

2007 RE-ENTRY PROGRAM INFORMATION

We've made some exciting changes...

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) offers positions each year for physicians currently practicing in Canada to re-enter postgraduate medical training. For Re-Entry training positions beginning in July 2007, the ministry has **increased** the number of available positions from 40 to 50. The ministry will now also accept applications for **all specialties and subspecialties**. These changes are being introduced to increase flexibility in the medical training system and provide opportunities for physicians to pursue areas of interest after a period of generalist practice, while at the same time addressing the need for a variety of physician services in Ontario.

All positions have return of service requirements, which are part of a package of government initiatives designed to bring physician services to Ontario's underserved areas and provide opportunities for physicians to pursue different practice interests. Return of Service (ROS) requirements for certain positions may differ; please refer to the section "Return of Service Requirements" in this letter.

Available positions include:

- **20 positions in Family Medicine training**
 - Applications will be accepted for entry into family medicine residency and all PGY3 areas of specialty.
- **20 positions in Specialty training**
 - Applications will be accepted for entry into all areas of specialty.
- **5 new positions for Community Medicine specialty or Masters of Public Health training**
 - The return of service requirement applied to Masters of Public Health positions will be to a Public Health Unit which may or may not be located in a Ministry designated underserved community.
- **5 new positions for Subspecialty training**
 - Positions will be available to candidates who meet current program eligibility requirements and are:

- currently enrolled in Re-entry specialty training in PGY3 or higher; or
 - currently practicing in a general specialty.
- Preference will be given to applicants applying for subspecialty training in medical oncology, geriatrics and rheumatology.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you **must**:

- Hold a current certificate of registration for independent practice from your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- Have been in active, full time practice in Canada for a minimum of 6 consecutive months prior to application
- Be eligible for a certificate of registration from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident of Canada

If you are not an independently licensed physician currently practicing in Canada, you are not eligible to apply to the Re-Entry program.

CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE

If you apply for and **receive an offer of a re-entry position**, your funding will be contingent on:

- the capacity of Ontario medical schools to provide positions in specific programs
- confirmation of your acceptability to an Ontario medical school in the designated specialty program and your commitment to meet the requirements of your residency program (e.g. full-time attendance).
- receipt of a signed return-of-service agreement, **prior to beginning your training program**, confirming your commitment to practice in a designated underserved area in Ontario.

Please note that acceptance into the Re-entry program does not guarantee an applicant a position in the program or school of their choice.

RETURN OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (ROS)

1. General

Location

If you are a successful re-entry candidate, you will be required to sign and submit a return-of-service (ROS) agreement to the Ministry before you start your training. You will also be required to make arrangements to return service in an underserved community (for exceptions see section 2 & 3) and confirm this arrangement before you complete your

training. To confirm your practice location you will be asked to sign and submit an “Addendum” to the ROS Agreement that is co-signed by the hospital and the Ministry. The Addendum to your ROS Agreement is due on or before your last day of your residency training. A copy of the ROS agreement is available upon request

Length

The ROS commitment for 1 to 2 years of training is 1 year. The ROS commitment for 3 to 5 years of training is 2 years. .

Detailed information about return of service is included in the document entitled “Guidelines for Return of Service”

2. Masters of Public Health positions

The ROS applied to Masters of Public Health positions will be to a Public Health Unit which may or may not be located in a Ministry designated underserved community. Eligible Public Health Units will be determined in consultation with the Ministry’s Public Health Division.

3. Radiation Oncology positions

Eligible ROS locations for Radiation Oncology specialists will be determined in consultation with Cancer Care Ontario and may or may not be located in a Ministry designated underserved community.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the Re-Entry program, please submit the following documentation:

1. Completed application form (see attached);
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. A personal letter outlining your qualifications for one of the re-entry positions. This letter should outline any previous experience or involvement in an underserved community, relevant education and practise and any community involvement (i.e. voluntarism);
4. Completed standardized references forms from your three references (see attached);
5. A copy of your certification with the College of Family Physicians of Canada or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (as applicable); and
6. A “Certificate of Professional Conduct” from your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons. A request for a Certificate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is attached. For applicants outside of Ontario, please request a certificate from your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons. Please note your college may require your consent to release this information and may charge you a fee for providing this certificate.

Please ensure that your references and your College send their documentation directly to:
Program Officer

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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
56 Wellesley St. West
12/Floor
Toronto ON M5S 2S3
Tel: 416-327-8339 Fax: 416-327-0167

Successful candidates for the 2007 program must commence training between July 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on supporting documentation and criteria including:

- Projections of physician supply that support that the specialty/sub-specialty requested is experiencing current or impending shortages
- Personal characteristics (e.g. references, relevant continuing education, demonstrated community involvement in underserved communities etc.)

While not a pre-requisite for application, priority will be given to applicants with:

- Prior physician service in Ontario
- Prior service in underserved (including rural and northern) communities

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for your submitting your application package and required documentation is **Friday, December 29, 2006**. Late applications or documents will not be accepted. Candidates will be notified of the competition outcomes by mid-February 2007.

Attachments:

1. Application Package
 - Application form
 - Standardized reference forms (3)
 - Guidelines for Return of Service
 - List of Areas Designated as Underserved in Ontario;
 - Request form for a Certificate of Professional Conduct from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for physicians practicing in Ontario