



MINI MED SCHOOL

What is Mini Med School at BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute?

Mini Med School is a free program for senior high school students to explore topics in health research.

Mini Med School is like attending a university lecture. It is a fast-pace environment where you’ll hear from university professors on the latest advancement in medical research. *This program sticks to a traditional lecture format, which means there won’t be much hands-on engagement and a lot of information to absorb. If you prefer interactive learning, you might find this style challenging.*

How do you apply for Mini Med School?

#1 Are you eligible to participate?

To participate in Mini Med School you must be a current grade 11 or 12 student at a BC or Yukon Secondary School.

#2 How would you like to participate?

You can apply to participate in one of the following formats:

	In-Person	Virtually Live	On-Demand
Format	- Attend 4 lectures in-person at BC Children’s Hospital - Ask the presenters questions in-person - Network with presenters after the lectures	- Watch 4 lectures online in real-time - Ask the presenters questions online	Watch recordings of each lecture held earlier in the week (4 lectures in total). You will only have a 10-day window to view each recording online, from anytime to anywhere
Things to Consider	<i>How do you learn best?</i> The evening will be fast-paced and lecture-based. Think about whether this style fits your learning preferences. <i>How comfortable are you with medical content?</i> You might see or interact with different samples and specimens from a hospital or research lab. Are you okay with this kind of content? <i>What’s your schedule like?</i> Do the set dates and times work for you? <i>Do you have reliable transportation to get to BC Children’s Hospital?</i> <i>Do you enjoy meeting new people?</i> You’ll be connecting with students from different schools and our Mini Med School faculty.	<i>How do you learn best?</i> The evening will be fast-paced and lecture-based. Think about whether this style fits your learning preferences. You can only pause the broadcast briefly. <i>What’s your schedule like?</i> Do the set dates and times work for you? <i>How comfortable are you being in front of a screen for 90 minutes at a time?</i> <i>Do you have the right technology?</i> You will need access to a computer, tablet or smartphone and a stable internet connection during the program.	<i>How do you learn best?</i> Information will be delivered quickly and in a lecture format, but you can pause the broadcast or take short breaks to help absorb the material. It’s similar to watching a 90-minute YouTube video. The lectures are not live; you won’t be able to ask questions. <i>What’s your schedule like?</i> Can you watch the complete recording within 10 days? <i>Do you have the right technology?</i> You will need access to a computer, tablet or smartphone and a stable internet connection during the program.
E-Certificate	If eligible, you will receive an e-certificate to confirm you participated in the program.		
Scholarship	Grade 12 students who attend all Mini Med School sessions can apply for this scholarship . Funded by the BC Children’s Hospital Foundation, it offers \$1,000 CAD to help with tuition fees and includes an optional 5-day in-person career placement over the summer in the research labs at BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute.		

Questions about Mini Med School?

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#3 Find your Sponsor Teacher

You'll need a teacher to sponsor your application. This teacher should be someone who knows you well, understands your learning style, and can confirm that you'd be a good fit for the program.

Your sponsor teacher can sponsor multiple students. They don't need to provide a personal reference or attend the event. If the Mini Med School team has any questions about your application or attendance, they'll contact your sponsor teacher directly.

#4 Get your answers ready for the application

The Mini Med School application process is competitive and comparative. Your selection will depend on your answers to the following questions. We encourage you to answer the questions thoughtfully and carefully (150 words or less)

- Why are you interested in attending Mini Med School? What do you hope to gain from participating?
- What are your current academic or career goals? What has influenced you to pursue these goals?
- Describe how you have positively impacted your school or local community. This could include leadership experiences, school programs/classes, volunteering, extra-curricular programs, etc.

Applying to participate In-Person? You'll need to [download the Participant Agreement Form](#) and get it signed by a parent or guardian. The form can be signed electronically, or you can print it, sign it, and then scan or take a picture of the signed form.

#5 Submit your application

Submit your application online at www.minimedschool.ca.

How do we select who participates?

Mini Med School is a popular program with limited spots available. Our Mini Med School Team will review applications, and 150 students will be chosen for each format (In-Person, Virtually Live and On-Demand). We're looking for motivated and curious students who show a interest in being part of this unique program.

Mini Med School is committed to empowering youth and promoting an equitable and inclusive learning environment. Additional space is available for students who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis.

What else should you know?

Do I need high grades in science to be eligible? Your academic record won't be a factor in our selection process. We're looking for students who have a genuine passion for health sciences!

Can I apply to all three groups (In-Person, Virtually Live and On-Demand)?

No, you may only submit one application for one format.

Does Mini Med School include any pre-reading or take-home assignments? What about tests?

No, there are no pre-reading materials, assignments, or tests. While taking notes during lectures is optional, it is not required.

Can Mini Med School hours count towards my work experience requirements? Your school may consider Mini Med School a career-related work experience/career exploration opportunity. Check with your career counselor to confirm if this applies to your situation.

Can I attend Mini Med School more than once? Yes, you can apply again in a different year as long as you continue to meet all the eligibility requirements.

Can students younger than grades 11-12 attend? Unfortunately, no. Our curriculum is specifically designed for students in grades 11-12. Younger students are encouraged to check out BCCHR's [other student programs](#).

Can teachers attend? Teachers are welcome, but not required, to attend. Teachers interested in participating can contact researchevents@phsa.ca.