



UNIVERSITY OF
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Alberta General Practitioner in Oncology Training Program

University of Calgary

Term: January 1 to December 31, 2027

Background

Family physicians play an important role in the care of cancer patients in Alberta. In addition to seeing cancer patients in their primary care clinics, some family physicians act as clinical associates in urban cancer centre clinics, supervise chemotherapy in community cancer centres, run supportive care survivorship clinics, and help care for cancer inpatients admitted to hospital. In the past, few general practitioners in oncology (GPO) have had formal training. The Alberta General Practitioner in Oncology Training Program started in 2019.

Program Objectives

The overall goal of this program is to improve the cancer-related education of family physicians and provide them with the necessary skills to proficiently function as members of the cancer care team. Such physicians may go on to work in an urban hospital setting or oncology clinic or may provide cancer services to patients in rural communities which are areas that generally lack oncologists.

Program Outline

The duration of the program is six months. Training includes two (2) weeks of didactic teaching (typically in August or September). The remaining time will be spent on clinical learning, which will primarily take place at the Arthur Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre (ACCC). Clinical training will focus on outpatient clinics involved in the delivery of systemic therapy for common cancers and will include exposure clinics in radiation oncology and pain and symptom management. Attendance at all educational and clinical tumour board rounds related to the clinical focus of each rotation is expected.

Rotation schedules will be customized and allow learners to focus their experience on a specific disease site or practice environment. There will also be an opportunity to complete rotation at community cancer centres across Alberta.

Preference will be given to candidates able to pursue the program on a full-time basis (six consecutive months block). However, candidates may also complete the program on a part-time basis over a period of up to one year (January 1 to December 31, 2027), completing the same total of 26 weeks in blocks of 2-3 weeks to accommodate other professional or personal commitments.

The expected time commitment during training weeks is Monday to Friday, approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no training over the weekends or call schedule.

Applications are welcome from both family medicine residents nearing completion of their training and as practicing family physicians.

Program Director

The Program Director, Dr. Gloria Roldan Urgoiti, is responsible for the overall conduct, supervision, and evaluation of the program and its participating learners. The Director will be advised by a Program Committee consisting of one family physician and one medical oncologist.

Candidate Evaluations

Learners will undergo standardized in-training evaluations completed by clinical supervisors. The Program Director and Program Committee will review these evaluations and determine successful completion of the program. Upon successful completion, learners will receive a certificate from the Postgraduate Medical Education, University of Calgary.

Faculty Evaluations

Learners will complete confidential evaluations of each supervisor and rotation at the conclusion of each rotation.

Compensation

Learners in this program will receive monthly compensation of \$3,335.75 during the term of their training. No additional benefits are provided. A Return of Service Agreement may be required.

Application Process

Applicants must:

- Be registered and in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).
- Have successfully completed a two-year family medicine residency and/or obtained their CCFP designation prior to the start of the GPO program.

A complete application must include:

- 1) A personal letter outlining learning and careers goals, as well as why the candidate is well suited for this GPO training program.
- 2) A current curriculum vitae.
- 3) Three signed professional letters of reference (date within three months of application).
- 4) A copy of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) certificate (for practicing physicians), or a letter of good standing from the Family Medicine Program Director (for residents completing training in 2026)

Please submit all application materials by August 14, 2026, to:

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