

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

20 Reasons to join us in the UBC Public Health & Preventive Medicine Residency Program

- 1. A strong, diverse, and collegial group of up to 20 residents who contribute regularly to curriculum development, resident wellness, and a growth environment.
- 2. Over 40 active teaching faculty who are committed to general public health practice, specialty public health practice, and excellence in scholarship.
- 3. A major program overhaul and modernization project was completed between 2021-2023, and we now deliver learner centered hybrid CBME based training experience setting us up well for the official RCPSC transition to CBME in 2025. And it is just good pedagogy!
- 4. An integrated MPH Program which includes a clinical public practicum as a Medical Health Officer, can be completed in 12 months, and for which tuition is funded by the PHPM program (approximately \$5500). This was identified as a Leading Practice by RCPSC.
- 5. Basic Clinical Training or Family Medicine Training that draws on direct patient care experiences with equity deserving populations delivered in collaboration with St. Paul's Hospital. Longstanding established relationships with direct patient care rotations relevant to public health practice.
- 6. The option of our PHPM-FM stream based in Vancouver which delivers core training in both programs over PGY years 2, 3, and 4, in an integrated learning experience which emphasizes the strength of overlapping competencies while avoiding the trappings of a siloed learning experience. A pilot program for 2024, this will be fully operational for July 1, 2025.
- 7. The option of our PHPM only stream with a subspeciality year in public health training in the PGY-5 year. We draw from a number of specialty public health agencies including: BC Centre for Disease Control, WorkSafeBC, BC Centre for Substance Use, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, First Nations Health Authority, Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.
- 8. A province-wide experience drawing on all 5 regional health authority clinical public health teaching units in Vancouver, Surrey, Kelowna, Victoria, and Prince George.
- 9. Travel and accommodations for all training experiences outside of Vancouver's Lower Mainland in Kelowna, Prince George, Victoria, and ruralremote sites is funded by the PHPM program through UBC's PGME Travel and Housing program
- 10. A comprehensive academic half day curriculum that is organized not by residents, but by program administration and clinical faculty with significant with resident input. Organization of AHD into clear themes of Public Health Practice, Exam Preparations, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Wellness and Hot Topics.



- 10. A dedicated Wellness Committee that is co-chaired by resident and faculty representatives that provides feedback and recommendations to both the Program Director and the Residency Program Committee to help facilitate program changes and improve the resident experience.
- 11. Access to two Wellness faculty who work at arm's length from the Program Director and who support individual residents throughout their training with dedicated scheduled and ad-hoc check-ins. We can't over-emphasize the importance of this in supporting the psychological safety of learners throughout their education.
- 12. An annual PHPM resident summer On-Call Bootcamp, a 2-day course which includes approach to being on-call, common on-call cases and consults, exam preparation, and an emergency management simulation.
- 13. An annual PHPM resident summer Wellness Retreat, a 2-day course held at various locations around the province run by residents for residents, which includes a review of the residency program, and immersive learning activities including leadership, management, and team building.
- 14. The PHPM National Review Course for residents and practising specialists co-hosted and delivered by UBC and Queens University in both Vancouver and Kingston. While all residents are invited to attend, senior residents have protected time and funding for travel as needed. Registration fees are supported by in-kind donations from UBC's School of Population and Public Health.
- 15. Full participation as members in the bi-annual BC Health Officers Council (HOC) Meetings where PHPM physicians across BC meet to affirm standard of practice, discuss emerging issues in public health, and work with ministry of health officials to identify priorities in public health.
- 16. We embrace equity, diversity, and inclusion at all our teaching sites while understanding the need for ongoing education and professional development as we are all learners residents, faculty, and program staff alike.
- 17. We recognize and challenge colonialism and racism and are committed to the hard work of reconciliation within and decolonization of our health system.
- 18. A deep appreciation for the unceded ancestral lands of the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples of BC where we live, work, and play.
- 19. The beauty of the ocean, islands, deltas, mountains, and valleys we call home.

See you soon!