



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Medicine



INDIGENOUS MD ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP

JULY 23-25, 2025

The 22nd annual Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop will take place on the unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation at the Southern Medical Program, located on the University of British Columbia - Okanagan campus in Kelowna, BC.

EXPLORE A FUTURE IN MEDICINE

If you are thinking about pursuing a future in medicine, this is a unique opportunity to learn how UBC can support you in your studies and connect with an inclusive, caring community of medical practitioners, students, and faculty.

Our annual pre-admissions workshop for Indigenous pre-med students isn't just for those already in university. Prospective students, including post-secondary and high school students can explore what it means to attend university and embark on a journey to becoming a healthcare professional.

JOIN A CARING COMMUNITY

Being part of a community is important—it helps people feel connected to traditions and knowledge unique to them. At the UBC Faculty of Medicine, we are a community that celebrates our students' diverse perspectives on healthcare and Indigenous ways of knowing.

For twenty-one years we've been providing the Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop dedicated to welcoming Indigenous people into our faculty and supporting them as they make a commitment to study medicine. We know that our annual workshop will give you an introduction to our community and help you feel more confident about your decision to study medicine.

WHY ATTEND?

To learn

- Find out about prerequisites, course planning, and get a preview of the medical curriculum and residency programs.
- Get an overview of the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), and learn about the UBC interview process by participating in mock interviews.
- Gain familiarity with the application process and admission requirements.

Meet faculty & staff

- Hear stories from doctors and faculty who chose UBC.
- Learn about student supports from a member of the Student Affairs team.
- Get the facts about your financial options from the Faculty of Medicine's Student Financial Assistance Officer.

Feel supported

- Learn about preparing your application from our Indigenous Initiatives team.
- Better understand specific Indigenous resources and support for students with Indigenous ancestry, including First Nations, Métis & Inuit peoples.
- Hear from a local Elder during the opening and closing remarks.
- Ask questions of Indigenous medical students and residents to learn about their experiences.
- Find out more about what pursuing a career in medicine entails.



If you're feeling apprehensive about pursuing a medical degree, our workshop is one of the best ways to reduce your doubts, fears, or anxieties about pursuing your goal of becoming a medical doctor. You'll gain personal insights and guidance about your choice to study medicine with us.

We are excited about the remarkable students, alumni, and faculty who will be presenting and advising over all three days of the workshop and we hope you'll join us in July 2025.

WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

There is *no cost* to attend the workshop.

The workshop will take place in person in Kelowna. The university will cover your accommodations and meals, however travel to/from the workshop will be your responsibility.

If public health guidelines change, the workshop may need to shift to a virtual gathering. This will be communicated as soon as a decision is made. Successful applicants will be notified by email.

NEXT STEPS: YOUR WORKSHOP APPLICATION

Apply online at:

https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0D4S4HRDke8seKV

Along with your application, you'll need to prepare and submit:

- A 500-word autobiographical essay, including who you are and why you want to become a doctor.
- A copy of your most recent transcripts or report card.
- A copy of your proof of ancestry such as status, treaty and Métis membership cards. We also accept written letters of support from your Band, Inuit and Métis organizations.

We encourage you to get your application in as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the workshop, please reach out to us.

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