

Physicians Practising in USA: Basic Steps to Independent Practice in Ontario

Do you have all of the qualifications for an Independent Practice certificate in Ontario?

1. Certification examination by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
2. Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Parts 1 and 2
3. One year Canadian postgraduate training or medical practice
4. Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Resident status

Yes

Apply for an Independent Practice certificate of registration.

No

Do you have the alternative qualifications to apply under Pathway 3 (for Canadian or US medical school graduates) or Pathway 4 (for international medical school graduates)?

1. United States Medical Licensing Examination Steps 1, 2 (Clinical Knowledge and Clinical Skills or Clinical Skills Assessment) and 3
2. Full residency in the USA accredited by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
3. American Board specialist certification
4. Hold full licence to practise in USA (Pathway 3) or are eligible for full licence to practise in USA (Pathway 4)

Yes

Apply to the College's Registration Committee under Pathway 3 or Pathway 4.

No

Are you eligible under CPSO registration policies?

The College has developed a number of registration policies that offer alternatives to the usual registration requirements without compromising our registration standards.

You are encouraged to review these policies for any that might facilitate your registration in Ontario, particularly, the "Restricted Certificates for Exam Eligible Candidates" policy or the "Recognition of Certification without Examination Issued by the CFPC" policy. You should also refer to the CFPC and the RCPSC for their policies on recognized postgraduate training:

- www.cfpc.ca – see "Recognized Training and Certification Outside Canada"
- www.royalcollege.ca – see "Jurisdiction Approved Training"

