

Northern Health Authority - Ophthalmology

Prince George

Prince George is the centre of business, education, health and culture for northern British Columbia and services a rural population of about 300,000. The region's economic growth and diversification strategies are creating outstanding opportunities for investors, employers and employees. Affordable housing, land prices and transportation costs, due to short and quick commutes; result in one of the lowest costs of living for a city of its size in the province. Additionally, wage rates fall above provincial averages, providing residents of Prince George with a high standard of living in one of BC's most beautiful regions. The city itself is the 4th largest in British Columbia and has a population of approximately 82,300 local residents and a service centre for nearly 320,000. It is built on the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako rivers. Prince George is the home of the University of Northern British Columbia – Canada's Green university. The warm, friendly and diverse population attests to a strong and dynamic community spirit. <https://www.northernhealth.ca/our-communities/prince-george>

Practice Details:

The Department of Ophthalmology is seeking a full-time surgical glaucoma specialist for a permanent position. The successful applicant will provide full glaucoma services and should be prepared to provide some comprehensive care as well. Surgeries will be performed at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia and the Surgery Centre.

This is a fee for service position. There is also a Rural Subsidiary Agreement (RSA) in place which pays an additional 12.6% on all MSP eligible billings as well an annual retention premium of \$19,526.40. Continuing Medical Education funding is also available with increasing amounts based on years of service to a maximum of \$6,600 per year. Additional RSA incentives include a recruitment stipend of \$9,000 - \$15,000 and a one-time recruitment incentive of \$15,000. Both of these incentives require a one year commitment.

The successful applicant would be expected to do an equal share of on-call work under the Provincial Medical On-Call Availability Program with a stipend provided per call shift. There is also an expectation that the successful applicant would participate in medical student teaching with appropriate compensation provided and an appointment to the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

Prince George is BC's northern capital and has a population of approx. 87,000 with a catchment area of approx. 400,000. There is a regional international airport offering a short 1 hour flight to Vancouver and direct flights to various other destinations. For the outdoor enthusiast the area offers limitless activities including golfing, biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, skiing, hockey, water activities and ATVing. There are several recreational facilities including 6 indoor ice rinks, 2 indoor swimming pools, The Northern Sport Centre at the University of Northern British Columbia and numerous private facilities. Prince George also has a very active arts community supporting an art gallery, museum, professional symphony and professional live theatre.

Prince George is home to the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) and the College of New Caledonia, both offering excellent educational opportunities. UNBC is currently ranked #2 by Maclean's on their annual list of primarily undergraduate schools and was #1 in 2022.

The UBC Northern Medical program in Prince George was established in 2004 as a response to a rally held in 2000 by the residents of Prince George for increased physician numbers and improved rural medical access. The program graduates 32 medical students and trains several residents a year.

Applicants should be certified or eligible to be certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as well the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

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Qualifications:

- Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC)

Call Schedule:

Hours of work: *No
Details*

Compensation:

Estimated Gross Income

600,000

RSA Incentives

Recruitment Incentive: \$15,000

Relocation Assistance: \$9,000-15,000

Retention Premium: 12.60%

Retention Flat Fee: \$19,526.40

University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC):

The University Hospital of Northern British Columbia (UHNBC) is the largest Acute Care facility within the Northern Health region, and a hub for specialized health services. It’s also a teaching hospital:

- Provides undergraduate physician training through the Northern Medical Program, run by the University of British Columbia and University of Northern British Columbia
- Hosts residents in UBC’s Family Practice Residency Program
- Is a key clinical education site for nursing and many health sciences students at UNBC, the College of New Caledonia, BCIT and other institutions. UHNBC has benefited from nearly \$100 million in expansions, renovations and new equipment since 2001:
- Patient care addition with an expanded emergency room and updated ICU
- State-of-the-art maternal-child care centre (including a single room neonatal ICU)
- Facilities to accommodate undergraduate physician training
- MRI unit

UHNBC is also home to a cancer centre for Northern BC, featuring a wide range of cancer treatments including radiation therapy.