

PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION AND ADMISSION

If there is any discrepancy between the information presented here and that presented at Undergraduate Medical Admissions, the latter will prevail.

Submitting an Application

All application procedures, including the submission of supporting documents, are done electronically. Consult the Undergraduate Medical Admissions office for details.

Deadlines

Applications for the M.D.,C.M. program or its joint M.D.,C.M./Ph.D. program, including those applying via a special admission pathway must be received **by November 1**. All supplemental documentation required for the application must be received **by the November 1 deadline**. Applications for the Med-P (Medicine Preparatory) year must be received **by March 1**. All supplemental documentation required for the application must be received **by the March 1 deadline**. Applicants must submit and pay for their online application at least 48 hours before the relevant deadline in order to obtain a McGill ID and password, which are necessary to complete the application process.

Note: Any tests must be completed prior to the application deadline (for example, CASPer, MCCQE-1, depending on application pathway).

Notification of Decision

Decisions are released via the online application system and are thereafter confirmed by email. Please refer to the Undergraduate Medical Admissions website for information on anticipated decision release dates by cohort.

Request for Reconsideration

It is important that candidates understand certain features of the application and admission decision-making process before requesting reconsideration. Admission to the M.D.,C.M. program is highly competitive. Considering the very strong applicant pool and the limited number of places available in the first-year class, each year a number of very good applicants are not invited for interviews or are refused after interviews. All candidacies are carefully reviewed before any decision is made. For example, an application that makes it to the interview stage will likely be reviewed by 10–20 individuals who assess the various aspects of each candidacy, from submitted documents to interview performance. This breadth of individuals involved in the selection process helps us assure fairness and thoroughness in our evaluation process.

For these reasons, the decisions of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences' M.D.,C.M. Admissions Committee are final and not subject to appeal. However, it is possible for applicants to request reconsideration of the application review procedures with respect to their admissions dossier at the following **two** specific points of the admission process:

1. Before interviews are held;
2. Immediately following the interviews and before the final admission decisions are made if they have been interviewed.

Applicants are expected to verify the admissions schedule for their applicant category.

Grounds to Request Reconsideration:

An applicant may request a reconsideration of application review procedures leading to a decision (granting of interviews, offer of a position) on the basis of the following grounds:

1. An administrative error in the procedure applied to the evaluation of the application;
2. The M.D.,C.M. Admissions Committee's decision was rendered in the absence of a relevant factor that the applicant, for reasons beyond her or his control, was not in a position to provide at the time the application was submitted.

Process and Deadlines to Request Reconsideration:

Applicants not invited for interview by the date published for their category:

Submit a request by email to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences' Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office, which must be received no later than five working days after the date published for the "notice of invitation to interviews" in the applicant's category.

This request must advance one of the two grounds for reconsideration listed above; disagreement with the outcome of the decision is not a basis for reconsideration.

An applicant who has been granted an interview:

Submits a written request (email) to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences' Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office. This request must be received no later than five working days after the last interview day in the applicant's respective category.

This request must advance one of the two grounds for reconsideration listed above; an applicant's disagreement with the outcome of the decision is not a basis for reconsideration.

University Subcommittee on Admissions Review:

Applicants who are denied a reconsideration of application review prior to the final admissions committee decisions may refer their request to the University Subcommittee on Admissions Review. The subcommittee will ascertain whether the correct procedures have been followed. If the subcommittee is satisfied that the stated procedures have been followed, the decision will not be disturbed. Only if the subcommittee finds that the procedures were not followed will the file be returned to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for reconsideration.

Acceptance of Offers or Waiting List Offers of a Position

Offers for M.D.,C.M. are conditional upon conferral of a Bachelor's degree (M.D.,C.M. and M.D.,C.M./Ph.D. programs) or Diploma of Collegial Studies (Med-P year) and upon the successful completion by the time of registration of studies currently in progress, at a level comparable to past academic performance.

For the first series of offers, successful applicants must respond within two weeks. Should they receive an offer, candidates having been placed on the wait list may be given a shorter period of time to respond.

For students accepted into the M.D.,C.M. and M.D.,C.M./Ph.D. programs and to the Med-P Qualifying year, confirmation of acceptance of the offer must be accompanied by a deposit which will be applied against tuition fees and is non-refundable.

Waiting List

The Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office does not release rankings of admitted students or waitlisted candidates. Waitlisted candidates are provided with their waitlist number. The Undergraduate Medical Admissions Office reserves the right to withdraw the admissions offer in the case where a candidate fails to respond to an offer within the prescribed timeframe. Candidates who accept a place on the waitlist, therefore, must be reachable at all times and keep their contact information current on the Applicant Portal.

Decision by Proxy

Students may designate a delegate ("proxy") to accept or refuse an offer on their behalf, should they be unavailable for a period of time. The student must submit a written statement to this effect and must include signatures from both the applicant and the proxy.

Deferred Admission

A written request, which includes the details on the reasons for the request (with supporting documentation), must be submitted no later than July 1 of the year in which deferral is sought. In order to request deferral, the candidate must have accepted the offer of admission. If granted, admission will only be deferred for one year. Deferred admission is not granted for the Med-P year. Deferrals are granted or refused at the discretion of the Assistant Dean.

Advanced Standing or Transfer of Credits Transfers

There are no places available for students who wish to transfer to McGill.

Students currently enrolled in medical school in Quebec are not eligible to apply to the first year of the program for a period of 7 years from the date of their original enrolment in Quebec Medical school; even if they have withdrawn from their initial medical school. All other eligibility regulations apply; a bachelor's degree is minimally required for M.D.,C.M. applications. For the purposes of the application of the 7-year rule by the other faculties of medicine in Quebec, a student is considered enrolled in medical school at McGill only as of the first year of the M.D.,C.M. program, and not as of the Medicine Qualifying year (Med-P).

Students currently enrolled in medical school outside of Quebec are not eligible to apply to the first year of the program unless they provide proof of withdrawal from that medical school prior to accepting an offer, and that they meet all the admission requirements to the M.D.,C.M. program.

Applicants with a Medical Degree or Postgraduate Medical Studies from Canada or the United States, previously enrolled in postgraduate medical education (residency programs) in Quebec, other Canadian provinces, or in the United States, are not eligible for admission to the M.D.,C.M. program. Similarly, candidates who have previously obtained an undergraduate medical degree in Quebec, another Canadian

province, or in the United States are not eligible for admission to the M.D.,C.M. program.

Applicants with a Medical Degree from Other Jurisdictions:

- Please consult the International Medical Graduate Applicant category. See Special Admissions Pathways for International Medical Graduates IMG 2 (with Advanced Standing), and International Medical School Graduates IMG-4 categories.

Student transfers between the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences:

- Medical and Dental students are **not permitted** to directly transfer from one Faculty to the other. If an enrolled McGill medical student wishes to change programs from the M.D.,C.M. to the D.M.D. program, he/she must submit a formal application to the first year of the D.M.D. program. The medical student would go through the regular selection process.
- Students admitted to the first year of the M.D.,C.M. program from the D.M.D. program can refer to the UGME Advanced Standing Policy.
- Students are **not accepted** via inter-or intra-faculty transfer for the Med-P Qualifying Year; this includes students enrolled in the Dent-P Qualifying Year.
- Students admitted to the Dent-P Qualifying Year are **not eligible** to apply directly to the M.D.,C.M. program **without first completing an undergraduate degree**.

Credits and Advanced Standing

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences will not credit courses successfully completed before the official start in the medicine program with the following exceptions:

- International Medical Graduates (IMG) accepted in the advanced standing category will receive advance standing and will obtain the M.D.,C.M. degree in 2 years.
- Interprofessional education courses. Exemptions from the M.D.,C.M. program are permitted except for IPEA 500 Roles in Interprofessional Teams. and IPEA 501 Communication in Interprofessional Teams. (please refer to Exemptions, Advanced Standing & Transfer policy).
- M.D.,C.M.-OMFS program students will receive advance standing and will obtain the M.D.,C.M. degree in 2.5 years.
- M.D.,C.M. students who previously completed D.M.D. courses at McGill will receive advance standing for the M.D.,C.M. courses successfully completed while in the D.M.D. program.