

These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2017.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College certification in Internal Medicine or enrolment in a Royal College accredited residency program in this area (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 Geriatric Medicine.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Two (2) years of approved residency in Geriatric 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. One (1) year of approved clinical residency in Geriatric Medicine, which must include:
 - 1.1. A minimum of two (2) months in inpatient geriatric care supervised by a geriatrician
 - 1.2. A minimum of two (2) months in inpatient geriatric consultation supervised by a geriatrician
 - 1.3. A minimum of two (2) months or longitudinal equivalent in ambulatory geriatric consultation supervised by a geriatrician
 - 1.4. A minimum of one (1) month in geriatric psychiatry
 - 1.5. A minimum of one (1) month in rehabilitation of older adults
 - 1.6. A minimum of one (1) month of further geriatric clinical consultation service, including in a long-term care setting
2. One (1) year of further Geriatric Medicine residency, comprised of the following selectives:
 - 2.1. Up to eleven (11) months, or longitudinal equivalent, approved clinical training directly relevant to Geriatric Medicine, with no more than eight (8) months in Geriatric Medicine and no more than six (6) months in one specific area chosen from among the following:
 - 2.1.1. A subspecialty of Internal Medicine in a single area of focus directly relevant to Geriatric Medicine

- 2.1.2. University–affiliated clinical service in clinical pharmacology
 - 2.1.3. University–affiliated clinical service in geriatric psychiatry
 - 2.1.4. University–affiliated clinical service in neurology
 - 2.1.5. University–affiliated clinical service in neuroradiology
 - 2.1.6. University–affiliated clinical service in palliative medicine
 - 2.1.7. University–affiliated clinical service in physical medicine and rehabilitation
 - 2.1.8. Clinical experience in a service providing focused care for incontinence management
 - 2.1.9. Clinical experience in a service providing focused care for pain management
 - 2.1.10. Clinical experience in a service providing focused care for wound management
- 2.2. One (1) to twelve (12) months, or longitudinal equivalent, of approved scholarly activity (which may include clinical, laboratory or health services research) in the field of aging

NOTES:

Candidates who have successfully completed one year of residency in a recognized program in Geriatric Medicine (by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education [ACGME] or another jurisdiction recognized by the Royal College) may be eligible to receive up to one year of credit towards training.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

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

- 1. Royal College certification in Internal Medicine;
- 2. Successful completion of a two-year Royal College accredited program in Geriatric Medicine;
- 3. Completion of a scholarly research, quality improvement, or educational project relevant to Geriatric Medicine; and
- 4. Successful completion of the certification examination in Geriatric Medicine.

SUBSPECIALTY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE (2017)

The two-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.

This document is to be reviewed by the Specialty Committee in Geriatric Medicine by December 2018.

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