



Northern Ontario  
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# NO ORDINARY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

A VIEW OF OUR PROGRAMS



**NOSM stands for Northern Ontario School of Medicine.  
But did you know that the acronym NOSM also stands for  
“No Ordinary School of Medicine?”**

What does this mean for you? It means your path to becoming a health-care professional will be extraordinary. NOSM will take you beyond the lecture halls and textbooks to prepare you for a rewarding health-care career that's sure to exceed your expectations.

As a NOSM learner, you will live and learn quite literally “all over the map,” spending time in some of the

more than 90 communities across NOSM's wider campus of Northern Ontario. Regardless of the program you choose at NOSM, beginning in the first week of school you will discover the health-care needs of people in the North, including Indigenous, Francophone, rural, and remote populations. Being woven into the fabric of Northern Ontario communities, you will have the opportunity to learn about the



determinants of health that are relevant to the North.

Gaining clinical experience under the guidance of health professionals in community hospitals, clinics, and family practices, it is hoped that these experiences will demonstrate the joys and challenges of practising in the North. Don't just visit the incredible landscapes of the North—choose them as your classroom!

Deciding where to study may possibly be one of the biggest decisions you will make. We hope that you head off the beaten path and choose No Ordinary School of Medicine.

**Visit [nosm.ca/NOSM](https://nosm.ca/NOSM) to learn more.**



## **MD Program**

Throughout NOSM's four-year MD program, medical students have the unique opportunity to live and learn in communities across Northern Ontario. Of course, time is spent completing patient-centred, case-based, and small-group learning in the classrooms and labs in Sudbury or Thunder Bay. But you also have plenty of opportunity to learn the art of medicine and patient care while learning in family practice clinics, hospitals, and health-care centres where your curriculum "walks through the door." Put learning into practice from day one with the support and expertise of NOSM's more than 1,400 faculty members.

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## Residency Education

Upon completion of your MD, you will earn the title of 'doctor' and transition to the role of 'resident.' This means that you are enrolled in a medical postgraduate program where you learn a specific type of medicine. As a NOSM resident, you train and work in clinics and hospitals to learn day-to-day practical skills in family medicine or one of eight other general specialties—including anesthesiology, general surgery, internal medicine, orthopedic surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry, public health and preventive medicine, and obstetrics/gynecology. If you are interested, a third year of enhanced skills in family medicine is also available in emergency medicine, family practice anesthesia, maternity care, care of the elderly and a self-directed program.

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## **Dietetic Internship**

As a Registered Dietitian, you are educated and trained in the science of food and nutrition, human development, and the health of populations. If you have completed a degree in nutrition, NOSM offers the Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program (NODIP), a 46-week internship that provides practical experience in rural, remote, Indigenous, and Francophone communities across the North. You are exposed to nutrition care, population and public health, and management roles in dietetics. The wide array of learning opportunities available, including an in-depth practice-based project, means that you can take the skills you learn and immediately apply them to your future practice.

**[nosm.ca/nodip](https://nosm.ca/nodip)**



## **Physician Assistant**

Physician Assistants (PA) have been employed by the Canadian Forces for many years to deliver health-care to members of the military and their families. In recent years, PAs have been introduced to Ontario's health-care system, expanding access to care for people across the province. As a PA, your scope of practice matches that of your supervising physician—your day-to-day activities will depend on whether you work in the ER, an operating room, or family practice. The University of Toronto delivers the PA program in collaboration with NOSM and The Michener Institute of Education at UHN (University Health Network). The curriculum model gives you plenty of opportunity to learn from home, as well as travel and work in rural and urban centres throughout Ontario, particularly in the North.

**[paconsortium.ca](http://paconsortium.ca)**



## **Medical Electives**

NOSM offers hands-on, highly engaging clinical placements to medical students and residents from across Canada and around the world. Medical electives provide you with the opportunity to experience medicine beyond the curriculum and to further explore a variety of career opportunities that medicine has to offer. Expanding your network of colleagues, electives can also open the door to an area of study you've not yet considered. We are sure that once you have experienced our exciting work environments, the one-on-one training our preceptors offer, and our quality of life, you too might fall in love with the North!

**[nosm.ca/electives](https://nosm.ca/electives)**



## **Rehabilitation Studies**

NOSM partners with other academic institutions to provide placements to a variety of health-care professionals, including: audiology, occupational therapy (OT), physiotherapy (PT), and speech-language pathology (SLP). A gateway for you to appreciate the realities of providing care in the North, NOSM's Rehabilitation Studies program offers you intentional interprofessional learning that aims to go deeper—and be more focused—by setting practice-based learning goals.

**[nosm.ca/rehabstudies](https://nosm.ca/rehabstudies)**



## **Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD)**

Learning doesn't end when you become a physician or health-care professional. Physicians and other registered health professionals require ongoing education. The School provides continuing education and professional development opportunities to health professionals across the North—in person and by videoconference—to ensure your knowledge and skills remaining current, enabling you to provide high-quality care to the peoples and communities of Northern Ontario and beyond.

**[nosm.ca/cepd](https://nosm.ca/cepd)**



NOSM learners are literally “all over the map,” spending time living and learning in a variety of Northern Ontario communities. These communities are your classroom.

All **800,000 km<sup>2</sup>** of Northern Ontario is NOSM’s campus.

## Your NOSM Campus

- **Indigenous Communities**  
 First-year medical students spend four weeks in an Indigenous community in Northern Ontario.
- **Rural/Remote Communities**  
 Second-year medical students complete two four-week placements in small, rural, or remote Northern Ontario communities.
- **Comprehensive Community Clerkships (CCC)**  
 Third-year medical students spend eight months completing their CCC in a mid-sized community in Northern Ontario.
- **Clinical Rotations**  
 Fourth-year medical students complete six core rotations in a 12-month period at academic health sciences centres in Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

- **Postgraduate Residency Education**  
 Residency education at NOSM occurs at hospitals and health centres across Northern Ontario.
- **Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program**  
 Forty-six week dietetic internships are completed in communities across Northern Ontario and the area served by North Simcoe Muskoka Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).
- **Physician Assistant (PA) Program**  
 PA students complete 40 weeks of supervised clinical rotations in rural and urban settings across Ontario, including 20 weeks in the North.
- **Rehabilitation Studies**  
 Audiology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech-language pathology learners experience clinical placements in a diverse range of practice and community settings ranging from four to 12 weeks in duration.

