



Uniformed Services University

of the *Health Sciences*

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Fingertip Facts

Uniformed Services University (USU)

President: Charles L. Rice, M.D

Total Graduates

Uniformed Services Physicians: 4,546

School of Medicine Graduate Programs: 1,136

Graduate Nursing Programs: 478

Operation & Maintenance Budget

\$157 million

Staff: 617 (461 civilian; 156 military)

Faculty: 329 on-campus (208 civilian; 121 military)

3999 off-campus (including Teaching Fellows)

F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Dean: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.

CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)

Enrollment: 681

Classes average 165 students from nearly all 50 states. About half enter with prior military service, including those from the military academies. Degree Conferred: *Doctor of Medicine*

Graduate Education

Associate Dean: Eleanor S. Metcalf, Ph.D.

Enrollment: 158

Degrees Conferred:

Doctor of Philosophy - 349

Doctor of Public Health - 22

Master of Science - 121

Master of Public Health - 636

Master of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene - 42

Master of Military Medical History - 5

Master of Science in Public Health - 30

Master of Comparative Medicine - 3

Graduate School of Nursing

Dean: Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN

Enrollment: 163 (Two Post-Masters)

Degrees Conferred:

- *Master of Science Nursing* - 467 (7 RNA Masters)

- *Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist* - 222

- *Family Nurse Practitioner* - 194

- *Perioperative Clinical Nurse Specialist* - 42

- *Adult Mental Health Nurse Practitioner* - 2

- *Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science* - 11

Postgraduate Dental College

Naval Postgraduate Dental School

Dean: CAPT Robert Taft, DC, USN

Air Force Postgraduate Dental School

Dean: Col Thomas Schneid, USAF, DC

Graduate Medical Education

National Capital Consortium

Total Trainees Enrolled: 720

Research

Vice President: Steven G. Kaminsky, Ph.D.

Current Projects: 382 (FY08)

Total Research Funding: \$196.5 million (FY08)

Continuing Education

for Health Care Professionals

Senior Executive Director: CAPT Karen Biggs, NC, USN

During FY 2009, USU held 1,366 activities with accredited continuing education for health care professionals.

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Established by Congress in 1972, matriculating in 1976 and graduating its first class in 1980, the USU has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence for military and public health professions education and research. Our programs are unique, related directly to force health protection, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military and public health medical readiness and adaptation to extreme environments. USU prepares outstanding scientists and health care practitioners for careers in service to the nation.

School of Medicine, Graduate School of Nursing and Postgraduate Dental College

The *F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine* follows a four-year curriculum that contains all content required to maintain status as an LCME-accredited medical school, while integrating an additional 500 hours of military unique content. The curriculum is designed to graduate competent, compassionate, dedicated physicians able to combine a medical career with that of an officer in the U.S. military or Public Health Service. These extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, tropical medicine, leadership and field exercises, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military and public health physicians. Of the 4,546 physician alumni, more than 75 percent currently serve on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service. Additionally, many alumni are assigned to provide medical support to Marine Corps and Coast Guard units.

Doctoral and masters degrees in the biomedical sciences and public health are awarded by interdisciplinary and department-based graduate programs within the School of Medicine. Program strengths include infectious disease, neuroscience, and preventive medicine research. A large number of graduates are military officers who serve the federal biomedical research enterprise.

The *Graduate School of Nursing* offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nurse Anesthesia, Family Nurse Practitioner, Perioperative Clinical Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and a full and part-time program for a Ph.D. degree in Nursing Science.

The *Postgraduate Dental College* offers a Master in Science in Oral Biology degree to students enrolled in selected graduate dental education programs of the Air Force and Navy.

The USU's continuing education program is unique and extensive, serving and sustaining the professional and readiness requirements of the Defense Department's worldwide military health care community through on-site and distance education.

Research

The USU's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DOD health care mission such as combat casualty care, infectious diseases and radiation biology. The USU is committed to technology transfer to ensure that the results of research are made widely available and currently holds more than 289 patents or pending patents.

The *Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute* at the USU enables advancements in the protection of soldiers and citizens. The AFRRI mission is to preserve the health and performance of U.S. military personnel and to protect humankind through research that advances understanding of the effects of ionizing radiation.

The Uniqueness of Military Medicine

The USU specializes in military and public health medicine which is more than practicing medicine in the military or Public Health Service, and differs significantly from civilian medicine. Military/Public Health medicine focuses on keeping people healthy and especially in the military, involves disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the operations they support. Military physicians must understand and treat syndromes and injuries that are often rare or unknown among non-military populations. Knowledge in areas of military medical intelligence, the psychological stresses of combat and trauma, and the medical effects of extreme environments whether in tropical or desert conditions, aerospace or undersea, is essential to properly advising a military commander on how to best keep troops fit. For those in the Public Health Service, medical practice relies on much of the same expertise. In addition, the Public Health Service is growing in its capacity to provide health interventions during and following natural disasters and benefits from the same training and knowledge base as the other uniformed services. Simply put, the focus is practicing "good medicine in bad places."

"Learning to care for those in harm's way."

