



UMass Chan
MEDICAL SCHOOL

Chancellor

University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
Worcester, Massachusetts

THE SEARCH

The Board of Trustees and the President of the University of Massachusetts seek an exceptional leader to serve as the Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School (UMass Chan). The Commonwealth's only public medical school, UMass Chan prepares physicians, scientists, and nurse leaders to heal, discover, teach, and care with compassion. UMass Chan is an innovative research institution, consistently producing noteworthy advances in clinical and basic science research.

The Chancellor serves as the Chief Executive Officer of a vibrant health sciences center, built in the accomplished Massachusetts biological sciences ecosystem, that has achieved a strong national and international reputation over a remarkably short period of time. The University has grown significantly in recent years, generating \$2.2 billion in economic impact, conducting \$350 million in research and development in FY24, with 66% of those funds coming from federal sources, and receiving \$30 million in annual licensing revenue. UMass Chan is home to two Nobel laureates whose discoveries have positioned UMass Chan at the forefront of RNA biology and therapeutics and led to the establishment of the [RNA Therapeutics Institute](#). UMass Chan has also invested in and grown substantial, excellent research programs in neuroscience, innate immunity, cancer, metabolism, diabetes, HIV, infectious disease, gene regulation and chromatin biology, gene therapy, and systems biology. UMass Chan faculty filed for 99 patents in 2024 and have 570 active clinical trials, advancing research from bench to bedside. The tremendous success of the medical school led to a [\\$175 million gift](#) from The Morningside Foundation in 2021, and the campus was then renamed UMass Chan Medical School. With the right strategies and investments, the Chancellor will be able to maximize UMass Chan's already superb trajectory.

UMass Chan is ranked #1 [in the Northeast](#) and among the Top 15 medical schools in the nation for primary care education. Enrollment in the T.H. Chan School of Medicine has increased more than 50 percent in the last 10 years. The Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing prepares nurse scientists, advanced practice nurses, nurse educators, and nurse leaders who together improve health care in Massachusetts and beyond. The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers PhD students a broad

foundation in the basic biomedical sciences that positions them to succeed in numerous specialty areas and career paths. Across all three UMass Chan schools, 57% of graduates remain in Massachusetts.

As the framework for academic medicine evolves, the next Chancellor must chart a creative path forward for sustained success. The Chancellor should bring an acute sense of how the research mission can strengthen the University's partnership with its clinical partner, UMass Memorial Health, how groundbreaking research will translate to industry success, how industry and state consulting can aid highly varied partners, and how the campus can support a bustling statewide biomedical economy. The Chancellor must combine business acumen with deep research comprehension and a track record of innovation. To stay true to its mission and vision, UMass Chan will need a strategic plan, as well as careful execution, that will elevate an already-accomplished institution to even greater heights. The Chancellor must serve as both the administrative leader and the external face of the organization, championing the work of the UMass Chan community to elected local, state, and national officials; the Worcester municipal leadership; the University's clinical and community partners; the biological sciences industry; the other chancellors in the University system; and the public at-large.

The Search Committee seeks candidates with a significant record of accomplishment in academic medicine and administration; a superior understanding of the environment required for the highest levels of attainment in clinical practice and biomedical research; a strong record of working with diverse and highly qualified faculty, students, and staff; a demonstrated capacity to represent the campus compellingly with prospective donors; an ability to lead substantial fundraising campaigns and marshal the support of the alumni community; experience and a demonstrated ability to work with clinical affiliates; and related professional achievements or academic qualifications commensurate with a medical campus chancellor appointment.

The University of Massachusetts has retained Isaacson, Miller to assist with this important recruitment. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the link at the end of this document.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE CHANCELLOR

Set a strategic vision for the campus

The Chancellor serves as the CEO of the campus, providing oversight of operations and setting the course for the future of UMass Chan. The Chancellor must work with UMass system leadership, UMass Memorial Health, education and clinical affiliates, community partners, campus leadership, and the UMass Chan community of faculty, staff, and students to craft a vision for the growth and success of the enterprise. The next Chancellor will work tirelessly to share their vision with the UMass Chan community, generating buy in from stakeholders, and leading the execution of the plan.

Diversify and strengthen income streams to provide long-term stability

The long-term success of the campus will be further strengthened by strong, diverse, and predictable revenue and income. As a \$1.24 billion campus of the University, UMass Chan operates a broad academic enterprise, coordinates the clinical enterprise with UMass Memorial Health, and delivers consultancy and services support to multiple states through ForHealth Consulting, a leading national consultancy to state departments of health. The Chancellor will work closely with the Board of Trustees and system leadership to assess current and potential revenue and income streams, work to create entrepreneurial systems that enable translation of discoveries to the clinic and income streams from commercialization, optimize the relationship with UMass Memorial Health, advance opportunities to grow ForHealth Consulting, build new partnerships with industry, work with State health leaders, and seek additional support from philanthropic funders to ensure the sustained vibrancy of academic programs.

Support the growth of impactful research

UMass Chan has a world-class faculty that produces highly regarded research, often in the basic sciences but with implications across the spectrum of basic, translational, clinical, and population health research. The University has historically competed impressively for federal funding with additional support from industry and the state. As federal funding and policies continue to change, UMass Chan must proactively plan, strategize, and adapt. The faculty compete vigorously, produce a steady stream of grant applications, and achieve a high rate of approval. The faculty have been supported over the years with institutional support that enabled grant applications. In a demanding time, the University leadership will need to make judicious investments from a wide variety of revenue streams to help sustain and build out the research enterprise. To sustain its position, UMass Chan must succeed in its research mission.

Align with UMass Memorial Health to provide greater impact to patients

The success of academic health centers is inextricably linked to the health of their clinical partners. The alignment of priorities and vision for improving the health of the community they serve allows for greater impact and elevates the accomplishments of both the school and the health system. The University's clinical affiliate is UMass Memorial Health, a \$4.0 billion health system co-located in Worcester and the market leader in central Massachusetts. UMass Chan and UMass Memorial Health have a matrix structure whereby the clinical faculty are dually employed. UMass Chan and UMass Memorial Health have the opportunity to strengthen the clinical departments with impactful recruitment and additive research expertise that will enhance their appeal in strategically vital services.

Continue the growth of education and training programs

UMass Chan plays an integral role in training the health care workforce in the Commonwealth. It is a national leader in primary care training, and over 50% of its graduates stay in Massachusetts. There is a strong demand for graduates in the health care workforce in a state that has a heavy concentration of health care providers and pharma and biotechnology businesses. As these systems work to contain cost, there is considerable interest on the part of both providers and insurers to pivot to population health with

a strong emphasis on primary care. UMass Chan has the opportunity to be the educator of choice for a wide array of Massachusetts providers. Education is a foundational mission, and the Chancellor will have strategic opportunities to play an important role in training the next generation of doctors, nurses, researchers, and life sciences leaders.

In the last several years, UMass Chan greatly expanded its size by building out two new campuses in well-developed partnerships with Baystate Health and also with the Lahey Hospital and Medical Center. Each is a consequential system in their own geography. Over the tenure of the next Chancellor, there may be useful opportunities to identify and invest together in programs that improve the professional medical workforce and public health of the Commonwealth.

Engage with the broader UMass system, community, and state to serve the Commonwealth

As the home of the only public medical school in Massachusetts, UMass Chan is intricately tied to the community and the Commonwealth. This mission of service is shared by faculty, staff, and students. The Chancellor must not only embrace but actively grow UMass Chan's impact in the community. This includes seeking partnerships across UMass campuses to share resources, expertise, and projects, incentivizing faculty to engage peers across the campus in Worcester and at other UMass campuses (in Boston, Lowell, Dartmouth, and Amherst) in the most exciting and challenging scholarship of our times. This system-level collaboration will deeply reinforce each other's strengths while expanding frontiers of research at the University and will yield tremendous results for the Commonwealth and beyond.

Maintain a culture of collaboration, community, and transparency

UMass Chan prides itself on its collaborative spirit. Collaboration across labs, departments, centers, and schools drives innovation and excellence. The next Chancellor will seek to bring people together, removing impediments and encouraging the community to remain connected. Supporting the broad community of UMass Chan is paramount and is built on trust, transparency, and communication. The Chancellor must embody these traits to be successful.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

UMass Chan's next Chancellor must have an outstanding administrative record coupled with considerable strategic health care experience and demonstrated executive and financial management capabilities. This individual is tasked with leading and inspiring all members of the UMass Chan community, a job that requires strong interpersonal skills and the capacity to bring diverse constituents together. Having an eye on all missions, this leader will bring a visionary approach to interdisciplinary research, education, and practice. The desired qualifications and experience of the next Chancellor include:

- An MD, MD/PhD, PhD, or equivalent is required;
- A record of successful leadership in a large academic medical center unit, or a strongly related

system, including financial, strategic, and personnel oversight;

- A deep understanding of both academic health centers and universities as well as the broad challenges and opportunities facing both;
- A history of strategic investment in faculty and their research, and extensive experience in promoting interdisciplinary research and integrating research with clinical initiatives;
- An in-depth familiarity with federal grant processes, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH);
- A deep commitment to and concrete experience in fostering and supporting programs that reach broadly for student, staff and faculty talent and that promote access and student success;
- Proven support for innovation in health professional education programs, including promoting exceptional teaching and learning in an interprofessional environment;
- The capacity to effectively lead within an academic community based on consensus-building, transparency, and candid communication;
- A commitment to excellence in recruiting, retaining, and developing faculty across the basic science through clinical/translational research spectrum, educator, and clinical tracks
- A demonstrated success in securing philanthropic support;
- A demonstrated ability to identify and recruit outstanding leaders across all functional areas;
- Effectiveness in a complex system of distributed leadership; experience working in a highly matrixed environment; the proven capacity to build enduring partnerships;
- An eagerness and commitment to engage the university community broadly, to collaborate with deans and schools across the entire university system, and to function as a key member of the university's leadership team;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to speak with, listen to, and interact with scientists and non-scientists across disciplines and to operate at the highest levels of academic, business, and government leadership.

COMPENSATION AND LOCATION

UMass Chan is committed to practicing salary transparency. The minimum hiring salary for this position is \$950,000 and maximum is \$1,200,000. The final offer is determined by a candidate's relevant experience and our commitment to internal equity. We review global compensation on a regular basis to ensure market competitiveness and equity. The hiring range for this position has been carefully crafted in alignment with the market.

The Chancellor will be based on the UMass Chan campus in Worcester, Massachusetts, but will have to travel as needed to other UMass campuses, the President's Office, and other locations.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications (CV and cover letter required), inquiries, and nominations should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website.

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The University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School welcomes all qualified applicants and complies with all state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

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University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

Founded in 1962, the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School is the Commonwealth's only public medical school. UMass Chan is one of five campuses of the University of Massachusetts system, and comprises the T.H. Chan School of Medicine, the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing. Beyond its schools, UMass Chan also operates [ForHealth](#) Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School, a nationally recognized public service health care consulting division; and [MassBiologics](#), an FDA-licensed manufacturer of vaccines, biologics, and viral vector gene therapies. Total revenues approximate \$1.2 billion. UMass Chan has a longstanding and integral alignment with UMass Memorial Health, with whom the clinical departments are integrated. UMass Chan operates two branch education campuses with Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, and with Lahey Hospital and Medical Center in Burlington

UMass Chan is perennially ranked in *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation's best in primary care training, providing high-quality, affordable medical education to state residents with a focus on increasing the number of primary care physicians practicing in underserved areas of Massachusetts. Its mission is to advance the health and well-being of the people of the Commonwealth and the world through pioneering developments in education, research, and health care delivery. The institution is committed to enhancing

health and science education, ensuring community health, building a diverse workforce, and enriching lives through extensive community outreach.

Following a \$175 million donation from The Morningside Foundation in 2021, UMass Medical School became the UMass Chan Medical School. The transformative gift has allowed the medical school to recruit renowned and innovative faculty, conduct more breakthrough biomedical research, offer financial support to highly qualified and diverse students, and be ever more expansive in fulfilling its public service mission.

As a research institution, UMass Chan has achieved a world-class reputation. With 1,478 tenure and non-tenure track faculty, the University conducted \$350 million in research and development in FY24 and has received \$1.7 billion in NIH funding over the past 10 years. UMass Chan also received \$30 million in licensing revenue in FY24. UMass Chan has fostered a premiere fundamental science research program and is growing its translational, clinical, and population health research programs. This investment in patient-centered research led to UMass Chan faculty filing for 99 patents in 2024 and conducting 570 active clinical trials, advancing research from bench to bedside.

UMass Chan educates more than 1,400 students across its three schools while training more than 730 physicians in residency and fellowship programs. UMass Chan offers a broad array of graduate programs including five master's programs and five doctoral programs.

T.H. Chan School of Medicine

Since accepting its first class in 1970, the primary responsibility of the T.H. Chan School of Medicine has been to provide students with an accessible, comprehensive, and personally rewarding medical education of the highest quality and one which optimally prepares them to excel as tomorrow's physicians—caring, competent, productive, and fulfilled in their chosen career serving a diversity of patients, communities, and the health sciences. The school is committed to training in the full range of medical disciplines, with an emphasis on practice in the primary care specialties, in the public sector and in underserved areas of Massachusetts.

The T.H. Chan School of Medicine offers the MD and MD/PhD programs, providing outstanding clinical training and preparation for graduates' diverse career choices beyond medical school, whether in primary care or the medical specialties, as well as exceptional research opportunities. Sixty students, 43% of the Class of 2025, matched in internal medicine, family medicine, and pediatrics. Enrollment in the T.H. Chan School of Medicine has increased more than 50 percent in the last 10 years and currently enrolls 722 students.

The medical school's educational mission is enhanced by over 45 accredited residency and 28 fellowship programs; the awarding of over 31,000 continuing medical education certificates to date to the region's health care professionals, cooperative degree programs with area colleges and universities, and diverse community-based education programs across the state of Massachusetts; and outstanding

achievements in basic and clinical research in the health sciences. UMass Chan places an emphasis on partnerships with the community, creating opportunities for students to learn in and contribute to serving Massachusetts communities and caring for vulnerable populations.

Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing

The Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing was established in 1970 under Massachusetts General Laws with the UMass Chan Medical School as the founding school. The School is distinctive as the only publicly funded nursing school in the Commonwealth with a sole focus on graduate nursing education. It is also one of the few nursing schools in New England based at an academic health sciences center, sharing campus resources and facilities with its clinical partner, UMass Memorial Medical Center, part of UMass Memorial Health Care. Responding to the health needs of the Commonwealth and beyond, the vision of the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing is to create an equitable inclusive community of wellness, health, discovery, and human dignity.

The Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Post-Master's DNP, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing, Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing, and Interprofessional Leadership programs. The school prepares nurses who embrace diversity and promote health equity to improve the quality of life and human health by leading and innovating in education, research, health care delivery, and public service. The Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing prepares 275 nurse scientists, advanced practice nurses, nurse educators, and nurse leaders who together will improve health care in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond. The School is ranked as a top nursing school for Doctor of Nursing Practice by *U.S. News & World Report* and is the #2 nursing school in Massachusetts, according to Nursing Schools Almanac. The School has a 97% pass rate for Nurse Practitioner students and a 100% GEP NCLEX Pass Rate 2025.

Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences prides itself on training future science leaders in a learner-centered curriculum. Students have unparalleled access to research leaders from all over the world and participate in the school's nationally recognized [career development program](#).

The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers a PhD in Biomedical Sciences, the MD/PhD in partnership with the T.H. Chan School of Medicine, the Millennium PhD (for UMass Chan affiliates), and the Master's in Clinical Investigation (for UMass Chan affiliates), developing future leaders in all sectors of biomedicine including research, education, policy, and entrepreneurship. The Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers a broad background in the basic biomedical sciences and enrolls 397 students.

Research

Beyond its core mission of distinction in medical education, UMass Chan Medical School is a major center

for research. Currently supporting more than 300 investigators, the growth of the UMass Chan research enterprise has led to stimulating advancements in the treatment of disease and injury, as UMass Chan scientists undertake research to discover the causes of and cures for the most devastating diseases of our time.

In FY24, Chan Medical School generated \$350 million in research and development expenditures. The institution received the second highest amount of funding from the National Institutes of Health among medical schools in New England in FY24, with \$197 million. Federal and private research grants and contracts at UMass Chan rose from about \$2 million in 1977 to more than \$300 million in FY24.

UMass Chan offers 24 [Programs, Centers, and Institutes](#) that provide the infrastructure and expertise to enable investigators to pursue ambitious research programs spanning fundamental basic science discoveries through large-scale clinical trials and population health studies.

Accomplished faculty members include two Nobel Prize winners; eight members of the National Academy of Sciences; three members of the National Academy of Medicine; four Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators; one Royal Society member; one Lasker Awardee; two Gruber prize winners; a Banting medal winner; cancer research award recipients; and many other winners of scientific accolades.

The UMass Chan state-of-the-art research core facilities are shared resources available to all internal investigators for a fee-for-service charge. The facilities provide advanced imaging, genomics, proteomics, biostatistics, and specialized equipment capabilities. These shared resources enable cutting-edge basic, translational, and clinical research, while fostering collaboration both within the institution and with external partners throughout Massachusetts and beyond.

UMass Chan is proud to be at the forefront of the Commonwealth's life sciences initiative, having received funding in 2007 and 2008 to establish an [Advanced Therapeutics Cluster \(ATC\)](#) on campus. Housed in the Albert Sherman Center, the ATC brings together an interdisciplinary group of research faculty and physician-scientists in three interconnected research clusters—stem cell biology, RNA biology, and gene therapy.

UMass Chan has made substantial investments in research infrastructure. In the past two decades, three major new buildings dedicated to research have been completed. These include the 360,000-square-foot Aaron Lazare Research Building, the 258,000-square-foot Advanced Education and Clinical Practice Center for teaching as well as clinical and translation research, and the Albert Sherman Center, a 512,000-square-foot facility.

In 2024, UMass Chan opened a new nine-story, 350,000-square-foot education and research building along the campus quad on the UMass Chan Medical School campus in Worcester, which was named the Paul J. DiMare center earlier this year in recognition of a \$35 million philanthropic gift. The 350,000-

square-foot building is home to more than 70 principal investigators, focused on gene therapy, the neurosciences and molecular medicine. The building, which also provides space for UMass Chan to train more future physicians, nurse leaders and scientists, also achieved a LEED Gold certification for energy efficiency and sustainability.

ForHealth Consulting

Formerly known as Commonwealth Medicine and serving as the health care consulting division within the UMass Chan Campus, ForHealth Consulting partners with purposeful organizations to make health care and human services more equitable, effective, and accessible. Led by Executive Vice Chancellor, [Lisa Colombo](#), ForHealth leverages world-class expertise and deep experience to create transformational solutions across the health and human services system, from payment and financing to clinical practice and information management. ForHealth Consulting employs more than 1,100 team members who provide services in more than 25 states across the country, overseeing approximately 400 contracts with organizations that include state Medicaid agencies and other health and human service partners. ForHealth proudly supports clients and people through a wide array of services including [Medicare Eligibility Enhancement Services](#), [Training & Workforce Development](#), [Business Intelligence & Advanced Analytics](#), and much [more](#).

MassBiologics

MassBiologics is the only non-profit, FDA-licensed manufacturer of vaccines in the United States. For over 100 years, MassBiologics has worked to improve public health through applied research, development, and production of biologic products, including vaccines, plasma derivatives, and most recently, monoclonal antibodies. MassBiologics' core mission is to discover, develop, and manufacture biological medicines that improve the lives of people in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and around the world while educating and training a workforce that will perpetuate this public health mission.

In 1997, the State Legislature transferred oversight of MassBiologics from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the UMass Chan Medical School and MassBiologics has since served as a center of excellence for the education, training, and mentoring of those who will create the next "medicines for better lives."

APPENDIX

The University of Massachusetts System

[The University of Massachusetts](#) is the public university system and the only public research system in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The System encompasses four comprehensive undergraduate and graduate campuses ([Amherst](#), [Boston](#), [Dartmouth](#), and [Lowell](#)), a world-class health sciences campus

([UMass Chan Medical School](#)), and the state's only public law school ([UMass Law School](#)). UMass is now ranked 41st among all U.S. institutions and 18th among all U.S. public universities in the 2026 Times Higher Education World University Rankings. UMass remains the top public university in New England, a position it has held in the Times Higher Education rankings since 2014.

Collectively, in FY24, UMass has more than 73,000 students including more than 19,000 graduate students. In 2024, it granted 12,754 bachelor's degrees; 5,346 master's degrees; and 1,111 doctorates. These degrees included approximately 6,500 STEM degrees; 2,100 in healthcare fields; and 165 MDs. There are 4,948 full-time-equivalent faculty members, including 2,492 full-time-equivalent tenured or tenure-track. The UMass System has an endowment with a market value larger than \$1.8 billion, about \$869 million in annual research expenditures, and more than 250 active licenses.

The University of Massachusetts is governed by a 22-member Board of Trustees that represents various interests of the public at large on a non-partisan basis. Seventeen members of the board are appointed by the Governor, and five members are UMass students elected by the student body on each of the five campuses. The Board of Trustees plays an important role in directing strategy and overseeing the financial and strategic direction of the UMass System. It functions as a legislative body dealing mainly with general policies governing the System. The Board is not an administrative or management board.

UMass President Marty Meehan is the first undergraduate alumnus to lead the five-campus University of Massachusetts system, a role he assumed in 2015 after eight successful years as UMass Lowell Chancellor. A champion of public higher education, Meehan has called UMass "the most important institution in Massachusetts in social mobility and economic growth."

Under Meehan, UMass reached record highs for enrollment, research funding, student financial aid and fundraising.

- Enrollment has grown to more than 73,000 students
- Research funding has reached \$869 million annually
- UMass-funded student aid increased by 79% to \$422 million
- UMass launched a program fully covering tuition for in-state students from households earning \$75,000 or less.
- The university has received its five largest private donations in its history, totaling more than \$330 million.
- The UMass endowment has reached \$1.8 billion.

Meehan represented Massachusetts' 5th Congressional District from 1993 to 2007, where he gained national recognition for his leadership on matters related to campaign finance reform and tobacco regulation. A first-generation college student, he graduated cum laude from UMass Lowell, later earning an MPA and a JD from Suffolk University.

[UMass Memorial Health](#) is the clinical partner of UMass Chan Medical School and the largest health care system in Central and Western Massachusetts. It is a not-for-profit, integrated health care system designed to provide all levels of health care, from primary to quaternary as well as access to the latest technology, research and clinical trials. The health system includes three fully accredited hospitals, [UMass Memorial Medical Center](#), [UMass Memorial Health – Health Alliance-Clinton Hospital](#), and [UMass Memorial Health – Marlborough Hospital](#). Regional urgent care services are provided through an affiliation with CareWell Urgent Care and low-cost outpatient surgery services are provided at The Surgery Center in Shrewsbury.

UMass Memorial Medical Center (UMMC)

As the tertiary care referral center for Central and Western Massachusetts, UMass Memorial Medical Center (UMMC) offers a full complement of sophisticated technology and support services, providing the region with a broad range of specialists renowned for their work in areas such as cancer, cardiology, emergency medicine, orthopedics, surgery, women's health, and children's medical services, including an internationally recognized newborn intensive care unit.

With 781 beds, UMMC has earned many distinctions, including:

- Accreditation by the American College of Surgeons as the only designated Level 1 Trauma Center for adults in Central Massachusetts;
- Home to the Duddie Massad Emergency and Trauma Center and Life Flight, New England's first hospital-based air ambulance;
- The region's only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, providing expert care for ill or premature newborns;
- Number 1 hospital in Massachusetts five years in a row for heart attack survival, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;
- A three-star rating from Consumer Reports for bypass cardiac surgery based on overall performance, complications, and other quality measures.

The spectrum of services provided in a warm, professional atmosphere include specialists who are nationally acclaimed for their work in areas such as heart and vascular care, orthopedics, cancer, diabetes, surgery, newborn intensive care, emergency medicine, and women's services. Additionally, the Children's Medical Center is the only children's hospital in central Massachusetts with more than 100 medical and surgical experts in 30 specialties.

UMass Memorial Medical Group

With more than 1,100 physicians, the [UMass Memorial Medical Group](#) (UMMMG) is one of the largest, integrated multispecialty group medical practices on the entire East Coast. UMMMG physicians practice at locations in Worcester and throughout Central Massachusetts.

Worcester, Massachusetts

Worcester, known as the "Heart of the Commonwealth," is New England's second-largest city and proudly boasts an active, vibrant, and energetic community.

Worcester has invested more than \$1 billion in new development projects including [Polar Park](#), home of the Red Sox AAA minor league team, which hosted its first game in 2021; [CitySquare](#); and the [Blackstone Canal District Initiative](#). Biopharmaceutical company [AbbVie](#) recently announced a \$70 million expansion in Worcester, alongside its longstanding Bioresearch Center. It is also home to seven other colleges and universities – Assumption University, Clark University, College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Worcester State University.

Worcester offers an exceptional blend of cultural amenities and outdoor recreation opportunities. The [Worcester Art Museum](#) is home to world-class collections spanning 50 centuries, and the [EcoTarium](#) is a regional resource for learning about the natural world. For entertainment, Worcester hosts the beautifully restored [Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts](#) with Broadway tours, nationally recognized performers and family shows gracing the stage; the historic and acoustically superior [Mechanics Hall](#), site of classical music and opera performances; and the [DCU Center](#), one of the country's most successful arenas for top-draw concerts, sports, and family entertainment events. Sports enthusiasts can also enjoy [Worcester Bravehearts](#) baseball and [Worcester Railers](#) hockey.

UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus is located on the shores of Lake Quinsigamond. Central Massachusetts has much to offer with more than 30 state parks, forests, recreation areas, trails, reservoirs, and reservations, including [New England Botanic Garden](#) and [Wachusett Mountain State Reservation](#), which offers hiking, biking, skiing, and snowboarding for all abilities. During the fall, [Davis Farmland](#) offers pick-your-own apples and pumpkins and is the largest sanctuary of endangered farm animals in North America.

Worcester's central location makes it easy to access anything in New England and beyond—including Cape Cod, a 100-mile drive southeast; New York City, a 180-mile drive southwest; and Boston, a 40-mile drive east. Western Massachusetts—including the culturally rich Pioneer Valley and the scenic Berkshires— is just a short drive from Worcester. The majestic mountains and pristine lakes of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont are also nearby and accessible for day trips by car or public transportation.