



Uniformed Services University

of the *Health Sciences*

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Fingertip Facts

Uniformed Services University (USU)

Interim President: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.,
CAPT, MC, USN, (Ret.)

Total Graduates (with year 2004 graduates)

Uniformed Services Physicians: 3,585

School of Medicine Graduate Programs: 811

Graduate Nursing Programs: 209

Base Operating Budget

\$84.8 million

Staff

867 (646 civilian; 221 military)

Faculty

359 on-campus

3958 off-campus (including Teaching Fellows)

F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Dean: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.,
CAPT, MC, USN, (Ret.)

Total Medical Student Enrollment: 853

Each entering class averages 165 with students from nearly all 50 states, and about 50 percent who enter with prior military service, including those from the three military academies. Degree Conferred: *Doctor of Medicine*

Graduate Education

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

Enrollment: 167

Degrees Conferred:

Doctor of Philosophy - 247

Doctor of Public Health - 15

Master of Science - 78

Master of Public Health - 456

Master of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene - 28

Master of Military Medical History - 4

Master of Science in Public Health - 5

Graduate School of Nursing

Dean: Patricia A. Hinton Walker, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

Enrollment: 111

(Includes MSN Class of 2006 and Ph.D. enrollees)

Includes 12 New Ph.D. Students

Includes 10 New CNS Perioperative Students

Includes 18 New FNP Students

Includes 24 New NA Students

Degree Conferred:

Master of Science in Nursing - 231

Post Master/VA DoD - 89

Research

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

Current Projects: 326

Total Research Funding: \$116.8 million

Continuing Education

for Health Care Professionals

Director: CAPT Jane E. Mead, NC, USN

During FY 2003, USU held 976 activities in accredited continuing education for 23,570 healthcare professionals. Of these, 834 activities and 14,302 healthcare professionals were Military Training Network activities.

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Established by Congress in 1972, and graduating its first class in 1980, the University - with a worldwide reputation as a Center of Excellence for military medical education and research - is the nation's fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Its education, research and consultation programs are unique, related directly to military medicine, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military medical readiness and adaptation to extreme environments. We prepare outstanding scientists and health care practitioners for careers in service to the nation. USU was awarded the DoD Joint Meritorious Unit Award in 2000 for its significant accomplishments over the last decade.

School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing

The *F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*, in the top 25 percent (class size) of accredited American medical schools has a year-round, four-year curriculum. This curriculum is nearly 700 hours - or about 20 weeks - longer than found at other U.S. medical schools. 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 physicians. Of the 3,585 physician alumni, over 90 percent currently serve on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and U.S. Public Health Service.

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 and/or serve the federal biomedical research enterprise.

The fully accredited *Graduate School of Nursing*, authorized by Congress and the DoD in 1993, offers a Master of Science in Nursing Degree in the following specialty areas: Nurse Anesthesia, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Perioperative Nursing (CNS). A full and part-time Ph.D. Degree in Nursing Science option began in the fall, 2003.

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

Research

In cooperation with the *Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine*, the *National Institutes of Health*, the military services, and other government and private institutions, the University's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty provide cutting edge research and developments in the biomedical sciences, and in areas specific to the DoD health care mission such as combat casualty care and infectious diseases. The University also holds more than 50 patents or pending patents.

The Uniqueness of Military Medicine

The University specializes in military medicine which is more than practicing medicine in the military, differing significantly from civilian medicine. Military medicine involves prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the military operations they support, and are directly involved in the syndromes and injuries that are often rare or unknown among non-military populations. Military medicine requires a solid background in tropical medicine and hygiene, parasitology and a full understanding of epidemiologic methods and preventive medicine. Knowledge in areas of military medical intelligence, the psychologic stresses of combat and trauma, and the medical effects of extreme environments whether in aerospace, undersea, tropics or desert conditions are essential to properly advising a military commander on how to best keep troops fit. Also critical to a military physician's focus is disease prevention and health promotion in a wide variety of venues. Simply put, the focus is practicing "good medicine in bad places."

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

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