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Hello!

The Health Sciences Student Association is a student-run organization in Vancouver representing many of the health science programs and faculties at the University of British Columbia: Audiology and Speech Sciences, Dentistry, Dietetics, Genetic Counselling, Human Kinetics, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Pharmacy, and Social Work. Almost all our members graduated from high school within the last five years, and we can still remember the "big question" after high school graduation:

"What do I want to be when I grow up?"

As current UBC students and future health care professionals, we all followed different paths before arriving at university. Many of us had difficulty finding information about the university application process, and this is our attempt to share some of the knowledge we've learned. The goal of the Companion Guide booklet is to provide factual details about each profession, in addition to outlining the tasks you will need to complete in high school and university in order to enter one of these health care fields at UBC. We hope that you find these fact sheets useful, and that you will contact us if you are interested or want any further information.

We also hope that this booklet has shown you some professions in health care that you might not have known existed. Many of these professions are in high or increasing demand, particularly in the rural areas of BC because of our aging, "baby boom" population. As a result, many of the health care professions would give you a very stable and secure job in your local community. We hope that you will investigate with your local health care workers, and ask whether there are available health care jobs in your community. To fill those jobs, you would need to enter UBC to study and train, and then would return to your community to set up a practice.

We realise that you may have additional questions about a specific faculty so we have included a "Mentors" section in each of the professions (although this is not available in the online version). These mentors are current UBC students in that faculty, and they will be delighted to help you. We encourage you to ask us any questions. The sooner you find out about your career choices, the better you can prepare yourself. Best of luck in your future endeavours, and we hope to see you at UBC!

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IMPORTANT WEBSITES

General Introduction to UBC

www.ubc.ca

How to Apply to UBC

students.ubc.ca/welcome/apply.cfm

UBC Calendar

www.student-services.ubc.ca/publications/pub/calreg/index.htm

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