

INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS TO THE DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE SCHULICH MEDICINE:

- Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is committed to making a difference in the health of First Nations, Métis and Inuit People in Canada.
- Schulich Medicine & Dentistry offers access to an Indigenous Leader in Residence.
- Consideration is given to applicants who self-identify on their application that they are from an Indigenous community.
- Two campuses, one curriculum: London and Windsor, Ontario.
- Western offers access to dedicated and culturally-responsive spaces, as well as programs and services to foster and support Indigenous students and culture.

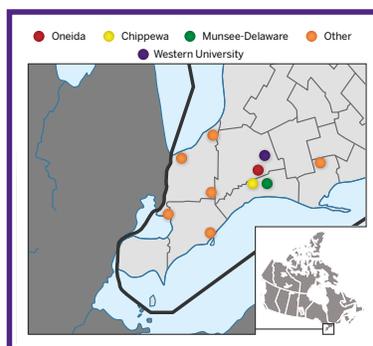
KEY FEATURES OF THE MD PROGRAM

- Competency-based medical education curriculum;
- Flipped classrooms, independent small-group discussion and simulation learning;
- Early hands-on clinical training modelled in patient-centred care;
- Medical training opportunities in more than 60 local communities;
- Summer research training programs;
- Invested in fostering your success for licensing exams, residency matching and future careers.

ACKNOWLEDGING TERRITORY

We acknowledge the history of the traditional territory in which Western University operates and respect the longstanding relationships of the three local First Nations groups of this land and place in Southwestern Ontario.

- **The Haudenosaunee Peoples** also known as the Iroquois people or Six Nations Confederacy consisting of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora;
- **The Anishinaabe Peoples** also referred to as the Three Fires Confederacy including Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatami Nations;
- **The Leni-Lunaape Peoples** also referred to as the Delaware and/or Munsee.



Western is located close to nine vibrant First Nations communities and is closest in proximity to:

- Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, part of the Anishinaabe Nation;
- Oneida Nation of the Thames, part of the Haudenosaunee Nation;
- Munsee-Delaware Nation, part of the Leni-Lunaape Nation.



"Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is an incredible community. As an Indigenous medical student, I have access to educational, cultural and social supports, including Western's Indigenous Services and the Learner Equity & Wellness Office. Indigenous students can expect a safe and welcoming learning environment."

*– Zach Miller, Medicine Class of 2021
Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk), Six Nations of the Grand River Territory*

FACTS & STATS

2,050
APPLICANTS

INTERVIEWED
450 171
ACCEPTED

133 38
LONDON WINDSOR

5

DESIGNATED SEATS
RESERVED FOR
INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

2020 FIRST-YEAR
TUITION & ANCILLARY FEES

*tuition fees subject to change

\$25,490

FINANCIAL AID FOR
ALL FOUR YEARS

\$5.1 MILLION
SCHOLARSHIPS
& BURSARIES

(BASED ON MERIT AND/OR NEED)

60
SCHULICH
SCHOLARSHIPS

\$28,000
PER YEAR

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION TIMELINE 2020 - 2021

SUMMER 2020

Review individual Ontario medical school requirements for your application at Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS)

OCTOBER 1, 2020

(4:30 pm ET)
Deadline to submit application to OMSAS

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Confidential assessment forms due

MARCH 2021

Interviews

MAY 11, 2021

First round offers

DEGREE

- No course pre-requisites or preferred degree program. Knowledge in the sciences, arts, and humanities is encouraged.
- Must be in the final year of, or have successfully completed, a four-year undergraduate university degree.
- Degree requirements must be completed by:
 - June 30, 2021 (undergraduate or thesis-based graduate program);
 - August 15, 2021 (course-based graduate program).

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)*

- If 2019-2020 **is not** one of your two best undergraduate years, each year must have five full or equivalent courses (30 credit hours) from September to April, with at least three full or equivalent courses (18 credit hours) at or above the year of study.
- If 2019-2020 **is** one of your two best undergraduate years, the 2019-2020 year must have five full or equivalent courses (30 credit hours) from September to April, with at least three full or equivalent courses (18 credit hours) at or above the year of study. However, GPA will be calculated on grades from fall 2019 semester only.
- Graduate, summer and repeat courses are not included in the GPA calculation.

MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (MCAT)*

- Must be written prior to October 1 deadline.
- Must be written within five years of the current application deadline.
- If written more than once, only the most recent scores will be used.

WESTERN ABBREVIATED AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

- Outline how your life experiences and non-academic activities connect with Schulich Medicine's four core values of:
 - Respect for diversity, equity and inclusion;
 - Teamwork and leadership;

- Self-directed learning, problem-solving, and critical inquiry;
- Social accountability and social responsibility.

CONFIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT FORMS

Completed by three people who are non-family members who know you well and can attest to your character, interpersonal skills, and/or academic strengths.

Applicants must also:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- Demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English;
- Have the Essential Skills and Abilities Required for Entry to a Medical Degree Program, as outlined by the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must self-identify to be considered for one of the five designated seats and must provide all of the following at the time of application:

- A personal statement describing experiences within Indigenous communities.
- Additional letters of support from Indigenous communities or organizations.
- Confirmation of Indigenous status.

***Only in exceptional circumstances will Indigenous applicants with a GPA of less than 3.30 or MCAT scores below the 50th percentile be considered for a designated seat.**

HARMONIZING HEALTH PERSPECTIVES

This symbol depicts a model of health known as the Medicine Wheel, recognized by many Indigenous nations particularly those in the Eastern Woodlands region where Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is located.

The figures holding hands signify a community of unique individuals working toward a common goal. The infinity symbols represent the exchange of knowledge and culture, and refer to an original Métis meaning: the joining of distinct cultures. Purple represents Western University, the community in which we learn, grow and teach.

