



## RURAL AND SMALL POPULATIONS PATHWAY

### Overview

Quebec-resident university-level applicants who attended public secondary school in rural or small-town areas of Quebec may choose to apply in the Rural and Small Populations Pathway.

### Admission Requirements and Conditions

- Be a recognized resident of Québec
- Be a university-level applicant
- All other Quebec university-level criteria apply

Completed the majority of secondary school (i.e., 3 of 5 years) in a public secondary school located in an area of Quebec classified as a rural or small population centre by Statistics Canada. Rural areas of Quebec are any area outside a large, medium or small population centre. In general, rural areas have a population of <1000, and small population centres have a population <29 999 people. A population centre can cover multiple contiguous communities. Review the population centres here: [Population and Dwelling Count Highlight Tables](#)

View RSPP page for full information: <https://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/categories/roq/rural-and-small-populations-pathway-rspp>

### 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.*

### How to apply

Indicate that you wish to be considered in the RSPP in your [Academic Workbook](#) (excel file) and provide the requested details about your secondary school studies. Your eligibility will be reviewed by the Admissions Office during the file review period and, if eligible, you may be asked to upload a copy of your unofficial secondary school transcript. An official transcript will be required if you receive an RSPP offer of admission.

### Selection Process

All steps of the selection process are the same as for the general [Quebec University pathway](#); but applicants in the Rural and Small Populations pathway are assessed against each other as a pool. Candidates in this pathway will also simultaneously be assessed in the general Quebec-university pathway and will receive an offer in that cohort if their ranking permits.

### 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.

- Application deadline: **November 1, 2022**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **November 1, 2022**
- Target date for sending preliminary selections: **January 31, 2023**
- Interview dates: **February 20-24, 2023**

### Key Numbers & Statistics

Anticipated number of seats available for **Fall 2023: 2 to 5**

## MDCM SELECTION PROCESS

### **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.

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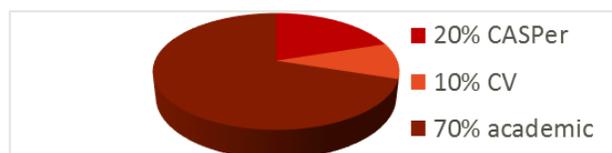
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The non-academic criteria are assessed through the online CASPer test (20%) and the CV supporting document (CVMD) (10%).

#### **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:

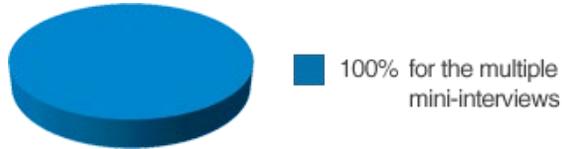


#### **About the Multiple Mini-Interviews**

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 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.

See [www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements](http://www.mcgill.ca/medadmissions/applying/elements) for the full list of documents accepted. Note that the academic workbook (Excel spreadsheet) is submitted via email.

### **Test Scores**

If you are required to submit test scores, please ensure that you have released them to McGill through the testing company, for example, MCAT, or CASPer.

All applicants to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences MDCM programs 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 [takealtus.com](http://takealtus.com), 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**

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 Candidates**

1. Winter 2020 grades will not be considered in the academic evaluation (GPA).
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.