

Registration Policies

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Practice Ready Assessment (PRA) process is to provide specialist physicians, **currently licensed in Nova Scotia**, who would otherwise be ineligible, an opportunity to challenge the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's (RCPSC) certification examination in their specialty.

The PRA process is initiated and administered through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (CPSNS). The CPSNS will ask the candidate to go through a selection process to determine if they meet the criteria to be sponsored to the PRA.

The physician must meet the following minimum requirements to enter the PRA process:

- Hold specialty certification in country of origin
- Hold a current license to practice in Nova Scotia
- Have successfully completed a Medical Council of Canada examination
- Have completed a minimum three (3) month clinical assessment period that follows the training objectives of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Only specialist physicians currently holding a license to practice (not an educational license) in Nova Scotia who wish to enter the PRA process will be considered for sponsorship for the PRA process. Potential candidates for this process must have undergone a period of clinical assessment in their specialty, which meets the College criteria. Clinical assessments for this process are not funded by CPSNS and must be arranged by the candidate. To be acceptable for this process a clinical assessment must have been completed within 24 months of applying.

The CPSNS requires that a clinical assessment for the purposes of the PRA process meets the following criteria:

- University based or affiliated
- One identified overall supervisor with experience in teaching and evaluation; must be a RCPSC Fellow

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- Covers the broad subject material of the specialty and matches the RCPSC Requirements for Training for that specialty
- Strong evaluative framework- monthly In-Training Evaluation Reports (ITERs)
- Team-approach exposure to multiple supervising physicians encompassing the broad scope of the specialty
- Culminates in the completion of a Final In Training Evaluation Report (FITER)
- Written educational goals and objectives and framework for evaluation at the outset

If eligible, a meeting with the Deputy Registrar will be required.