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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2011.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College Certification in Internal Medicine or enrolment in a Royal College accredited training program in Internal Medicine (see requirements for these qualifications). All candidates must be certified in Internal Medicine in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in adult Rheumatology.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Two (2) years of approved residency in adult Rheumatology, a maximum of one year of which may be undertaken at the fourth year residency level during training for certification in Internal Medicine. Training must incorporate the principle of graded responsibility. This period must include:

Core Rheumatology Training

1. A minimum of eighteen (18) months of approved clinical training functioning at the level of a PGY4 and/or PGY5 in adult Rheumatology. This must include practice in inpatient and ambulatory settings and must include both consultative practice and longitudinal follow-up. This must also include:
 - 1.1. A minimum of one (1) month/4 week block of formal clinical experience in pediatric Rheumatology
 - 1.2. A longitudinal ambulatory clinical experience spanning not less than twelve (12) months duration

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2. Up to six (6) months of further residency, which may include any combination of the following:
 - 2.1. Further approved clinical training in Rheumatology
 - 2.2. Approved clinical or basic research training relevant to Rheumatology

NOTES:

A maximum of three (3) months of training can be completed at a hospital or institution outside the home university program and only when the objectives and content of the training are relevant to Rheumatology and approved by the program director and the residency program committee.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

Royal College certification in adult Rheumatology requires all of the following:

1. Royal College certification in Internal Medicine;
2. Successful completion of a 2-year Royal College accredited program in adult Rheumatology;
3. Participation in a scholarly project relevant to adult Rheumatology; and
4. Successful completion of the certification examination in adult Rheumatology.

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

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