

Screening Criteria for PRA in Family Medicine

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Preamble:

Physicians with training and practice experience in Family Medicine, from a jurisdiction outside Canada, may be eligible for a Defined licence in Family Medicine upon the successful completion of a College-approved 12-week practice assessment.

Physicians holding certification in Family Medicine from a jurisdiction with recognition of certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) do not generally require a practice assessment for licensure.

Policy:

Physicians from international jurisdictions will be eligible to apply for a College-approved practice ready assessment provided they:

1. Are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant or hold a work permit; and
2. Are a graduate of a Medical School listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools; and
3. Meet the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (CPSNS) [standards for language proficiency](#); and
4. Have received a minimum of 24 months of post-graduate training leading to certification, recognition and practice in Family Medicine / General Practice in their training jurisdiction; and
5. Postgraduate training that included a minimum of 8 weeks each of Family Medicine/ General Practice, Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Obstetrics/ Gynecology. At the discretion of the Registrar, candidates for practice ready assessment in Family Medicine, may be excused the requirement for 8 weeks of postgraduate training in Psychiatry and/or Obstetrics/Gynecology, provided they have the equivalent amount of extra training in Family Medicine; and
6. Have at least 24 months of independent Family Medicine/General Practice in a community setting, at least 12 weeks of which must have taken place within 3 years of the date of application to the practice ready assessment (PRA) program; and



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7. Have a Pass standing in the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam (MCCQE) Part 1 Examination; and
8. Have a Pass standing in either the Medical Council of Council of Canada National Assessment Collaboration (MCC NAC) OSCE or the MCCQE Part II Examination; and
9. Have fewer than two prior failed attempts in Canadian practice-ready assessment programs; and
10. Have the sponsorship of the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA), leading to a return-of-service practice position on successful completion of the practice-ready assessment.