



## QUEBEC INDIGENOUS CANDIDATE PATHWAY

### Overview

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences welcomes applications from First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants. We encourage you to self-identify in your application and to contact us if you have any questions about our programs or processes. We also have a specific application pathway for First Nations and Inuit students who are residents of Quebec. In addition, Indigenous applicants may also be eligible for the RSP (Rural and Small Populations Pathway) if they attended high school in a small community.

### Admission Requirements

Must be First Nations under the Indian Act (RSC, C1-5) or Inuit (registered in the Inuit client registry) and confirmed status as a member of the First Nations or Inuit of Quebec. Valid status must be confirmed with the QFNIFMP coordinator, at: [Louise.Tanguay@cssspnql.com](mailto:Louise.Tanguay@cssspnql.com), or at: 418-842-1540 ext. 2206, as soon as possible to confirm First Nations or Inuit status. In all instances a copy of your status needs to be sent to the attention of Mme Louise Tanguay by mail or in person to the CSSPNQL of Wendake:

#### CSSPNQL

250, place Chef Michel Laveau, local 102  
Wendake (Québec) G0A 4V0

### Choosing to declare your status

Self-identification is entirely optional for Indigenous applicants; furthermore, self-identification can in no way negatively impact the admission decision. McGill recognizes that Indigenous applicants, their communities and connections between the two are extremely varied. For some, Indigenous identity and community connection runs deep, for others it is less significant. If you consider yourself as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis, we hope that you will self-identify on your McGill application.

Quebec-resident applicants with First Nations or Inuit status must declare and confirm their status if they wish to be considered for the QFNIFMP pathway. All QFNIFMP applications will also simultaneously be considered in the general Quebec cohort (applications will be evaluated according to the standard selection processes for this cohort and the First Nations and Inuit cohort. It is therefore possible for a candidate's application to be assessed in both applicant pools.)

Applicants who choose not to declare their First Nations or Inuit status will be assessed in the same pool as the general Quebec university cohort (MDCM program) or CEGEP cohort (Med-P Qualifying Year).

## French Language Proficiency

As of Fall 2023, 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. An unofficial copy of proof of high school (transcript or diploma) must be uploaded. The CEGEP transcript is received directly from the Ministry of Education.
- 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.

## Pathways for underrepresented groups in medicine

*Candidates applying in the Rural and Small Populations, Indigenous or Black Student Application Pathways are invited to contact the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office: [admissions.med@mcgill.ca](mailto:admissions.med@mcgill.ca) to learn about options for support or accommodations in meeting the language proficiency requirement.*

## Academic and Non-Academic Excellence Criteria

GPA of 3.2 or higher ([University level](#)) or R-score of 28 or higher ([CEGEP level](#)) \*  
**and** meet all other general requirements for admission.

## Selection Process

The final selection is based on the results you have obtained in the 2 steps of the selection process outlined below:

Individual Interview  
MMI results

The administrators of the QFNIFMP program and the interfaculty admissions committee of Quebec validate the list of candidates invited to the different steps, as well as the final selection.

## Campus Selection

Candidates do not apply to a specific campus, but to the Med-P Qualifying Year or the MDCM program. Interviewed candidates applying to the Med-P Qualifying Year or to the MDCM program 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*

## Key Dates

The following dates are for the Fall 2023 entry and are subject to change without notice. There is no winter or summer admission.

### MDCM

- Application deadline: **November 1, 2022**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **November 1, 2022**

### Med-P

- Application deadline: **March 1, 2023**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **March 1, 2023**

### MDCM & Med-P

- Invitation to interview: **March 17, 2023**
- Interviews: **April 21, 2023**

## 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**

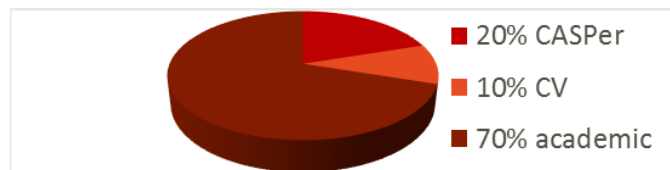
Based on the academic evaluation or CASPer test approximately 4 to 6 times the number of candidates are moved forward to the CV review; for example, if we intend to interview 50 people in a particular applicant category, the CVs of the top 200-300 files in that cohort are evaluated.

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:

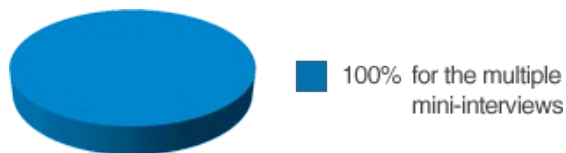


#### **About the Multiple Mini-Interviews**

Selected candidates will be invited by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for an on-site interview session. Attendance is by invitation-only, sent via email 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:** [www.mcgill.ca/applying](http://www.mcgill.ca/applying)

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

### **Submit supporting documents (Minerva Checklist Items).**

Use your McGill ID to log into Minerva and access your application's supporting document checklist. Remember to properly identify all of the supporting documents with your McGill ID number. Note that the academic workbook (Excel spreadsheet) is submitted via email.

For Med-P Qualifying Year applicants:

- Transcripts ► received automatically from the Ministry of Education using the permanent code provided in the application.
- CV (CVMD) and List of Verifiers (VERL) ► PDF version uploaded via Minerva (use template provided).
- Proof of citizenship/residency ► received automatically from Ministry of Education using the permanent code provided in the application.

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 [www.takealtus.com](http://www.takealtus.com), have their identification validated, and reserve a test time that matches their choice of program(s) and application cycle.

See [www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements/casper](http://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements/casper)

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

As of 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. Candidates who have obtained their bachelor's degree outside of Canada and are required to submit an MCAT score should refer to information regarding the lowest competitive percentile score for our program [here](#).

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 and Med-P Candidates:**

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.