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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2012.

INTERNAL MEDICINE ROUTE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BEGIN TRAINING

Royal College certification in Internal Medicine

OR

Registration in a Royal College accredited program in Internal Medicine (see requirements for these qualifications).

Three years of primary specialty training must be completed before entering Occupational Medicine. A maximum of one year of training may be undertaken during concurrent training for certification in Internal Medicine.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION¹

All candidates must be certified in Internal Medicine in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in Occupational Medicine.

¹ These eligibility requirements do not apply to Subspecialty Examination Affiliate Program (SEAP) candidates. Please contact the Royal College for information about SEAP.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Two (2) years of approved residency in Occupational Medicine, a maximum of one (1) year of which may be undertaken at the fourth year residency level during training for certification in Internal Medicine. This period must include:

1. Academic Occupational Medicine

24 – 36 weeks of academic course work or equivalent in basic and applied sciences and disciplines considered core knowledge for the practice of Occupational Medicine including a minimum of:

- 1.1. Four (4) weeks of toxicology
- 1.2. Four (4) weeks of occupational hygiene
- 1.3. Two (2) weeks of ergonomics
- 1.4. Four (4) weeks of epidemiology
- 1.5. Four (4) weeks of biostatistics
- 1.6. Two (2) weeks of occupational health legislation
- 1.7. Four (4) weeks of management of occupational health services

2. Clinical Occupational Medicine

24 – 36 weeks or the equivalent longitudinal experience in clinical Occupational Medicine, which must include 12-18 weeks exposure to ambulatory-based clinics

3. Occupational Medicine Field Work

24 – 36 weeks or the equivalent longitudinal experience in approved field settings including a minimum of:

- 3.1. Eight (8) weeks in industry
- 3.2. Eight (8) weeks in an approved government agency, including but not limited to a workers' compensation board or a government occupational health department

PUBLIC HEALTH and PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ROUTE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO BEGIN TRAINING:

Royal College certification in Public Health and Preventive Medicine

This must include two (2) years of clinical training in a supervised setting appropriate for Occupational Medicine.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION²

All candidates must be certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in Occupational Medicine.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Two (2) years of approved residency in Occupational Medicine, maximum of twelve (12) months of credit for training during residency in Public Health and Preventive Medicine. This period must include:

1. Academic Occupational Medicine

24 – 36 weeks of academic course work or equivalent in basic and applied sciences and disciplines considered core knowledge for the practice of Occupational Medicine including a minimum of:

- 1.1. Four (4) weeks of toxicology
- 1.2. Four (4) weeks of occupational hygiene
- 1.3. Two (2) weeks of ergonomics
- 1.4. Four (4) weeks of epidemiology
- 1.5. Four (4) weeks of biostatistics
- 1.6. Two (2) weeks of occupational health legislation
- 1.7. Four (4) weeks of management of occupational health services

2. Clinical Occupational Medicine

24 – 36 weeks or the equivalent longitudinal experience in clinical Occupational Medicine

3. Occupational Medicine Field Work

24 – 36 weeks or the equivalent longitudinal experience in approved field settings including a minimum of:

- 3.1. Eight (8) weeks in industry
- 3.2. Eight (8) weeks in an approved government agency, including but not limited to a workers' compensation board or a government occupational health department

NOTES:

Royal College certification in Occupational Medicine requires all of the following:

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SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE (2012)
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1. Certification in Internal Medicine or Public Health and Preventive Medicine;
2. Successful completion of a 2-year Royal College accredited program in Occupational Medicine;
3. Successful completion of the certification examination in Occupational Medicine

The 2-year program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirement. Additional training may be required by the program director to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

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