



Title:	<b>Visiting Student Electives: Medical School Eligibility</b>	Number:	<b>030</b>
Approved By:	MD Undergraduate Education Committee		
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Audience:	Visiting medical students requesting undergraduate electives		
Purpose:	To define the eligibility of visiting medical students applying for UBC electives		
Related Policies & Procedures:	Visiting Student Electives: Clinical Prerequisites – Policy #030A		
Exclusions:	UBC medical students		
Calendar Statement:	None		
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## Preamble

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The UBC MD Undergraduate Program (MDUP) has adopted the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) Student Portal which is an online application system for visiting medical students seeking electives. Medical students from Canada and around the world can search and review the electives offered at UBC.

A ‘Canada’ designation on the [World Directory of Medical Schools<sup>i</sup>](#) (WDMS) means that a medical school is acceptable to the provincial/territorial medical regulatory authorities in Canada, and is therefore acceptable to all medical organizations in Canada. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) grants educational licences to students from schools with a ‘Canada’ designation on the WDMS. The MDUP also requires that visiting medical students are studying at schools with a ‘Canada’ designation on the WDMS.

## Policy

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1. Students at Canadian medical schools are eligible for UBC electives if they are in their penultimate or final year.
2. Students at international medical schools are eligible for UBC electives if their school has a ‘Canada’ designation on the WDMS, and if they are in their final year of study.
3. Students at international medical schools must demonstrate that they meet the CPSBC English Language requirements at the time of application.
4. Students at Canadian medical schools have placement priority for UBC electives, followed by medical students at international medical schools.



5. Students at Canadian medical schools will apply for UBC electives on a first-come, first-served basis through the AFMC Student Portal.
6. Students at international medical schools, including US schools, will be selected for UBC electives by lottery through the AFMC Student Portal.

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<sup>i</sup> The World Directory of Medical Schools has been developed through a partnership between the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER). The mission of the World Directory of Medical Schools is to list all of the medical schools in the world, with accurate, up-to-date, and comprehensive information on each school. The WDMS defines a “medical school” as an educational institution that provides a complete or full program of instruction leading to a basic medical qualification; that is, a qualification that permits the holder to obtain a license to practice as a physician.

The Medical Council of Canada works with WFME and FAIMER in the development of and decision making process concerning the WDMS. The listing of a medical school in the WDMS does not denote recognition, accreditation, or endorsement by any or all of the sponsors, except where this is expressly stated either on the website of the WDMS or on the website or other literature of any sponsor

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