

Pathway to a Residency in Canada for International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

1. After clerkships are done and you receive the **M.D.** designation (or a D.O.) from your school (which **must be listed on IMED** or the **W.H.O.** list of approved schools: (<http://www.wdoms.org/>) you can apply for residency in Canada.
 - a. *****Note that: You must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant to apply for a residency spot in Canada.**
2. Your first step is to arrange to write the **MCCEE** (Evaluation Exam) from the Medical Council of Canada: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/mccee/> (This is the minimum requirement to begin a residency in Canada; it establishes your basic medical knowledge). *****This is the MOST important exam you will write to get into a Canadian residency*****. To prepare for it, you will need to study the content that is tested on USMLE Step 2CK, CanadaQbank, and the material in the Toronto Notes. Resources:
 - a. www.canadaqbank.com
 - b. <http://www.usmle.org/step-2-ck/>
 - c. <http://www.torontonotes.ca/>
 - d. MCCEE online practice exams: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/self-administered-exam/>
 - e. MCCEE High Yield preparation courses: Focus Education Center of Canada (<http://www.focusededucationcentre.com/>)
3. It is recommended that you apply for a Clinical Trainee License (also known as an observership) which will allow you to do electives in Canada (as an M.D.) while you wait for CARMs to gain Canadian experience and get some reference letters. This is arranged through the Province you come back to or live in, e.g. the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. See:
 - a. <https://www.cpsbc.ca/for-physicians/registration-licensing/applying/imgs/clinical-trainee>
 - b. <http://cme.medicine.dal.ca/clintran.htm>
4. As of 2015, you will also need to complete the **NAC-OSCE** to be able to apply to a Canadian residency: <http://mcc.ca/examinations/nac-overview/>; **currently, only certain provinces require this exam** as part of the admissions process. The NAC-OSCE is an oral performance exam comprising of a series of clinical stations, and may include problems in medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry and surgery.
 - a. See <http://www.carms.ca/en/residency/r-1/eligibility-criteria/provincial-criteria/> for individual Provincial requirements.
5. **You must ensure proper timing of your exams / prep courses to be ready for the CARM's match (see next page).**