TOUR OF EXAMINATIONS

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*Please refer to the examination portion of the website for the most current information prior to your examination.

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Tour of Examination Process

This is a tour of the examination process.

Should you have any questions, please refer to your candidate appointment letter, the candidate general information section on the website or contact us at: 1-800-668-3740 or candidates@royalcollege.ca
Locations for Spring and Fall Exams

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Written Component Site Locations

Written Site Locations:

- Written components are held at various centres across Canada, including the Royal College headquarters.
- Refer to the Examination Home page for site locations: [Examination Sites and Dates](#)
Royal College Headquarters

The Oral/OSCE Examinations occurring in April will be held at this site. Please refer to your candidate appointment letter for further information.
Directions to Royal College

The Royal College

- The Royal College is accessible by 774 or 780 Echo Drive or by 265 Sunnyside Avenue.

- Parking is not available at the Royal College.
La Cité : Spring Exam Site

The Oral/OSCE Examinations occurring in May and June will be held at this site. Please refer to your candidate appointment letter for further information.
Directions to La Cité

How to get to La Cité

• **En Route from West of Ottawa**
  - Take Highway 417 East.
  - Exit the highway at St. Laurent, take the North St. Laurent direction lane.
  - Turn right on Ogilvie Road.
  - Turn left on Bathgate Drive.
  - Continue on the Bathgate Drive until you reach the entrance to La Cité.

• **En route from East of Ottawa-Montreal**
  - Take Highway 40 West which will become Highway 417 when you enter Ontario and follow the indications to Ottawa.
  - In Ottawa, exit 113B (Aviation Parkway)
  - Continue on the Aviation Parkway and turn right on Ogilvie Road.
  - Turn left on Bathgate Drive.
  - Continue on Bathgate Drive until you reach the entrance to La Cité.

La Cité
801 Aviation Parkway, Ottawa, ON  K1K 4R3
Please note that **pay parking** is available in the **RED Parking** lot. The **only access** to the **Red parking** lot is by the Aviation Parkway.

If you park in the **White or Blue Parking** lots you may be ticketed. The Royal College cannot reimburse you for this expense.

**Please note that there is a cafeteria on site.**
La Cité Examination Centre (Residence Building)

May/June

- The Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and the Oral Examination will be held in the Examination Centre at the Residence building, La Cité, 400 Den Haag Drive

- Please report at least 30 minutes prior to your examination session, unless otherwise specified in your candidate appointment letter.

- Please refer to your candidate appointment letter with regards to the location for registration.
Fall

The Oral/OSCE examinations will be held in the Examination Centre, at **780 Echo Drive**, adjacent to the RC Headquarters building.

Please report at least 30 minutes prior to your examination session, unless otherwise specified in your candidate appointment letter.

Please refer to your candidate appointment letter with regards to the location for registration.
Special considerations for all sites

The Royal College is scent free:

- In consideration for people who experience allergic reactions, asthma or migraine headaches due to chemical sensitivities, **please refrain from using scented products** such as perfumes, colognes, aftershaves, etc.
- Although we may store luggage for you, please note that the area is not secure and no responsibility can be taken for lost or stolen items.
- You can bring your own lunch or go to a restaurant for your lunch break. Many restaurants are at walking distance from the Royal College headquarters and there is a Cafeteria at La Cité.
Written Component Registration

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Registration:

- Please report at least 30 minutes prior to your examination session, unless otherwise specified in your candidate appointment letter.

- Please refer to the e-mail you received from the Royal College Credentials Unit with regards to the building in which you must register.

- At registration you will be required to provide a government issued photo identification with signature i.e. passport, driver's license or provincial health card. Documents must be in either English or French.

- Your admission card will be presented to you and a representative of the Royal College will ask you to sign it in their presence.

- Once all candidates are registered, you will be led to the examination room where an invigilator will provide you with further instructions.
Written Component Registration

Registration:

- A visitor’s tag will be provided to you at registration and your personal identification labels will be given to you with the examination booklets.

- Personal belongings as well as electronic devices are not permitted during Royal College examinations (i.e. cell phones, pagers, PDAs, laptops, USB keys, etc.).

- You are permitted to wear a watch without electronic features.

- Once you have registered for your examination session, you cannot leave the examination premises.
Written Component During the Exam

During the Exam:

- All notes and scrap paper must be left in the examination room.

- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs): pencils will be provided by the Royal College.

- Short Answer Questions (SAQs): pens will be provided by the Royal College.

- All specialty-specific information concerning your examination can be found in the e-mail you received from the Royal College Credentials Unit.
Oral/OSCE Component Registration
Oral and OSCE Components Registration

Registration:

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- Your admission card will be presented to you and a representative of the Royal College will ask you to sign it in their presence.

- A name tag and an envelope containing your personal identification labels will be provided to you. You are required to keep these with you at all times.
Oral and OSCE Components Registration

Registration:

- Personal belongings and electronic devices are not permitted during Royal College examinations (i.e. such as cell phones, pagers, PDAs, laptops, USB keys, etc.).

- You are permitted to wear a watch without electronic features.

- **Once you have registered for your examination session, you cannot leave the examination premises.**

- Staff members from the Royal College will guide you to a waiting room.
Oral Component Registration

Registration
ORAL component:

• Once you have registered, you will be led to a waiting room until the examination session begins.

• An examiner or RC staff will greet you and bring you to the examination room.
OSCE Component During the Exam

During the Examination:
OSCE Stations

- As a group, you will be escorted to the hallway where you will be asked to stand in front of a station to await further instructions.

- Talking is not permitted in the examination hallway or at break stations.

- Please direct any questions you may have to the hall monitor.

- Assistance will always be available to you.
Oral and OSCE Components during the Exam (with Standardized patients)

During Examination:

- Some Oral/OSCE components may have clinical scenarios with Standardized patient (SP) encounters. SP’s are fully trained for the role specific to the case scenario.

- Please refer to your candidate appointment letter for information regarding any specific medical instruments or tools you may need.

- Water, pencil sharpener, pencils, paper, facial tissue, hand sanitizer will be at your disposal in each of the examination room.
Oral and OSCE Components during Examination

During Examination:

- All notes and scrap paper must be left in the examination room.
- A Royal College observer may be present during your examination.
- Examiners cannot give you any feedback regarding your examination performance or results.
Oral/OSCE Components after the Exam

After the Exam:

Post Examination Survey
- Following your exam, you will be receiving an email request to complete the post-examination survey. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey to help us make improvements to the examination.

Examination Results
- The result of your examination will be posted on the Royal College website on a specific date, once all the required verification of data has been fully completed. Please refer to the following link to view the date that results will be published for your discipline.

Publication Dates
We wish you success at the examination and look forward to receiving you.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Candidate Unit at:

candidates@royalcollege.ca or
1-800-668-3740