

UTMB MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement

The mission of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston is to provide scholarly teaching, innovative scientific investigation, and state-of-the-art patient care in a learning environment to better the health of society.

UTMB's education programs enable the state's talented individuals to become outstanding practitioners, teachers, and investigators in the health care sciences, thereby meeting the needs of the people of Texas and its national and international neighbors.

UTMB's comprehensive primary, specialty, and sub-specialty care clinical programs support the educational mission and are committed to the health and well-being of all Texans through the delivery of state-of-the-art preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services.

UTMB's research programs are committed to the discovery of new innovative biomedical and health services knowledge leading to increasingly effective and accessible health care for the citizens of Texas.

Vision Statement

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston's vision for the future is captured in the following standards. UTMB sets a standard for leadership and excellence in health sciences education, research, clinical care and service, and for integrating these missions within a single governance structure. UTMB's programs are in the top 25 percent of comparable programs nationally, and at least five are recognized as unsurpassed worldwide. UTMB is widely recognized as a public trust, one that makes the most of finite resources to improve the health of the many communities it serves. UTMB demonstrates good stewardship by remaining true to its mission—supporting programs that are consistent with its core values, discontinuing programs in which excellence cannot be achieved, and eschewing programs that are incompatible with its societal purpose. The university community functions as a seamless coalition of health professionals who understand and embrace their roles, take collective pride in their accomplishments, share their scholarship and innovations, and participate in shaping and securing UTMB's future and fulfilling its pledge to society.

Dissemination of Knowledge

UTMB's academic programs in medicine, nursing, allied health sciences and graduate biomedical sciences are national models for the education and training of professionals who serve the health care needs of the people of Texas and who tackle some of medicine's most puzzling mysteries. As an academic health center with a long history of serving special and disadvantaged populations, UTMB considers primary care training a priority and actively recruits students and faculty from underrepresented groups to ensure diversity in the health care workplace. In addition to offering students the full range of campus- and community-based learning opportunities, the university takes full and innovative advantage of technological advances and is recognized as a national leader in distance education and outreach. Problem-based, interdisciplinary, student-centered learning is the basis for the university's undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs, and UTMB graduates are recognized for being as proficient in the art of healing as they are practiced in the science of health care. Through its integrated M.D./Ph.D. program, UTMB trains physician scientists who are capable of transforming biomedical discoveries into advances in patient care. The university is known for its success in training physicians, nurses and allied health professionals who understand the importance of teamwork in the ever-changing health care environment and who never lose sight of their contract with society.

Generation of Knowledge

UTMB is among the nation's pre-eminent biomedical research institutions, developing and advancing scientific and scholarly programs of global relevance, and thereby contributing to the solution of fundamental and universal health care problems. UTMB is widely recognized as an institution that values the synergy and economy of strategic partnerships—a university that knows how to leverage its research programs, partnerships and interdisciplinary philosophy to enhance

health care outcomes, prevent disease and develop health policy for diverse populations. Its quality research programs also support an unsurpassed level of clinical care and optimal educational opportunities for the people of Texas. New ideas and products based on UTMB research form the bases for the creation of technological and biomedical businesses. Research activities are seamlessly integrated into the education and patient care missions of the university.

Application of Knowledge

UTMB's health care delivery system—comprising hospitals, campus and community-based clinics, a global telehealth network, and skilled and caring faculty and staff—is recognized as having the highest standards of quality and service, and as being among the most affordable, easiest to access and responsive in the nation. UTMB is unsurpassed at meeting the health care needs of special populations, including the medically indigent and underserved. UTMB is known for its ability to stretch finite resources and to work locally to ensure access to a continuum of primary and specialty care for the greatest number of people in Texas. The university continually pioneers the innovative application of telehealth technologies and has a clinical presence worldwide. The university is committed to measurably improving the health of the patient populations it serves and to enhancing the quality of the time that remains for those facing death. The university is known as a place where healing is paramount and where physical and spiritual wellness go hand-in-hand. The health care workforce at UTMB is noted for its skill, compassion and commitment to excellence.

Service

UTMB is a model for the many ways in which an academic health center can add value to the communities it serves and that faculty, staff and students call home. A global resource, the university never loses sight of its neighbors and remains a steadfast community partner. Cooperative agreements with city, county, regional and state governments sustain a wide range of community-based health care and disease prevention services, and the university shares its knowledge through innovative educational programs and community service initiatives. In their private and professional lives, UTMB faculty, students and staff work with and within their local, state and national communities to realize a shared vision of good health for all.

UTMB PHILOSOPHY

The University of Texas Medical Branch adheres to the highest standards of ethics, intellectual integrity, professional practice, efficiency and accountability, and is committed to making the most effective use of its resources by leveraging them through innovation. UTMB carries out its educational, research, clinical and public service initiatives on behalf of Texas and the nation. In fulfilling its mission, UTMB is guided by an abiding set of core values that defines the institution and informs every decision:

- Education UTMB is committed to providing life-long learning for its students, staff, faculty and community.
- Innovation UTMB is committed to always thinking of new ways to do things better.
- Service UTMB is committed to addressing the health needs of all Texas, regardless of their ability to pay.
- Diversity UTMB is committed to employing and educating a health care workforce whose diversity mirrors the population it serves.
- Community UTMB is committed to making its community a better place to live and work.