

Alberta's Health Sector



The Province of Alberta, in accordance with the *Canada Health Act*, has a publicly administered and funded health care system that guarantees Albertans receive universal access to medically necessary hospital and health care services.

Alberta health care delivery services include: hospitals; nursing and residential care facilities and out-patient care centers; offices of health practitioners such as dentists, doctors, optometrists, chiropractors; medical and diagnostic laboratories; home health care; and ambulance and emergency services.

Alberta is gaining national and international recognition as a centre for excellence in biomedical, clinical, population health and health services research. Alberta's health research is supported by funding from federal and provincial governments, private industry, and Alberta universities. Examples of provincial centers of excellence that combine service delivery, research and education include the Alberta Heart Institute, the Alberta Bone and Joint Health Program and Network, and the Comprehensive Tissue Centre that provides tissue for transplantation. Health research in this context is not only furthering the state of health knowledge and treatment protocols; it is also a way to diversify the provincial economy and create a building block of the knowledge-based economy.

Alberta has one of the best health care delivery systems in the world. The government is working to ensure that Alberta has competitive job opportunities, and innovative approaches to delivering health care services. These strategies include better education, excellent research programs, improved

compensation and incentives to make Alberta an "employer of choice" as well as welcoming internationally qualified health care professionals and their contributions to continue to build a state of the art health care system in Alberta.

The Government of Alberta continues to look for new and better ways to ensure that the provincial health care system meets the needs of all Albertans.

Steps to maintain a leading health care system includes recruitment initiatives to attract and retain the best health care professionals to Alberta. For information, visit:

www.albertacanada.com/immigration

For evaluation of your international qualifications and experience, please contact your professional association or contact us at the website noted above.

For current job openings in the health care sector, visit:

www.albertacanada.com/jobs
www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/employment
www.healthjobs.ab.ca
www.ruralphysicianlink.ab.ca

Occupations in greatest demand:

- Dentists & Dental Technicians
- Dietitians & Nutritionists
- Medical Technologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Optometrists & Opticians
- Paramedical Occupations
- Pharmacists & Pharmacy Assistants
- Physiotherapists
- Registered Nurses & Nursing Assistants
- Specialists & Family Physicians

Useful Websites:

Alberta Association of Medical Technologists: www.acmlt.org
Alberta College of Occupational Therapists: www.acot.ca
Alberta College of Optometrists: www.collegeofoptometrists.ab.ca
Alberta College of Pharmacists: www.pharmacists.ab.ca
Alberta Dental Association and College: www.abda.ab.ca
Alberta Opticians Association: www.albertaopticians.org
Alberta Physician Link: www.ruralphysicianlink.ab.ca
College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta: www.nurses.ab.ca

College of Dietitians of Alberta: www.collegeofdietitians.ab.ca
College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta: www.clpna.com
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta: www.cpsa.ab.ca
College of Physical Therapists of Alberta: www.cpta.ab.ca
College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta: www.rpnaa.ab.ca
International Qualifications Assessment Service: www.immigration.alberta.ca/iqas