

UBC Year of Added Competency in Palliative Medicine

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The University of B.C. Division of Palliative Care offers a one year program in Palliative Medicine, jointly accredited by the College of Family Physicians and the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada. The program is for physicians seeking added competency in palliative medicine, and would be suitable for a) family practice residents who have completed their two year residency, b) specialty residents who have completed three years of their residency, who wish to incorporate a year of palliative medicine as part of their residency experience, and c) practicing physicians (whether family physicians or specialists) who intend to focus their career on palliative medicine. On completion of the program, the physician will be able to provide primary and consultant palliative care services, including the education of medical students and physicians. There will also be a solid foundation should he/she wish to pursue an academic/ research career in palliative medicine. The resident gains extensive knowledge, skills, and clinical experience in pain and symptom management, psycho-social and spiritual dimensions of caring for patients and families facing terminal illness. The program is based primarily in Vancouver or Victoria, but there will be opportunity to gain palliative care experience in other B.C. centers. The resident will have experience in palliative care units, acute care hospital palliative consultation services, the B.C. Cancer Agency, and community hospice programs.

There is also an academic research project during the one-year program, and there is a variety of elective options available, depending on the specific interests of the resident.

Applicants should be aware that the two colleges have recently (November 2013) approved Palliative Medicine as a subspecialty, and agreed to start transition toward two new training programs, one of which will be a 1-year primarily clinical program for family practitioners, and the other a 2-year clinical and academic program designed for specialists. The details of these new programs have yet to be determined, and the conjoint Year of Added Competence will continue to be offered until the new programs are set up.

Applications for the Year of Added Competency in Palliative Care, UBC be accepted up to 30th November for the program starting the following July 1st .

Please provide the following:

1. Completed Application form
2. Curriculum Vitae [If emailing, please save document as: LASTNAME.firstname.YACapp]
3. The names and contact information for three Referees, and a brief statement about your relationship to them. [Save document as: LASTNAME.firstname.YACcv]
4. Three reference letters sent directly by the referees via email, fax or mail to Dr. Charlie Chen c/o the address below. [Save document as: LASTNAME.firstname.YACreferees]

If applying via email, please ensure documents are submitted in word or PDF format.
Application material should be submitted via email, fax or mail to:

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You will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation then we have not received your application.

A selection committee will review all applications, and applicants will be notified of the selection decision by mid-January. An interview will be required, either in person or by teleconference.