

# IMG Clerkship Program

## Admissions

### Dalhousie Medical School

One of Canada's earliest faculties, was founded over one hundred and twenty-five years ago. Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine is responsible to society to provide a program for undergraduate medical students such that graduates have the knowledge, skills, professional behaviours and attitudes necessary to enter the supervised practice of medicine in Canada.

Graduates must be able to diagnose and manage health problems and provide comprehensive compassionate care to their patients. For this reason, students in the MD program must possess essential abilities and skills for the study and practice of medicine which are described in Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine's Technical Standards document which can be found on our website. All prospective applicants and students are expected to review this document to assess their ability to meet these standards.

### IMG Clerkship Program

#### For Newcomers to Nova Scotia

The IMG Clerkship Program admits two qualified candidates into clerkship (third- and fourth-year medical students) at Dalhousie Medical School in Halifax campus. Once you complete the program, you'll be eligible to enter the first round of the [CaRMS](#) match as a Dalhousie graduate. The IMG Clerkship is funded by Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness and includes a return of service contract.

#### Residency Status

Please note that only newcomers to Canada (and residents of Nova Scotia) are eligible for this program. To be eligible as a Nova Scotia resident you must present proof of physically living in the province for at least 12 consecutive months (1yr) which is calculated from the application deadline.



### Program Overview

The IMG Clerkship program is comprised of the final two years of Dalhousie's medicine program leading to an MD degree. Successful candidates are invited to take part in the LINK program, a preparatory program, which runs from late May until the end of August. The LINK Program reviews skills and procedures as well as provides experience in OSCEs (Objective Structured Clinical Examination), clinical settings, and numerous sessions with simulated patients (SPs). IMGs may register individual sessions or the complete program (tuition fees apply).

### Application to IMG Clerkship Program

Entrance to the IMG Clerkship Program is limited to 2 immigrant IMGs annually. The Government of Nova Scotia sponsors only two seats to immigrant IMG applicants competing for the IMG Clerkship Program at Dalhousie.

The Admissions Committee seeks applicants, on the basis of information from the completed online application, MCCQE1, NAC, CASPer, and Multiple Mini Interviews. Successful candidates are chosen by the Admissions Committee.

The online application is available each year on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to the nature of the selection process, deadlines are strictly enforced. All relevant documentation must be provided by the specified deadlines. Please monitor our website for up-to-date information.

### PREPARING AN APPLICATION

A completed application includes each of the following:

- **Completion of Section 1** – Online application which includes general demographic information, contact information and education history
- **Completion of Section 2** - Section 2 is accessed only after submission of Section 1. Applicants are encouraged to submit Section 1 in a timely manner so as to access Section 2 as early as possible
- **Submission of the following documents via [Physiciansapply.ca](#):**
  - Notarized Official University Transcripts
  - Notarized copy of Canadian Citizenship certificate or Permanent Resident Card
  - Submission of exam results: MCCQE1, NAC, English Language proficiency
- Complete & release of CASPer results to Dalhousie Medicine

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## REQUIREMENTS

The International Medical Graduate (IMG) applicant must meet the following minimum admissions requirements:

1. Complete MCCQE1 and maintain a passing grade
2. Submit English language proficiency results:
  - IELTS (required minimum score: 7 in each category) or
  - TOEFL iBT (minimum score:100)

In the absence of an IELTS or TOEFL score, confirmation that undergraduate medical education training or postgraduate training was conducted in English will be considered satisfactory to meet English language proficiency expectations.

3. Completed the National Collaboration Assessment (NAC) Examination and maintained a passing grade.
4. Graduate from an international school or college listed in the international education directory.

## CASPer

All applicants to Dalhousie's IMG Clerkship Program are required to complete a mandatory online 90-minute computer-based test (CASPer™), to assist with our selection process. Successful completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility.

CASPer assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program and will complement our other applicant screening tools. In implementing CASPer, we are trying to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process.

The minimum CASPer score is determined annually, depending on interview capacity and the size of the applicant pool.

To see examples of the test structure, schedule your test and take CASPer on your chosen test date, please visit [takecasper.com](http://takecasper.com)

## Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

Dalhousie Medical School uses the multiple mini interview (MMI) format.

MMI interview stations are designed to assess the applicant's personal qualities such as: critical thinking, awareness of societal health issues, communication skills and ethics, among others. Scientific knowledge is not assessed.

Interview weekend dates are usually held in November each year. Interview invitations are usually distributed in October.

## DECISION LETTERS

Candidates will be informed of the status of the application (e.g. accept reject or waitlist) via Dal Medix once file assessments have been completed.



*Admission requirements are reviewed annually and the admissions requirements from previous years may not apply. Please monitor our website for up-to-date information.*

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