

Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program



General Information

The Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program is designed to increase the number of French-speaking professionals available to provide health services in French in Ontario. At the same time, the program increases the opportunities available to French-speaking Ontario residents to pursue postsecondary studies in French.

Each year, in accordance with the Ontario-Quebec Agreement for the Admission of Ontario Residents to Selected Programs Offered in French at Quebec Universities, the two participating universities in Quebec – Université Laval and Université de Montréal – reserve five positions in three limited-enrolment programs for participants in the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program.

By applying to participate in the program, French-speaking Ontarians increase their chances of being admitted to limited-enrolment programs in health studies in Quebec, which are not available in French in Ontario. Candidates who are accepted must agree to return to Ontario upon completion of their studies to practise their profession for a minimum of twenty-four months in a region of the province that is designated for services in French under the French Language Services Act. (A sample copy of the return-of-service agreement may be obtained from the administrator of the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program, at the address provided on the next page.)

The Government of Ontario makes annual payments to the Government of Quebec for each position filled by a resident of Ontario under the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program. However, the program does not provide scholarships or other forms of financial assistance to successful applicants. Students are responsible for their tuition fees and other expenses. Participants in the program pay the same tuition fees as do Quebec students.

Programs of Study

The Ontario-Quebec Agreement provides for the admission of up to five students per year in each of the following programs:

Program	Participating Universities
Dentistry	Laval, Montréal
Optometry	Montréal
Pharmacy	Laval, Montréal

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program, an applicant must:

- be a permanent resident of Ontario (that is, must have resided in Ontario for at least the past twelve consecutive months, not including residence in the province for the purpose of attending an Ontario postsecondary educational institution);
- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- be able to undertake university studies in French;
- intend to register as a full-time student in one of the selected programs offered in French at a participating Quebec university;
- meet the admission requirements of a participating Quebec university;
- agree to enter into a return-of-service agreement with the Province of Ontario upon admission to a Quebec university. In signing the return-of-service agreement, a participant in the program undertakes to work for twenty-four months in an area of Ontario designated for French-language services. The period of service is to begin no later than six months after completion of the program of studies.

Information on Financial Assistance

Information on student loans or other forms of assistance, including the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and the provincial-federal Fellowships for Studying in French, is available from university financial aid offices. Applicants may also contact the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities at the following address:

Student Support Branch
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
PO Box 4500
Thunder Bay ON P7B 6G9

Telephone:
1-800-465-3013
(Ontario Student Assistance Program)
1-800-465-3957
(Fellowships for Studying in French)

Application Procedure

To be considered for admission to a Quebec university under the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program, applicants must follow two separate application procedures:

- *Application to one or more universities in Quebec:* Applicants must apply directly to the Quebec universities in order to be considered for the positions set aside for participants in the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program. The universities are solely responsible for setting requirements for admission and for selecting the applicants who will be offered positions. Applicants should consult the appropriate university calendars for program entry requirements, application procedures, and deadlines.
- *Application to the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program:* Applicants must also complete the Notice of Application form attached to this pamphlet and submit it to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities no later than March 1.

The Notice of Application includes a declaration that the applicant is a permanent resident of Ontario, as defined above, and that he or she is prepared to comply with the program's return-of-service requirement. Proof of Canadian citizenship (birth certificate or certificate of citizenship) or proof of status as a permanent resident of Canada must be included with the Notice of Application. Photocopies of relevant documents are acceptable.

Early in March, the ministry will provide the Quebec universities with a list of applicants considered eligible to participate in the Ontario-Quebec Program. Since the universities use this list in their selection process, applicants should ensure that the Notice of Application contains complete and accurate information about the programs and universities to which they have applied or intend to apply under the Ontario-Quebec Program.

Send the completed Notice of Application to the ministry at the address below no later than March 1:

Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program
French-Language Education Policy and
Programs Branch
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
Mowat Block, 8th Floor
900 Bay St
Toronto ON M7A 1L2
Telephone: (416) 212-2853
Fax: (416) 325-2156

This publication is also available on the ministry's website, at: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/postsec/ontque/index.html.

Notice of Application

Ontario-Quebec Agreement for the Admission of Ontario Residents to Selected Programs Offered in French at Quebec Universities

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Last Name _____ First and Middle Names _____ Title
 Ms.
 Mrs.
 Miss
 Mr.

Present Address

Number and Street _____ Apartment _____
City _____ Province _____
Postal Code _____ Telephone (_____) _____
Address Valid Until: _____

Permanent Address

Number and Street _____ Apartment _____
City _____ Province _____
Postal Code _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Date of Birth

Citizenship Status

Canadian Citizen
 Permanent Resident Other (please specify) _____

ONTARIO RESIDENCY

Are you currently a resident of Ontario? Yes No
Period of residency in Ontario:
From: _____ To: _____

EDUCATION

Postsecondary Education

1. Institution _____ City and Province _____

Program _____ Dates Attended _____ Degree Obtained _____

2. Institution _____ City and Province _____

Program _____ Dates Attended _____ Degree Obtained _____

Secondary Education

Institution _____ City and Province _____

Program _____ Dates Attended _____ Diploma Obtained _____

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

UNDER THE ONTARIO-QUEBEC PROGRAM

University	Program(s) of Study
Laval	_____

Montréal	_____

Preferred Language of Communication: French English

I have enclosed proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status and declare that I have been a resident of Ontario for at least the past twelve consecutive months, not including residence in the province for the purpose of attending an Ontario postsecondary educational institution. I also declare that all information in this Notice of Application is accurate and complete. I make this application with the understanding that, if admitted by a Quebec university under the terms of this agreement, I shall be required to return to Ontario and work for a minimum of twenty-four months in an area of the province designated for French-language services by the Government of Ontario. I understand that all information provided by me is subject to verification and audit by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Signature _____ Date _____

In accordance with section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter F.31, this is to advise you that the personal information collected on this form will be used for the ongoing administration of the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program, including the enforcement of the terms and conditions of the agreement that applicants admitted to Quebec universities under the program must sign. For this purpose, the personal information may be disclosed to the participating Quebec universities, the Quebec government, the ministries of the Ontario government, and their agents. The information is collected under the authority of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.19. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Ontario-Quebec Health Study Program, at the address given in the publication.