



Policies and Procedures

Subject: Transfer Residents - Credit for Clinical Learning Experiences Completed	
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For residents transferring to Family Medicine from Royal College Programs:

The Department of Family Medicine allows the program to provide credit for clinical learning experiences completed by residents who have transferred from Royal College programs. The length of the Family Medicine residency must be no less than 18 months.

In order to be considered for credit for clinical learning experiences completed as part of another residency program the resident must meet the following criteria:

- The resident must have completed six months of their Dalhousie Family Medicine residency prior to requesting credit for clinical learning experiences completed in another residency program.
- The resident must complete all core and community Family Medicine clinical learning experiences.
- The clinical learning experience must have occurred within the last 4 years.
- The resident must have at least “satisfactory”, “average”, “meets expectations”, or “progress as expected” performance on ITERs or ITARs for the comparable clinical learning experiences completed.
- The request must be made in writing to the Site Director and be presented by the Site Director to the RPC Executive for approval.
- At the discretion of the Residency Program Committee Executive (RPC Executive), credited clinical learning experiences may be converted to elective time at the end of the resident’s training program.

For residents transferring to Family Medicine from other Canadian Family Medicine Programs:

In order to be considered for credit for clinical learning experiences completed as part of another Canadian family medicine residency program, the resident must meet the following criteria:

- The resident must have at least “satisfactory”, “average”, “meets expectations”, or “progress as expected” performance on ITERs or ITARs for the comparable clinical learning experiences completed in the previous program.
- The request must be made in writing to the Site Director and be presented by the Site Director to the RPC Executive for approval.
- At the discretion of RPC Executive, credited clinical learning experiences may be converted to elective time at the end of the resident’s training program. Most residents transferring from other Canadian Family Medicine programs will complete training following a total of 24 months of training. Some transfer residents may require additional training to meet competencies or other program requirements (i.e. resident projects, RATs, etc.)



Request for reduction of training time:

Any transfer residents who received credit for previous training may request a reduction in training time (by a maximum of 6 months) when they are in their PGY-2 year. The request will need to be made to the RPC Executive in writing through the resident's Site Director. Upon approval by the RPC Executive the program director will then submit a request to the CFPC Board of Examiners for final approval. Only upon approval by the CFPC will the reduction of training time be granted.