

LEADING THE WAY

The Aboriginal Coordinator, College of Medicine offers:

Aboriginal Student Medical Mentorship Program - students spend either a half day or full day with a physician. During this program, students meet medical students, doctors and other health care workers.

Pre-Medicine Awards – a number of awards are available to students in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan or the University of Regina. Entering awards are \$1000, continuing awards are \$2500.

Equity Seats – 10% of the seats in Medicine, and 12% of the seats Physical Therapy each year are reserved for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

Pre-Health Science/Pre-Med Student Activities: the Coordinator engages with Aboriginal students interested in Medicine or Physical Therapy, or other Health Science Colleges at the U of S. A “Toolkit for Admissions” booklet and national “Role Model Booklet” developed and published.

Successes and Highlights

National and international initiatives and representation – Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, National Indigenous Health Science Circle, U of S Senate Roundtable on Outreach and Engagement

Graduated 39+ First Nations, Métis and Inuit physicians since 1992

Currently have 36 (10.2%) Aboriginal students studying in Medicine and 12 First Nations and Métis students in residency programs – leading the way in Canada

This year 7 Aboriginal students (9%) enrolled and studying in the Master of Physical Therapy Program.

Future Initiatives: Indigenous Health Certificate, Aboriginal health curriculum and a proposed Centre of Excellence in Aboriginal Health

Indigenous Health Committee: inclusive of an Elder, students, faculty and staff pertinent to Indigenous people and health

Admissions Policy – leading the way in Canada regarding admissions policy changes for Métis students applying to College of Medicine and School of Physical Therapy

Individual meetings with all Aboriginal Medical students, as well as families and community members – building capacity in Aboriginal Health

“Our First Nation and Métis learners are going to be leaders in healthcare. The College of Medicine values our very successful Aboriginal programming and initiatives”

Dr. Lou Qualtiere, Acting Dean

“The School of Physical Therapy welcomes Aboriginal students who make us stronger in promoting health and wellness for all people.”

Dr. Liz Harrison, Associate Dean, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences



Contact: Val Arnault-Pelletier, Aboriginal Coordinator

Room 5B53.1, Health Sciences Building
University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5

Phone: 306-966-5901

valerie.arnault@usask.ca

Aboriginal Framework

