

CPSO: Alternative Routes to Practice in Ontario

Pathways for US Physicians

Pathway A

- ✓ Has an acceptable **medical degree/doctor of osteopathy degree**
- ✓ Has completed US ACGME residency training
- ✓ Has completed an [acceptable qualifying exam](#)
- ✓ Has an independent license in the US or eligible to apply for such a license
- ✓ **Holds US Board Certification or American Osteopathic Association Certification**

What are the terms of the licence:

Restricted certificate of registration to practice **independently in their scope of practice.**

NEW! Physicians who are issued a restricted certificate of registration under this pathway may apply for an independent practice certificate of registration after five years of continuous practice in Ontario provided they are otherwise fully qualified for an independent practice certificate.

See [Pathways A and C policy HERE](#)

Pathway C

- ✓ Has an acceptable **medical degree/doctor of osteopathy degree**
- ✓ Completed US ACGME residency training within the last 5 years
- ✓ Has completed an [acceptable qualifying exam](#)
- ✓ Has an independent license in the US or eligible to apply for such a license
- ✓ **Eligible for US Board Certification or American Osteopathic Association Certification**

What are the terms of the licence:

The candidate may practice **under supervision** at a specified location for a period up to 3 years (as long as they remain eligible for the certification examination). During this period, it is expected that the supervised physician pass the outstanding certification examination.

Supervision Under Pathway C

What does Supervision look like?
Generally, supervision involves the following:

- ② Typical registration supervision arrangements follow a model of: Bi-weekly chart reviews (10/meetings) for the first month, then monthly reviews thereafter;
- ② Availability to the supervised candidate when questions/concerns arise
- ② Submitting written reports to the CPSO at prescribed intervals or more frequently
- ② The supervised physician is the Most Responsible Physician for patient care (unless otherwise specified)

Requirements for a Supervisor

- ② **5 years** of Independent Practice (3 in Ontario)
- ② In **Good Standing** with the CPSO
- ② No Real or perceived conflict of interest
- ② More details can be found on the [College's Guidelines for Supervisions](#)



Incorporating Remote Supervision

- ② Might be an option at the discretion of the registration committee and supervisor after providing evidence of remote supervision plan
- ② Excellent for connecting to individuals and facilitating supervision for those in remote areas or where colleagues in that particular specialty or scope are not available
- ② Requires a secure videoconferencing platform to review charts and observe patient interactions
- ② Cost and time efficient
- ② Allows for flexibility where travel and time away from the supervisor's clinic may be an issue
- ② Allows a hybrid model



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