

# GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

## About General Practice Residency (GPR) Program

The GPR program offers advanced postgraduate training in all aspects of general practice dentistry. Residents are exposed to a wide variety of dental and related medical specialties. The program also includes practical training in oral conscious sedation and certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

McGill University has been training leaders in dentistry in Canada, the United States, and other countries for over 100 years. The Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences' General Practice Residency Program is the largest in the country with a current enrolment of 23. Throughout this one-year training program, residents will be exposed to a broad multidisciplinary approach to clinical practice. Our dental clinics are located at three sites, two of which are within the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). Sites are currently located at:

- Montreal General Hospital – Adult Site (MUHC, MGH Adult Site)
- Montreal Children's Hospital (MUHC, MCH)
- Jewish General Hospital (JGH)

## General Practice Residency Program in Dentistry Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

### Admissions Requirements

Graduates from CDA (Canadian Dental Association)- and ADA (American Dental Association)-approved dental schools are eligible to apply. Successful candidates must:

- Have received or be in the final year of a course of study leading to a Doctorate in Dental Surgery (D.M.D./D.D.S.) or an equivalent program;
- Be in receipt of this degree by the time of registration in the first year of the program.

Accepted candidates will apply to the *Ordre des dentistes du Québec* (ODQ) for a temporary permit restricting practice to the teaching hospital involved.

**Narrative transcripts** are not acceptable.

Selection of residents is based on Academic Standing and personal interviews. Applicants must be graduates of an accredited Canadian or U.S. dental school and be eligible for licensure in Quebec.

Graduates from Quebec dental schools are required to pass the examination of the *Ordre des dentistes du Québec* (ODQ) in order to obtain a permit to practice dentistry in Quebec or in the rest of Canada.

### French Language Requirement

Candidates who have earned their dentistry degrees **in Quebec**:

- Must demonstrate their knowledge of French before they can apply for a permit from the ODQ.
- Are not eligible for temporary permits.
- Generally, candidates who have not done their secondary school studies in French must take an examination administered by the *Office québécois de la langue française* (OQLF) to evaluate their knowledge of French.

Candidates who have earned their dentistry degrees **outside Quebec**:

- Must meet the requirements of the Charter of the French Language concerning appropriate knowledge of French.
- May obtain a temporary permit valid for up to one year if they meet all other criteria for practising dentistry.
- Temporary permit will be granted by the Order, along with a registration form for the French examination administered by the *Office québécois de la langue française* (OQLF).
- Temporary permits may be renewed up to three times, subject to the OQLF's authorization. Candidates must take the OQLF examination after each renewal and obtain a passing mark by the deadline in order to be granted an ODQ permit.

Further details may be obtained by contacting the GPR Program Coordinator at [gpr.dentistry@mcgill.ca](mailto:gpr.dentistry@mcgill.ca).

### Application Procedures

**Note:** All applications for the GPR program must be submitted online. Do not use the undergraduate application portal as this is a post-graduate program.

The application period starts in the fall of each academic year; refer to the Faculty's Admissions Requirements page for more information.

**Supporting Documents:** Official copies of transcripts can be sent to the McGill Documentation Centre:

McGill University – Enrolment Services  
Student Records  
3415 McTavish Street  
Room MS 13  
Montreal QC H3A 0C8  
Canada

Please be sure to include your **McGill ID** number on ALL supporting documents.

#### 1. Official Transcripts of all previous university education

If offered admission, at that time, students must make arrangements with their college and/or university to send official transcripts to McGill.

**Important:** Official transcripts sent to McGill University become the property of the University and will not be returned or forwarded to other institutions.

Current McGill University students are **not** required to send transcripts by mail. McGill's admitting office obtains these directly. All other applicants must make arrangements with their college and/or university to send official transcripts to McGill.

#### 2. Three Reference Letters

- one from the Dean of your school
- two letters of reference from the dental professors (referees) who are familiar with your academic ability and who have agreed to provide references

3. **Personal Statement**

If applying to multiple sites, an additional personal statement is required for the MUHC Montreal Children's Hospital and should be addressed to: Program Director (Department of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences), 1040 Atwater Street, Montreal, QC, H3Z 1X3. Upload this additional personal statement on the submission platform.

## Available Programs

- General Practice Residency Program (Dentistry) (Cert.) (52 credits)

## Location

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