancouver, Prince George and Victoria.



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The Association of Faculties
of Medicine of Canada

"2008 marks the first graduating class of the province-wide expanded and distributed MD undergraduate program. This program, the first of its kind in North America, owes its success to the collaboration of hundreds of staff, faculty, and local clinical teachers who have provided countless hours ensuring that the education and training of every student is the best possible. It was achieved because of the partnerships that we have across the province, including our colleagues at UBC, the University of Victoria, the University of Northern BC, as well as our partnerships with the six Health Authorities and the Government of British Columbia."

Dr. Gavin Stuart

*Dean, Faculty of Medicine
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Appointed dean in September 2003*

QUICK FACTS

Founded: 1950

Location: Vancouver, BC

Length of Program: 4 years

Language of Instruction: English

2008/09 New Admissions into Year One: 256

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