

*These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.*

## **MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Five years of approved residency training, which must be undertaken within or under the aegis of a residency program accredited by the Royal College. This period must include:

1. One (1) year of basic clinical training selected from at least three of the following:
  - 1.1. Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - 1.2. Pediatrics or its subspecialties
  - 1.3. Emergency Medicine
  - 1.4. Geriatric medicine/care of the elderly
  - 1.5. Family Medicine
  - 1.6. Internal Medicine or its subspecialties
  
2. Four (4) years, which must include:
  - 2.1. A minimum of two (2) semesters of academic work in Public Health and Preventive Medicine which must include epidemiology and biostatistics, and may include research methods (qualitative/quantitative), public health system/policy, program evaluation or management/leadership
  - 2.2. A minimum of eighteen (18) months of field placements selected from at least one of the following settings:
    - 2.2.1. National, provincial, territorial, regional, or local public health agencies
    - 2.2.2. Health planning authority
    - 2.2.3. Environmental health setting
    - 2.2.4. Occupational health department in government and/or industry
  - 2.3. Up to twelve (12) months of other field placements relevant to the candidate's future career goals
    - 2.3.1. Clinical pharmacology and toxicology
    - 2.3.2. Aerospace medicine
    - 2.3.3. Occupational Medicine

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2.3.4. Other as approved by the program director

- 2.4. Up to eighteen (18) months of research relevant to Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- 2.5. Up to twelve (12) months of CFPC accredited training, or Royal College clinical specialty relevant to the practice of Public Health and Preventive Medicine or selective clinical experiences related to disease prevention and health promotion for specific populations or groups

**NOTES:**

Practical expertise will be developed in applied community settings in which the candidate must assume responsibility appropriate to her/his developing expertise. Although these placements will often be outside the confines of a University Health Sciences Centre, it is essential that they offer adequate supervision and be subject to regular assessment from the residency program.

The purpose of the training required under Section 1 of the training requirements is to give the resident a degree of independent responsibility for clinical decisions; an opportunity for further development of the skills required in making effective relationships with patients; the consolidation of competence in primary clinical and technical skills across a broad range of medical practice.

The purpose of the training required under Section 2 is to give residents an opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills to function as a Public Health and Preventive Medicine specialist. The scope of practice is broad. It requires knowledge of clinical medicine and the basic sciences of community health; the ability to develop effective relationships with individuals and communities; and knowledge of the health care system within its socio-economic and political environment.

The training under Section 2.1 will be two terms of appropriate graduate level course work, usually full time. The course load may be modified, however, depending on previous academic training (e.g. completed a masters in health promotion).

With regard to the field placements in section 2.2, it is essential that candidates gain experience in a broad range of such placements, although it is recognized that a single placement will often provide experience in more than one subject area.

Applicants who have completed residency training in Family Medicine, acceptable to the College of Family Physicians of Canada for residency-eligibility for their examinations, may be deemed to have fulfilled the training requirements under sections 1 and 2.5.

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Royal College certification in Public Health and Preventive Medicine requires all of the following:

1. Successful completion of a 5-year Royal College accredited program in Public Health and Preventive Medicine;
2. Successful completion of the certification examination in Public Health and Preventive Medicine; and
3. Completion of a scholarly project relevant to Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

The 5-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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