



# THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

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## Pre-Medicine

**Doctor of Medicine, MD**  
**Faculty of Medicine**  
**University of British Columbia**

The Faculty of Medicine at UBC offers a 4 year medical education program leading to a Doctor of Medicine (MD). All students must meet the academic and other standards set by the Faculty of Medicine and will graduate with a UBC degree. The Program is based on a distributed model of education. In each application cycle, 288 students are selected and will be distributed across the province within four training sites:

<b>Northern Medical</b> <b>UNBC (Prince George)</b>	<b>Island Medical</b> <b>UVIC (Victoria)</b>	<b>Vancouver-Fraser</b> <b>UBC – (Vancouver)</b>	<b>Medical Southern Medical Program</b> <b>UBC- Okanagan (Kelowna)</b>
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For further information, please contact :

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Students planning to apply for admission to the Doctor of Medicine program at UBC should select courses that satisfy the requirements of a Bachelor’s degree of their choice along with the courses needed to qualify for admission. Consideration will be given to students from a variety of backgrounds with no preference given to any particular degree program or institution.

Admission to Medicine is offered on a competitive basis. It’s imperative for all prospective applicants to **refer to the UBC website** for a complete list of academic and non-academic criteria. Particular attention should be made to the applicant profiles detailed within in the following categories found online at:

[www.med.ubc.ca/education/md\\_ugrad/MD\\_Undergraduate\\_Admissions.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/MD_Undergraduate_Admissions.htm)

- Information Sessions-** offered at all four distributed program sites.
- Statistics-** details on standards required to make admission (i.e.: GPA, MCAT)
- Admission Requirements-** details academic courses and MCAT requirements
- Evaluation Criteria-** details of how academic and non-academic criteria is evaluated
- Interviews-** how to secure an interview and details of how the interview is structured
- Selection-** details the steps in qualifying for admission
- Frequently Asked Questions-** questions frequently asked by applicants
- Admissions Blog-** application cycle update from Admissions

In addition to meeting the admission requirements of the Faculty of Medicine at UBC, applicants must have the following:

1. A minimum of **90 credits** that include the following pre-admission requirements:

UBC Requirements (credits)	TRU Courses (credits)	Pre-requisites
1 <sup>st</sup> year English (6)	Engl 1100/ 1110, 1120, 1140 or 1210 (6)	English 12 (B) or level 4 LPI
1 <sup>st</sup> year Biology (6)	Biol 1110/1210 (6)	Biol 11 or 12 (C+); Chem 11
General Chemistry (6)	Chem 1500/1510 or 1520 (6)	Chem 11 or 12/Math 12 <b>and</b> Chem 1500 (C-)/Chem 11 or Chem 1500 (C-)/Chem 12 (B)
Organic Chemistry (6)	Chem 2120/2220 (6)	Chem 1500 (C-)/1510 or 1520 (C-)
Biochemistry (6)	Biol 3130/3230 (6)	Biol 2130 (C)/ Chem 2120/2220

Note: Transferability of TRU courses to UBC is available online at [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)

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2. The minimum academic standing required for application is an overall Grade Point Average of 70% based on all university level courses attempted. See MD Undergraduate Admissions website under ‘Minimum Academic Standing.’ Given the competitive nature of the applicants, it’s imperative to establish an overall Grade Point Average of well above 75% (BC residents) for a full evaluation of a file to take place. Note the ‘Statistical’ summary provided online.
3. All applicants must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Details about the MCAT can be found at: <https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/> Refer to UBC website for procedures for MCAT testing and statistical summaries of past applicants.
4. Primary consideration for admission is given to residents of British Columbia.
5. Three references (only for applicants invited for an Interview)
6. Report of non-academic experiences – detailed in Supplemental Application forms found in Online Application
7. Multiple Mini Interviews- pre-book through UBC MD Undergraduate Admissions website upon invitation.

## Selection Process

Selections of applicants are assessed in two parts equally, *Academic Criteria* and *Non-Academic Criteria*. Admission is based on a selection process which strives to enrol the most highly qualified applicant evaluated on the following criteria:

### Academic

There are many more qualified applicants than positions available. Students should prepare an academic background that reflects their strengths and interests and to have an alternative career option. Admission is extremely competitive and students must establish a strong academic threshold to be considered for an interview. There are three evaluations calculated:

1. **Overall Academic Average:** based on all university level courses attempted (includes summer)
2. **Adjusted Academic Average:** lowest 30 cr. average dropped; refer to website for details
3. **Prerequisite Average:** As a general rule, the first course taken that satisfies the requirement will be used in this calculation. Please note that when prerequisite course is repeated, the first successful attempt is considered in the GPA calculation. If the first attempt is a failure, both attempts are averaged.

**NOTE:** Averages calculations require percentages. UBC website provides conversion tables to reference.

MCAT scores are considered. Review details of scores needed in ‘Evaluation Criteria’ found online.

Pre-Interview GPA calculation includes the Overall GPA or Adjusted Average and Non-Academic Qualities Score. GPA and non-academic qualities score is weighted equally.

Post-Interview: all criteria are considered. Particular attention is paid to the academic performances that includes trends in grades from year to year as well as senior undergraduate and graduate level achievements completed by application deadline

### Non-Academic Criteria

In addition to academic achievement, applicants must demonstrate integrity, motivation, social responsibility, excellent interpersonal skills, leadership potential, diversity of experience, and a high level of performance in any aspect of human endeavour. Evaluation of non-academic criteria is based on the following:

- Report of Non-Academic Experiences; list of extracurricular activities; additional Aboriginal Essay, if applicable ; employment history
- Rural Interest Statement and suitability
- Interview, when offered
- Three references when requested

For Admission information and application details, refer online to:

[http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md\\_ugrad/MD\\_Undergraduate\\_Admissions.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/MD_Undergraduate_Admissions.htm)

For Application timelines, refer online to:

[http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md\\_ugrad/MD\\_Undergraduate\\_Admissions/Application\\_Timelines\\_2012\\_13.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/MD_Undergraduate_Admissions/Application_Timelines_2012_13.htm)

**Note: The following information is intended as a guideline for medicine bound students planning to apply for admission to Medicine offered through UBC. Due to changes that can occur at any post-secondary institution, it is the student’s responsibility to check they have met the requirements of the institution and chosen program.**