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Subject: Re-Entry Training Opportunities for Canadian Physicians

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is offering 20 third-year family medicine re-entry training positions and 20 specialty re-entry training positions for currently practising Canadian physicians. To be eligible you must:

(i) Hold a current unrestricted certificate of registration for independent practice from your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons; AND

(ii) Have practiced in your home province for a minimum of six months.

Candidates must be eligible for registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

For Family Physicians or General Practitioners, the ministry is interested in candidates wishing to pursue:

- A third-year family medicine program in emergency medicine, anesthesia or care of the elderly. The ministry will also consider applications in mental health, women's health, palliative care, surgical skills and obstetrical skills, if the physician can document, satisfactorily, the need for these skills in specific rural/northern communities; OR

- A specialty program in general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, general internal medicine, psychiatry, anesthesia, orthopedic surgery, diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, laboratory medicine and community medicine. Other specialties may be considered if the applicant can provide evidence of a defined need in a specified community. Specialty training lasts for the duration necessary to meet the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada’s qualifications for certification.
For Specialists, the ministry is interested in candidates wishing to pursue:

- Up to two years of family medicine training leading to certification by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The length of training required is to be determined in consultation with a Family Medicine Program Director; OR

- A preferred specialty: general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, general internal medicine, psychiatry, anesthesia, orthopedic surgery, diagnostic radiology, radiation oncology, laboratory medicine and community medicine. Specialty training will be for the duration necessary to meet the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's qualifications for certification.

Physicians accepted for re-entry must return service in an underserviced area, acceptable to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Physicians will be required to sign contracts agreeing to provide full-time service in an underserviced area in Ontario upon completion of training.

For one to two years of training, the Return of Service commitment will be one year.

For three to five years of training, the Return of Service commitment will be two years.

Re-entry positions are available for either January 1, 2004 or July 1, 2004 for the 2004/2005 academic year. Physicians accepted may attend the Ontario medical school of their choice. This is conditional upon the physician meeting the school’s admission criteria and on the school’s capacity to provide positions in specific programs.

If you are interested in the Physician Re-entry Program, please contact the ministry for an application package.

For an application package contact:

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Eligible physicians who wish to be considered for a re-entry position must submit their completed application package to the Provincial Health Services Planning Unit of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by September 5, 2003.

The ministry will consider late applications submitted no later than March 1, 2004 for remaining positions if available. Candidates will be contacted one month after the deadline in regards to the outcome of the competition.