



## 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

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 Pathway 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 on the [online application](#) system 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 2024 entry and are subject to change without notice. There is no winter or summer admission.

- Application deadline: **November 1, 2023**
- Deadline for the receipt of supporting documents: **November 1, 2023**
- Target date for sending preliminary selections: **January 25, 2024**
- Interview dates: **February 20-23, 2024**

## Key Numbers & Statistics

Anticipated number of seats available for **Fall 2024: 2 to 5**

