



## Candidates from low socio-economic status backgrounds (Low SES)

### Overview

The general admissions process for our programs has been designed to be inclusive of candidates from low socio-economic status backgrounds without a specific application pathway. The faculty's definition of low socio-economic status (low SES) can be found here: [www.mcgill.ca/medhealthscienceoffice/about/diversity-report](http://www.mcgill.ca/medhealthscienceoffice/about/diversity-report). We are proud to share that our admitted student body has a similar proportion of low-SES students as the overall Quebec population.

Persons from backgrounds in which the familial income is lower than the Quebec median (approximately \$80000/year familial income, with low-income households within this cohort defined as having familial incomes of <\$50,000/year)

### French Language Proficiency

French-language proficiency is a pre-admission requirement for students starting the MDCM Program or Med-P qualifying year. The French-language minimum requirements are a **B2** (mid-intermediate) level for Montreal Campus and **C1** (advanced) level for Campus Outaouais.

Requirement exemptions:

- Candidates who have completed **both** high school and CEGEP in **Quebec** (in English or French) will not be required to submit tests or certificates for proof of French-language proficiency.
- Candidates who have completed **at least 1 year** of secondary or post-secondary study at an institution whose **official** language of instruction is **French**.
- Candidates who wrote **CASPer** (score used for admission to medicine) in French.

### Campus Selection

Candidates do not apply to a specific campus, but to the MDCM program or the Med-P Qualifying Year. Only interviewed candidates who have demonstrated French language proficiency at the **C1 (advanced)** level, or who have met one of the conditions of exemptions above will submit their campus preference after the interview. **Successful applicants will receive an offer of admission, which is valid only for the campus specified in the offer letter.**

Candidates will select only one of the four choices below.

- At the *Campus Outaouais* only
- At the *Montreal* Campus only
- At either campus, with preference for *Montreal*
- At either campus, with preference for *Outaouais*

For candidates who do not meet the C1 level and obtain the B2 (mid-intermediate) level they will be offered a position at the Montreal Campus only.

## Admissions accessibility measures created over the years to support low-SES candidates:

- [CV template and guide](#) are designed to value a broad range of experiences outside of academics, not only those available to people from high-SES backgrounds. Notably, work experience, family caregiving, etc. are pertinent activities. There are no requirements for any specific types of experiences or volunteering, since some activities are not easily accessible to all people based on their individual or family circumstances.
- [Basic science prerequisite courses](#) do not expire; candidates would otherwise have to spend time and money to repeat these courses.
- [MCAT](#) is not used; preparing for this test can require time and money.
- [Low-cost French proficiency testing](#) is available through [McGill's School of Continuing Studies](#).
- [Academic diploma](#) greater flexibility in the length of time to complete the (up to 1 additional year, can include some part-time semesters or breaks) is allowed. This recognizes that candidates from low-SES backgrounds must often balance work or other obligations as they complete their academic requirements.
- [Interviews](#) take place online, eliminating the need for costly travel. Candidates without access to the minimum required computer equipment for interviews can contact the Admissions office for assistance.
- [Guiding Principles](#) Information about our admissions process is transparent and available to all candidates in an equal way.

## Key Dates

The following dates are for the Fall 2025 entry and are subject to change without notice. There is no winter or summer admission.

### MDCM

- Application deadline: **November 1, 2024**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **November 1, 2024**
- Target date for sending preliminary selections: **January 28, 2025**
- Interview dates: **February 18 to 21, 2025**

### Med-P

- Application deadline: **March 1, 2025**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **March 1, 2025**
- Target date for sending preliminary selections: **March 31, 2025**
- Interview dates: **April 14 to 17, 2025**

## SELECTION PROCESS MED-P QUALIFYING and MDCM

### **A: Preliminary assessment: Getting to the interview**

[www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/selection-process](http://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/selection-process)

#### **Step 1 ► Prescreening of academic and non-academic criteria**

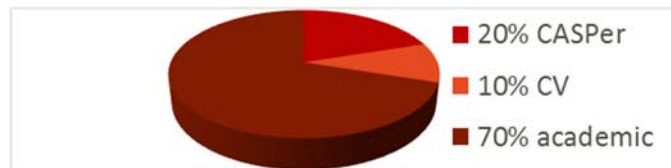
Based on the academic evaluation or CASPer test approximately 4 to 6 times the number of candidates are moved forward to the CV review; for example, if we intend to interview 50 people in a particular applicant category, the CVs of the top 200-300 files in that cohort are evaluated.

French-language proficiency of **B2 (mid-intermediate)** level for Montreal Campus and **C1 (advanced)** level for Campus Outaouais. (See first page for exemptions)

The non-academic criteria are assessed through the online CASPer test (20%) and the CV supporting document (CVMD) (10%).

#### **Step 2 ► Determining the interview invitation list**

In order to determine which candidates will be invited to interviews, results of academic and supplemental document evaluation are weighted as follows:

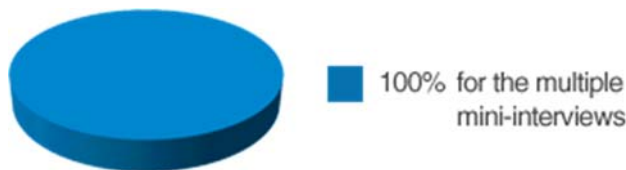


#### **About the Multiple Mini-Interviews**

Selected candidates will be invited by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for the interview sessions that are held virtually. Attendance is by invitation only sent by the date published according to the applicant category. Candidates cannot be admitted without an interview. Interviews are an important tool for Admissions to evaluate the non-academic strength of applicants.

### **B: Final assessment: Getting an offer**

For applicants to the Med-P Qualifying Year and MDCM (and combined MDCM & PhD program)



**BEGIN your application process:** <https://future.mcgill.ca/apply/>

1. Complete application forms and pay the application fee.
2. Submit supporting documents

#### **Supporting documents**

Submit your supporting documents online. Provide your complete academic history. Include all Universities, CEGEPS, degree-granting colleges and/or University-level schools you attended. You must upload unofficial copies of your transcripts from each post-secondary institution you have attended, as well as other

documents stipulated based on your applicant category in the Applicant Portal. A list of the required documents will be accessible on the online application system.

See [www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements](http://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements) for the full list of documents accepted.

## Test Scores

All applicants are **required to complete the Canadian Professional Health Sciences CASPer test prior to the application deadline**. Completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility. Applicants must register themselves on <https://acuityinsights.app>, have their identification validated, and reserve a test time that matches their choice of program(s) and application cycle.

For more information, visit: [www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements/casper](http://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements/casper)

### **Basic Science Prerequisites for the MDCM Program:**

Since the 2021 application cycle, Basic Science prerequisite course grades must meet the minimum for eligibility for transfer credit/advanced standing or exemption status for McGill University. Pass, Satisfactory, Credit, etc. grades will be accepted for Winter 2020 courses only.

If taken during the undergraduate degree, Basic Science prerequisite course grades will contribute to the degree GPA calculation, however a separate GPA for the science courses (collegial and/or university level) will not be weighted in the selection process. The final step of selection for the MDCM program will be based on the interview, harmonizing it with the selection process for the Med-P qualifying year.

### **Winter 2020 Accommodations for MDCM:**

1. Winter 2020 grades will not be considered in the academic evaluation (GPA, R score).
2. Winter 2020 credits for all successfully completed courses will be counted towards degree totals as reported on the institution's transcript.
3. Winter 2020 semester credits will not be considered when assessing eligibility related to fulltime studies.
4. Winter 2020 Basic Science prerequisite course grades of Pass, Satisfactory, Credit, etc. will be accepted.

