

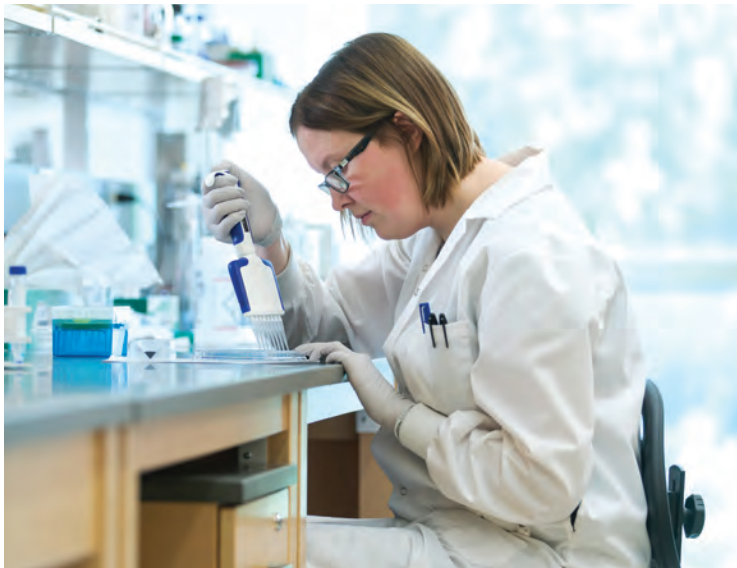


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College of Medicine  
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**Getting your MD:**  
The  
**Saskatchewan**  
experience

A new, enhanced curriculum over the four-year MD program provides you with a solid basis in preparatory clinical medicine and biomedical sciences while incorporating more time for clinical learning. Round out your education with opportunities to participate in medical research through the Dean's Summer Research Projects and other initiatives.



Our faculty and staff are here to support your success, and we touch base with you often through meetings and (free!) lunches. You are further supported by our student services team across career and academic advising, wellness programs and events, mentoring opportunities with other students and physicians, regular one-on-one “pulse checks” during pre-clerkship (Years 1 and 2) and more.



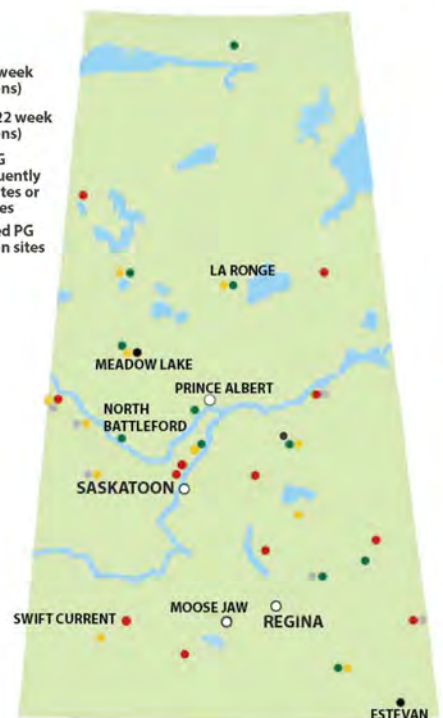
For Years 1 through 4, about 40 students complete their degree at our Regina campus, while about 60 study at the Saskatoon campus.

In Years 3 and 4, a small number of students—usually about four—complete their degree at our Prince Albert (PA) instructional site. The college also has the Saskatchewan Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (SLIC), and up to two of our medical students per site take all of Year 3 at Estevan, La Ronge, Meadow Lake or Melfort.

Students will also have opportunities to learn in smaller centres such as Swift Current, Moose Jaw, North Battleford and La Ronge during summer rural externships and clerkships. In total, more than 40 sites in Saskatchewan provide clinical learning experiences to round out your professional training across urban, rural and remote medicine, Indigenous health, and medical specialties. (Core rotations include emergency medicine, internal medicine, surgery, family medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, and anesthesia).

#### COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN-PERSON TEACHING LOCATIONS

- SLIC
- UG (4-week rotations)
- PG (8-22 week rotations)
- UG / PG infrequently used sites or electives
- Planned PG rotation sites



# Additional **learning opportunities**

## **MAKING THE LINKS**

Making the Links–Certificate in Global Health is a unique interprofessional certificate program for health science students. The program combines academic courses with intense urban-based service learning experiences in urban underserved community clinics, as well as rural, remote and Indigenous communities in northern Saskatchewan and international communities.

The content of the program focuses on health equity, social accountability and advocacy, and global citizenship required to meet the needs of populations which have been historically marginalized by oppressive policies. The content explores the structural drivers of health inequity and the impacts on lived experience of people.

Rich in interactive, experiential, and didactic learning opportunities, this was the first undergraduate certificate in global health in Canada.

## **SWITCH**

Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health (SWITCH) is a student-run inner-city Saskatoon clinic, where you can volunteer and work alongside a doctor or nurse practitioner, cultural support worker, receptionist and other health-care mentors. In addition to traditional clinical services, SWITCH offers a range of other services including counselling, physical therapy, cultural supports, gynecology, pediatrics, pharmacy and nutritional education.

## **SEARCH**

Student Energy in Action in Regina for Community Health (SEARCH) is a student-run, interdisciplinary primary health-care initiative in North Central Regina. SEARCH has many student volunteers, professional mentors and partners, and serves over 1,000 clients each year. Your volunteer opportunities include shadowing and doing initial assessments of clients in the medical clinic.

## **INDIGENOUS HEALTH ELECTIVES**

Electives in Indigenous health that blend Indigenous and western knowledge are available in year four. These electives give you the opportunity to work in urban or rural settings with knowledge keepers, community members, and clinicians, pending availability at elective sites. You may also go off-site to assist in clinical care in surrounding First Nations communities.

## **MD/MBA**

A unique opportunity exists for you to complete dual MD and MBA degrees. If accepted into the College of Medicine, you can apply to and, if accepted, complete an MBA degree in addition to the MD degree. Up to two applicants per year are accepted. The program is designed to create effective managers and teach leadership roles in the medical profession.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR**

Get involved in a range of college and university activities from sports and recreational leagues to politics and fundraising initiatives. The Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan is an important conduit of information for our students. Participate on the college's wellness committee or join other students and faculty members on the Aboriginal, Rural and Remote Health Group.

## **PGME IN SASKATCHEWAN**

Following completion of the MD degree, a minimum of two years and up to six years are spent in residency training. The Postgraduate Medical Education Office (PGME) works with residents to ensure that your educational experience during the time you spend at the University of Saskatchewan provides you with the best possible program to meet your needs and future career goals. The role of the PGME office is one of co-ordination—with residents, teaching hospitals, various stakeholder agencies, departments and program directors.

## The **Saskatoon** experience

Our Saskatoon campus is located in the newly renovated Health Sciences Building at the University of Saskatchewan. Experience campus life with members of five other professional health science colleges—an opportunity unique in western Canada.

The Health Sciences Building provides vital educational support and research facilities, including state-of-the-art lecture theatres, classrooms and research laboratories, meeting and breakout rooms, and study and lounge spaces.

In E Wing, the Clinical Learning Resource Centre is home to skills labs, examination rooms, procedure labs and simulation labs, as well as a standardized patient program. E Wing also houses the Leslie and Irene Dubé Health Sciences Library, that spans three floors, and features 23 bookable group/study rooms to support collaborative work and quiet study.



The newly renovated A Wing houses the administrative offices of the dean of medicine, the Undergraduate Medical Education program, the Postgraduate Medical Education program and Continuing Medical Education.

The college is closely affiliated with Saskatoon's three hospitals: Royal University Hospital (RUH), St. Paul's Hospital and Saskatoon City Hospital, and a complementary shuttle service is available for transportation between these facilities. The new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital is located at the RUH site.

## The **Prince Albert** experience

In Years 3 and 4 of the MD program, a small number of students complete their studies at our Prince Albert (PA) instructional site at Victoria Hospital. In addition to the usual inpatient and outpatient experiences, PA offers first-hand exposure to trauma, Indigenous health, public health, addictions medicine and prison health.

The success and popularity of the Rural Family Medicine Program here is a reflection of this diversity of care. Thirty per cent of the population is Indigenous. As the third-largest service district in Saskatchewan, the diverse population and health needs are balanced by the broad range of rural, urban and specialty physician services found in PA.



The local population is also characterized by its great proportion of both elderly and young patients—with a high birthrate of more than 1,500 deliveries per year, ranging from routine to extreme with complexity.

Victoria Hospital's emergency room is one of the busiest in the province, and 90 per cent of visits are urgent, emergent or critical. The broad range of learning opportunities is supported by low preceptor (teaching medical professional) to student ratios.

## The **Regina** experience

Complete a medical doctor degree in a hospital setting with access to a state-of-the-art medical simulation centre. Hands-on learning and close proximity to the medical community enriches the Regina campus experience.

The campus is in Regina General Hospital, located near the city's downtown district. It includes the Health Sciences Learning Centre, Dilawri Simulation Centre, and Health Sciences Library.

The Health Sciences Learning and Resource Centre is the hub of the campus. Faculty and staff offices are conveniently located among study space, technology equipped classrooms, break out rooms, a student lounge, and clinical exam rooms.

Students also experience hands-on learning in the Dilawri Simulation Centre, where life-like mannequins and technology simulate high-fidelity and low-fidelity situations. Guided by physicians, students can experience medical situations ranging from emergency room visits to delivery simulations. They also learn and practice various skills, including suturing and ultrasound, in this interprofessional environment.



In addition to hands-on learning, students have access to USask library services and the Health Sciences Library. It is a resource of medical books, journals, audio-visual materials and electronic materials that are also used by medical professionals.

The hospital setting lends ample opportunities for students to grow their network. Residents, in addition to junior and senior medical students, are nearby and there is a low student to preceptor ratio. It's a campus community with small class sizes, opening opportunities for clinical exposure.

A shuttle service provides transportation between parking sites and the campus, plus city bus stops are within a minute walk from hospital entrances. Other amenities include on-site and nearby cafes, a fitness room, and hospital cafeteria.

## The **SLIC** experience

The college offers the Saskatchewan Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (SLIC) that extends for 48 weeks during Year 3, with up to two positions available per site for students at sites in Estevan, La Ronge, Meadow Lake and Melfort. The experience features comprehensive care of patients over time, while meeting the third-year clerkship core clinic competencies across multiple disciplines simultaneously in one teaching environment.





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