



Internationally Trained Physicians (ITP)
Pathways to Practice in Canada

PRACTICE ELIGIBILITY ROUTE (SPECIALISTS)

This pathway is for primary specialists, not subspecialists. If you have specialty education or training not on the approved-jurisdiction list, you may be able to complete the Royal College's practice eligibility route. For this route, you must determine that your training is 'substantially equivalent' to the Canadian specialty training. Your credentials will be reviewed, and if you meet the criteria, you will take the Royal College specialty exam.

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Go to the Royal College website to check your eligibility against their criteria

This route can be costly, so take the time now to check the duration of your training and the rotations you completed against the Royal College requirements



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If successful, you will receive a letter of eligibility



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Apply for the Royal College certification exam, offered once a year

You will have five years to pass the exam



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Pass the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part 1 (MCCQE1)



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Receive your Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC)



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In some provinces, you can work on a defined licensure with your letter of eligibility from the Royal College and your LMCC



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Work for two years after passing your exam on a provisional license



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Take the Royal College assessment of practice



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You can then apply for full licensure from your chosen provincial regulatory authority



License to practice