

Practice Ready Ontario: Join Ontario's Health Workforce

Applications Open January 8 to March 1 2024!

Practice Ready Ontario is designed to break down barriers for experienced internationally trained general or family physicians so you can practice medicine faster in high need, rural communities across Ontario.

It is part of a Government of Ontario initiative to expand the healthcare workforce and connect people to care.

This rigorous program considers qualifications and experience in a clinical setting to determine readiness of applicants for independent practice.

It includes a 12-week clinical field assessment and a three-year return of service as a family physician, both in a high needs rural Ontario community.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Program applicants must meet all criteria listed under [Applicant Requirements](#) at the time of application, including:

- ✓ A permanent resident or citizen of Canada;
- ✓ Completed a [medical degree at a recognized school](#) and at least two years of postgraduate training in family medicine or general practice;
- ✓ Demonstration of completion of seven core rotations as specified under [Applicant Requirements](#);
- ✓ Completed three consecutive years of independent practice in family medicine or general practice;
- ✓ Demonstrated at least 24 weeks of clinical practice as a family physician or general practitioner within the past three years;
- ✓ Demonstrated competence in English per [FMRAC guidelines](#);
- ✓ Successfully passed and achieved an accepted score in specific Medical Council of Canada examinations as specified under [Applicant Requirements](#);
- ✓ Valid Canadian or international driver's license.

TO APPLY

For eligibility criteria and detailed program information visit:

[Touchstone Institute](#) →

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Touchstone Institute is working with the Government of Ontario, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and others to put in place a practice ready assessment program for internationally trained family physicians in Ontario.

Practice Ready Ontario is a streamlined pathway to licensure for eligible internationally trained physicians who have completed postgraduate training and practiced independently as a family physician or general practitioner outside Canada.

Candidates are identified through a thorough application, selection and verification process and assessed for competence and suitability during a rigorous 12-week clinical field assessment in a designated Ontario community.

Successful candidates then complete a three-year return of service as a family physician in a designated high needs rural Ontario community.

CLINICAL FIELD ASSESSMENT

Candidates work under direct supervision of physician assessors, who observe, assess, and provide feedback on a candidate's clinical and non-clinical skills related to family medicine.

- Each candidate has one primary assessor with oversight responsibility of the 12-week clinical field assessment and is supported by secondary assessors.
- Assessors observe and evaluate a candidate according to structured assessment processes that also provides flexibility to suit individuals practice, assessors, and candidates.

- Assessment data are routinely submitted for review to the Practice Ready Ontario Assessment Committee for final determination of a candidate's readiness for independent practice.
- While the clinical field assessment is 12-weeks, the full process can take up to one year from initial application and screening to the start of the Return of Service.
- The process may take longer for applicants who are not accepted upon initial application due to limited spaces or not meeting application criteria.

CANDIDATE PATHWAY

