# Medical Schools – Canada

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Ontario medical school applications are administered by the Ontario Universities Medical School Application Service: www.ouac.on.ca/omsas

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Refer to the next page for important websites.

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Deadlines vary for all medical schools outside Ontario. Students are advised to check websites or current academic calendars for deadlines and make applications directly to the schools of their choice.
Relevant Websites

- Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada: www.afmc.ca
- Canadian Federation of Medical Students: www.cfms.org
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario: www.cpso.on.ca
- Ontario Medical Association: www.oma.org
- Ontario Doctors: www.ontariodoctors.com
- Canadian Association for Medical Education: www.came-acem.ca
- Canadian Medical Association: www.cma.ca
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada: www.royalcollege.ca
- College of Family Physicians of Canada: www.cfpc.ca
- Association of American Medical Colleges: www.aamc.org
- Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education: https://www.acgme.org
FAQ – Medical School

Medical School

What courses do I need to take for Medical School?

- Refer to www.ouac.on.ca/omsas for more information on each school’s prerequisite requirements.
- If you have a question regarding course equivalency, please contact the school directly. Be specific and send the description of the course (from the course calendar) identifying the prerequisite you want considered.

What undergraduate program do I need to be in for Medical School?

- There is no specific program that is required to enter into Medical School. Students have been admitted to Medical Schools from a variety of undergraduate programs.

How many students get in every year?

- Visit www.ouac.on.ca/omsas for information on applicants for Ontario Medical Schools.
- For McMaster, the number of applicants in 2015 was 5271 and the class size was 203, which translates to an acceptance rate of 3.9%.

Can I take summer school?

- Refer to the Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS) Instruction Booklet or the school’s website.
- Some schools will not consider summer courses.
- Remember, since you are not taking a full course load (i.e. 30 units) during summer school, you may appear less competitive than a person who has taken the same course during a full academic year.

What happens if I failed a course?

- It will appear on your transcript. For more details regarding how a failed course will affect your cumulative average contact the school directly.
FAQ – MCAT

MCAT

When should I take the MCAT?

- It is recommended the exam is taken a year prior to the date an application will be submitted. This will allow sufficient time to receive results and register for another attempt if the results are not satisfactory.
- Scores are typically released 30-35 days after the test day, or longer if written in April or May.
- Ensure you give yourself enough preparation time to increase your chances of success.

How many times can I take the MCAT?

- According to the AAMC, the MCAT can be taken up to three times in a single testing year, up to four times in a two consecutive year period and up to seven times in a lifetime. Applicants can only be registered for one seat at a time.

Do Medical Schools look at all my MCAT scores, or only the most recent one?

- According to a survey of medical school admissions officers, schools use multiple sets of MCAT scores in several ways:
  - Some schools weigh all sets of scores equally and note improvements.
  - Other schools consider only the most recent set of scores.
  - Still others take an average of all sets of scores.
  - Some schools use only the highest set of scores or the highest individual sections scores.

For more information contact the school directly.

Do I need to take a commercial MCAT review course?

- This is up to you, and how you learn. If you do best with scheduled reviews and being in a classroom environment, then you may find the course beneficial. If you prefer to study at your own pace, the AAMC provides free or low cost self-study materials.
- For more information visit: www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/faq
International Medical Schools

Before considering any Medical School, it is important to determine if the institution you are applying to is both recognized and accredited. The academic institution, name of your medical degree, and year of your graduation must be listed in the International Medical Education Directory to be accepted into Canada. To access this information, visit the Foundation of Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) and review the International Medical Education Directory at: http://www.faimer.org/resources/imed.html

Returning to Practice Medicine in Canada

When completing studies at an international institution, students are recognized as International Medical Graduates (IMGs).

Evaluation Examination

Once returning, you must first complete the Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Examination (MCCEE). The MCCEE is a four hour, computer-based examination (necessary to complete in order to take the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examinations) consisting of 180 multiple choice questions on topics such as Child Health, Maternal Health, Adult Health, Mental Health, and Population Health and Ethics. The fee for this examination is $1737.

Qualifying Examinations

IMGs are also required to pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination, which is necessary for entry into a supervised clinical practice in postgraduate training programs. The examination consists of two parts:

- **Part I** Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE)
  - One day computer-based test to assess the competence of candidates to enter supervised clinical practice
  - Up to 3.5 hours for 196 multiple choice questions
  - Up to 4 hours for clinical decision making component, which consists of short-menu and short answer write-in question
  - Applicable examination fees can be found at http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccqe-part-i/

- **Part II** Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE)
  - This examination consists of a series of clinical stations; includes problems in medicine, pediatric, obstetrics and gynecology, preventative medicine and community health, psychiatry and surgery
  - Applicable examination fees can be found at http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccqe-part-ii/

All examinations are awarded a pass or fail, and may be written an unlimited number of times until a passing grade is achieved.

For further information on examinations, visit the Medical Council of Canada website at: http://www.mcc.ca/examinations/
After completing all required examinations for the MCC, there are various other conditions which MAY apply to IMGs. For example, IMGs may need to take additional assessments to qualify for residency positions in their province. There may also be region-specific criteria to qualify for residency positions. For these additional processes, the best resource would be contacting the medical regulatory authority in the province you would like to work.

**Finding Residency Positions**

After completing the examinations, it is necessary for a medical graduate to obtain a residency position before becoming a practitioner. The most common resource for finding residency positions is the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). The CaRMS program creates a residency match between you and a residency postgraduate position in one of the 17 Canadian Medical School programs.

A major factor to considering International Medical Schools is the availability of residency placements. Even after completing the examinations, the ability to become a practitioner relies on receiving a residency placement. Residency positions are competitive for IMGs as there are fewer spots compared to Canadian Medical Graduates (CMGs).

** For further information on residency positions, visit the CaRMS website at: http://www.carms.ca. A useful resource on the this website is the 2010 Report on Canadian Students Studying Abroad, which provides information and statistics about IMGs and those returning to Canada.
FAQ – Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

Below is some general information to help you become more familiar with the MMI format used in many professional school admission procedures. Remember, if you have specific questions please contact the school directly.

What is being evaluated during the MMI?

The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) evaluates personal characteristics (non-cognitive attributes) important for success in the health sciences including:

- Critical Thinking
- Ethical/Moral Decision Making
- Self-Evaluation & Communication
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Empathy & Integrity
- Interpersonal/ Teamwork Skills
- Motivation

This interview method provides an opportunity for applicants to apply general knowledge and personal experiences to issues relevant to the health care systems in which they hope to work.

How it Works

- There are a series of stations at which students are given a question they are expected to answer. They will have 2 minutes to read the question and approximately 6-8 minutes to perform/answer the question to an interviewer. Response times will vary depending on the specific school.
- There is one interviewer in each room.
- Interviewees receive one global score per station.

Benefits of the MMI

- Gives the candidates a fresh chance to impress with every station.
- Provides flexibility in questions not available in traditional interviews.
- Research has shown that it is a more fair way of assessing the candidates.

Interviewers

- May be students, faculty members or industry professionals.
- Have been given specific instructions on what they can and cannot ask.
- Are not aware of your grade or status of your application.

Note: Interviewees may be required to sign a confidentiality agreement as well as an audiovisual recording release form. This is to ensure the security of the interview scenario and for quality management purposes.
Relevant Links:

- University of Calgary – MMI Sample Questions:  
  http://www.ucalgary.ca/mdprogram/admissions/mmi/samples

- University of Saskatchewan – MMI Sample Questions:  
  http://www.medicine.usask.ca/pt/admission/Practice_MMI_QuestionsUofS.pdf

- University of British Columbia – MMI Sample Questions:  