

“Ontario’s RPA process has been very good to me. After 22 years of practising radiology in Saskatchewan, I had no time or inclination to write more exams. I was thoroughly assessed by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons and have now practised in Ontario for two-and-a-half years with no problems. I am indebted to the Government of Ontario and the CPSO. I love living and working in Ontario.”

— Dr. Nick Verma, Diagnostic Radiologist
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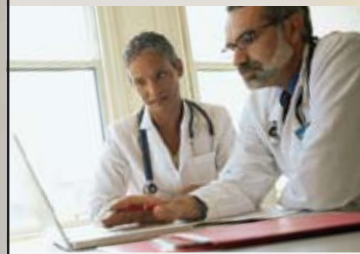
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REGISTRATION THROUGH PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

Helping You Practise Medicine in Ontario



Registration Through Practice Assessment

How it Works

The RPA program focuses on evaluating the practice skills of doctors already working in Canada (outside Ontario) or in the United States. It is a rigorous and detailed, three-stage program. First, applicants undergo a thorough screening and assessment of their current practice. Next, they proceed to supervised practice in Ontario for a year or more. Lastly, they advance to a final peer review. Physicians who successfully complete the RPA evaluation process are able to obtain an independent Certificate of Registration.

Successful candidates must also agree to practise in an underserved area of Ontario for five years.

These areas are found throughout Ontario and, according to vacancies available, may include population densities that range from small urban centres, to towns and villages in Ontario's cottage country, to more remote communities in the province's north. Opportunities for every specialty are not available in every underserved area.

We Come to You

As part of the program, a trained assessor certified in your specialty will travel to your practice site to assess you in your current practice setting. Here, he or she will observe you with your patients, review your patient charts, and conduct interviews and surveys with colleagues, co-workers and patients. Once you are in Ontario, there will be a further year of supervised practice, followed by a peer assessment. The process varies, but successful candidates are usually practising medicine in Ontario within six months to a year.

Who Manages the Program?

RPA is administered by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and is funded by the Ontario government. It works in partnership with HealthForceOntario, the government's broad health human resources strategy aimed at increasing the number of doctors in the province.

The HealthForceOntario Recruitment Centre has the resources to help successful candidates find the right community to match their personal and professional needs, and the expertise to assist with relocation and family support issues.

Eligibility Requirements

Successful candidates for the RPA program must:

- Practise full time in Canada (outside Ontario) or the United States.
- Practise independently, without supervision.
- Have at least five years of independent practice.
- Have at least one year of practice in current location.
- Have at least three years of practice in North America.
- Practise in either English or French.
- Have links to the local medical community (hospital privileges, medical association participation etc.).

Skills Valued, Qualifications Confirmed, Doors Opened

Registration through Practice Assessment (RPA) is a new route to access licensure in Ontario, Canada. It is an evaluative program that offers qualified, working physicians a unique opportunity to receive licensure based on experience and assessment. Designed for physicians from the United States and Canada (outside Ontario) with a minimum of five years' clinical experience, the RPA program allows successful candidates to become registered to practise in Ontario in their own specialty.