



## Fingertip Facts

Uniformed Services University (USU)  
President: Charles L. Rice, M.D.

### Total Graduates

Uniformed Services Physicians: 4,713  
School of Medicine Graduate Programs: 1,164  
Graduate Nursing Programs: 533

### Operation & Maintenance Budget

\$189 million

**Staff:** 726 (570 civilian; 171 military)

**Faculty:** 433 on-campus (227 civilian; 206 military)  
4605 off-campus (including Teaching Fellows)

### F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine

Dean: Larry W. Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D.  
CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)  
Enrollment: 681

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

### Graduate Education

Associate Dean: Eleanor S. Metcalf, Ph.D.  
Enrollment: 177

Degrees Conferred:

- Doctor of Philosophy* - 355
- Doctor of Public Health* - 24
- Master of Science* - 126
- Master of Public Health* - 654
- Master of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene* - 45
- Master of Military Medical History* - 5
- Master of Science in Public Health* - 31
- Master of Comparative Medicine* - 3

### Graduate School of Nursing

Dean: Ada Sue Hinshaw, Ph.D., R.N., FAAN  
Enrollment: 161

Degrees Conferred:

- Master of Science in Nursing* - 501
- CRNA* - 225
- FNP* - 224
- PCNS* - 48
- PMHNP* - 4 (First Class Graduated in 2010)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Science* - 12

### Graduate Medical Education

National Capital Consortium  
Total Trainees Enrolled: 720

### Research

Vice President: Steven G. Kaminsky, Ph.D.  
Current Projects: 358  
Total Research Funding: \$139.4 million

### Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals

Senior Executive Director: CAPT Karen Biggs, NC, USN  
During FY 2010, USU held 1,145 activities in accredited continuing education for health care professionals.

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Established by Congress in 1972, matriculating in 1976 and graduating its first class in 1980, the USU has a worldwide reputation as a center of excellence for military and public health professions education and research. Our programs are unique, related directly to force health protection, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military and public health medical readiness and adaptation to extreme environments. USU prepares outstanding scientists and health care practitioners for careers in service to the nation.

### School of Medicine, Graduate School of Nursing and Postgraduate Dental College

The F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine follows a four-year curriculum that contains all content required to maintain status as an LCME-accredited medical school, while integrating an additional 500 hours of military unique content. The curriculum is designed to graduate highly competent, compassionate, dedicated physicians who are able to combine a medical career with that of an officer in the U.S. military or Public Health Service. The extra hours focus on epidemiology, health promotion, disease prevention, disaster response, tropical medicine, military-medical leadership, field exercises, and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented military and public health physicians.

Program strengths include specialized training in disaster response/humanitarian assistance, infectious disease, preventive medicine, the neurosciences (to include TBI & PTSD) and acute trauma care. A large number of graduates are military officers who serve the federal biomedical research enterprise.

The *Graduate School of Nursing* offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree in Nurse Anesthesia, Family Nurse Practitioner, Perioperative Clinical Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and a full and part-time program for a Ph.D. degree in Nursing Science.

The *Postgraduate Dental College* offers a Master in Science in Oral Biology degree to students enrolled in selected graduate dental education programs of the Air Force and Navy.

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

### Research

The USU's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DOD health care mission such as combat casualty care, infectious diseases and radiation biology. The USU is committed to technology transfer to ensure that the results of research are made widely available and currently holds more than 289 patents or pending patents.

The *Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute* at the USU enables advancements in the protection of soldiers and citizens. The AFRRRI mission is to preserve the health and performance of U.S. military personnel and to protect humankind through research that advances understanding of the effects of ionizing radiation.

### The Uniqueness of Military Medicine

The USU specializes in military and public health medicine which is more than practicing medicine in the military or Public Health Service, and differs significantly from civilian medicine. Military/Public Health medicine focuses on keeping people healthy and especially in the military, involves disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment by medical personnel who are integral to the operations they support. Military physicians must understand and treat syndromes and injuries that are often rare or unknown among non-military populations. Knowledge in areas of military medical intelligence, the psychological stresses of combat and trauma, and the medical effects of extreme environments whether in tropical or desert conditions, aerospace or undersea, is essential to properly advising a military commander on how to best keep troops fit. For those in the Public Health Service, medical practice relies on much of the same expertise. In addition, the Public Health Service is growing in its capacity to provide health interventions during and following natural disasters and benefits from the same training and knowledge base as the other uniformed services. Simply put, the focus is practicing "good medicine in bad places."

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