

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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OVERVIEW & DEADLINES

Thank you for your interest in the Dalhousie University Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Subspecialty training program. We are currently accepting applications for a **July 1, 2025** start date.

Please submit your completed application to Adrienne McCarthy, Program Administrator, by **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024; 11:59PM ADT** (see contact information below).

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Dalhousie University Child and Adolescent Psychiatry program is designed to be a two-year training program within the Competence By Design (CBD) framework of the Royal College (for more information on CBD please go to: <https://www.royalcollege.ca/en/cbd/understanding-cbd/what-is-cbd.html>)

Residents are encouraged to apply in their PGY4 year. Applications from PGY-5 residents may also be considered, but candidates are encouraged to contact the Program Director ahead of time to discuss this possibility. This may extend the length of training to beyond 6 total years.

Dalhousie's training program is clinically based out of the IWK, which is the Atlantic provinces' quaternary care pediatric hospital. Residents benefit from exposure to patients with a wide spectrum of psychopathology, including with medical complexity. This provides a unique mix of lifestyle and clinical/academic benefits: a vibrant, friendly, medium-sized Canadian city, with easy access to the ocean and nature, but also with the clinical variety and depth of expertise often associated with larger cities. Subspecialty clinics include autism, concurrent disorders, early psychosis, eating disorders, forensic, mood disorders, OCD, 0-5 and Gender Care. Psychotherapeutically, we have particular expertise in family therapy, and feel that skills in this area are essential for our work. We have a remarkably cohesive and warm faculty who are nationally and internationally recognized for their excellence in clinical practice and research. With several chairs in child and adolescent mental health research, there are ample opportunities for scholarship. But we are also a program that places a high priority on wellness, supporting each other, socializing, and revitalizing ourselves. We are passionate about education and training the next generation of child and adolescent psychiatrists. We feel a deep sense of responsibility to train compassionate, socially-responsive advocates, academics, and expert consultants.

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HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit your completed application to Adrienne McCarthy, Program Administrator, by **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, 11:59PM ADT**. You may submit your application:

By email: CAP@iwk.nshealth.ca

Fax: (902) 470-7893 Please include a cover page sent to the attention of Adrienne McCarthy

By mail: IWK Health Centre, 4Link Psychiatry
Room L4122, 4th Floor, Link Building
5980 University Avenue, Halifax, NS, B3K 6R8

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Please be aware that a complete application must include **ALL** of the following items:

- A letter of intent/personal statement** (maximum 750 words): areas to cover should include, but are not limited to, your interest in the subspecialty, your interest in the specific program you are applying to, your suitability as an applicant, and your possible career goals.
- A completed and signed **application form**
- A copy of your **current CV**: List appointments or positions, including residencies, since graduation. List chronologically, giving dates, names of hospitals and specialty, etc. Also list publications, etc.
- A **letter of Good standing from either your Program Director** (if you are a current resident at Dalhousie University) or the **Postgraduate Dean** (if you are a non-Dalhousie resident)
- Official medical school transcript** confirming MD convocation
- A copy of your **Medical Degree**
- Copies of your **General or Educational License**
- THREE letters of reference**: It is recommended that at least one letter be from a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. Please have letters sent directly by your referees to Ms. Adrienne McCarthy (see contact information above).
- If applicable.* Have you passed the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Psychiatry Specialty Examination? If yes, please enclose a **clear photocopy of your results**.
- If applicable.* **Immigration Status**: If you are residing in Canada with immigration documents you must supply evidence of your work permit or permanent resident status. Changes to status from permanent resident to Canadian citizen must be evidenced by documentation
- If applicable.* **Language**: Dalhousie University requires all applicants to be eligible to register for a license in all provinces in which the program requires training. Both the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and College of Physicians and Surgeons of Prince Edward Island have specific regulations regarding English language proficiency for physicians with MDs from outside of Canada. Please click here for details:
<http://medicine.dal.ca/departments/core-units/postgraduate/admissions/international-med-grads.html>