



## Doctor of Medicine

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The curriculum that makes up the MD program of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry builds on foundation knowledge and skills. Including increasing clinical exposure during Years 1 and 2. They ultimately evolve into a fully immersive clinical-learning setting by the beginning of third year. Following four years in undergraduate medical education, students continue postgraduate training for two to five+ years.

**Quota:** 192 Students. Eighty-five percent of the seats in the program are reserved for Alberta residents, and 15 percent are available for non-Alberta residents.

Applicants must be permanent residents of Canada, either as a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. We regret that we are unable to admit international students.

Thirty quota positions are available for qualified rural applicants. Rural candidates will be given priority access to seats available through the Northern Alberta Medical Program (NAMP) to complete their MD at the new Grande Prairie campus at Northwestern Polytechnic. NAMP will be welcoming its first students in Fall of 2025.

The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry is committed to the recruitment, retention and graduation of Aboriginal students. All Aboriginal applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and who are successful in the Indigenous admissions process will be recommended for admission.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Access, Community, and Belonging, the MD Program at the University of Alberta has introduced the [Black Applicant Admissions Process \(BAAP\)](#). The BAAP provides the opportunity for Black applicants to participate in an admissions stream that has been designed with consultation with our Black faculty and will include Black representation in the file review process.

At the request of the Department of National Defence (DND), the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry has completed arrangements with DND to create up to six seats in the MD Program above the quota class size.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### Minimum Standards:

- The minimum cumulative GPA required to be eligible to apply is 3.30 for **Alberta residents** and 3.50 for **non-Alberta** residents.
- **Albertan** applicants must reach a minimum MCAT score of **124** in all categories (CPBS, CARS, BBFL, PSBB). **Non-Albertans** applicants must reach a minimum [MCAT](#) score of **128** in CARS and **124** in CPBS, BBFL, and PSBB. MCAT results are valid for 5 years and must be completed prior to submitting an admission application.

### Please note:

- Meeting the minimum standards does **not** guarantee admission.
- All Indigenous applicants must only meet the Alberta minimum requirements regardless of provincial residence.
- Additional selection factors include submission of personal activities, reference letters, additional testing (CASPer), and an interview.

### Requirements Explained:

- **Education:** All applicants must be registered in a baccalaureate degree program and obtain their degree the year admission is sought or already have completed their degree program. We have no preference for which institution attended nor which degree program; applicants should pursue their interests while fulfilling the requirements of their degree program. Applicants must have a minimum of 60 transferable units of course weight (ucw).
  - To calculate cGPA, we include all transferable post-secondary coursework to which a grade was assigned while the student was enrolled full-time (by UofA definition) during the academic year (September through April) or full-time during the Spring and Summer terms (May through August). For undergraduate students, to be considered full-time you must complete 18 transferable units of course weight (ucw) during the academic year (September through April) or 12 ucw during the Spring and Summer terms (May through August).
  - The MD Program no longer has a full course load (30UCW) requirement.
  - For applicants presenting 4 or more full-time academic years (September through April) of transferable post-secondary coursework, the lowest academic year may be excluded from calculation provided that it is not the most recent full-time academic year.
- **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT):** All applicants must write the [Medical College Admissions Test \(MCAT\)](#). The MCAT exam includes the following sections: Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems (BBFL), Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems (CPBS), Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior (PSBB), and Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills (CARS). The MD Program takes a threshold approach to the MCAT requirement. Once applicants meet the MCAT eligibility requirements, their scores will not be used competitively and will not be used to assess their application. For Alberta residents, the minimum MCAT score is 124 in all four categories. For Non-Albertan

applicants, the minimum MCAT score is 128 in CARS and 124 in CPBS, BBFL, and PSBB. Applicants must meet the minimum requirement for each section in a single test sitting to be eligible to apply.

- **Personal Activities:** This section provides applicants the opportunity to highlight life experiences that enhance their application. The Personal Activities section comprises five subsections: Employment; Teamwork, Collaboration, & Leadership; Volunteer Work; Life Experiences & Achievements; and Personal Activities.
  - **Employment; Teamwork, Collaboration, & Leadership; Volunteer Work; Life Experiences & Achievements-** Applicants must provide 1-4 entries per subsection, including the total number of **verifiable** hours committed to each entry.
  - **Personal Highlights-** Applicants must answer a series of mandatory questions.
- **Written Statement (Rural Admission Only):** The Rural Admissions Process includes an assessment of where the applicant has resided. Rural applicants are required to provide a written statement regarding their connection to their rural background and community.
- **References:** Applicants are required to submit the contact information for two references. Referees/ recommenders should know applicants in a supervisory or professional capacity and be able to speak about the applicant's moral and ethical character. Examples may include a coach, co-worker, employer, leader of a volunteer organization or club, professor, supervisor, research supervisor, or a teacher.
- **CASPer Assessment:** CASPer, an online situational judgment assessment, is provided by Acuity Insights. Successful completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility. CASPer results are valid for one year, and only one application cycle.
- **Interview:** Successful applicants will be invited to interviews, which are held in March each year. The interview format typically consists of MMI stations and an interview panel. Applicants eligible for a rural seat will complete an additional panel interview with rural practitioners and community members.

#### **Additional Conditions of Admission:**

- **English Language Requirements:** Applicants must meet a spoken English requirement as specified in the [University of Alberta Calendar](#).
- **Police Information Check (PIC):** A clear Police Information Check (PIC) with Vulnerable Sector Check is required as a condition of admission and that any criminal charges pending must be declared.
- Admitted applicants are required to complete a standard series of immunizations and medical testing required by health care providers in Alberta.

- Outstanding items in your Launchpad, such as **final/official** transcripts showing degree conferral. Please note: your final year academic results must remain at the same level as your past academic performance.
- Current digital passport-style colour photo
- Non-refundable tuition deposit (\$1,000.00)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Applications Opens:** July 1, 2025

**Application Deadline:** October 2025

**Interviews:** March 2026

## FAQ

Visit our [FAQ page](#) for answers to common questions about the program.

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