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

INTERNAL MEDICINE ROUTE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Royal College certification in Internal Medicine or enrollment in a Royal College accredited program in Internal Medicine (see requirements for this specialty). Three years of primary specialty training must be completed before entering Occupational Medicine. All candidates must be certified in Internal 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, 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:

Five (5) years of Public Health and Preventive Medicine training must be completed before entering Occupational Medicine. 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.

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

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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