



# PRA-BC

PRACTICE READY ASSESSMENT  
- PHYSICIANS FOR BC

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## WHAT IS PRA-BC?

Practice Ready Assessment - British Columbia (PRA-BC) is a program for internationally trained physicians who have completed residencies in family medicine outside of Canada. PRA-BC provides these family physicians with a pathway to licensure in British Columbia (BC), Canada.

Candidates undergo a Centralized Orientation followed by a 12-week Clinical Field Assessment (CFA) where their clinical skills are rigorously assessed. Those who successfully complete program requirements go on to fulfill a 3-year Return of Service (ROS) in a BC community of need.

**NOTE:** Physicians who have completed training and certification in one of the jurisdictions listed below should not apply for the PRA-BC program. Instead, they should register with [healthmatchbc.org](http://healthmatchbc.org)

- Australia
- Ireland
- United Kingdom
- USA

## HOW TO APPLY:

- Register with Health Match BC ([healthmatchbc.org](http://healthmatchbc.org)).
- Login to your account and upload a copy of your most recent CV.
- Send us a message about your interest in PRA-BC.
- Fill out the PRA-BC application form in your account, attach required documents, and submit to Health Match BC.
- Your application will be reviewed. You will be advised of your eligibility and the next steps in the process.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** PLEASE VISIT [PRABC.CA](http://PRABC.CA) OR EMAIL [INFO@PRABC.CA](mailto:INFO@PRABC.CA)



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## PRA-BC CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING PHASES:

### A. SCREENING AND SELECTION

Screening and selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

1. Medical degree issued by a school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS).
2. Two years of international postgraduate training (PGT) leading to registration as a family physician.
3. Completion of 7 core rotations:
  - Minimum 4 weeks of PGT in internal/general medicine, general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and emergency medicine;
  - Minimum 8 weeks of PGT in family medicine.
4. Completion of a minimum of 2 years of independent practice as a family physician in an international jurisdiction
5. Academic credentials verification on physiciansapply.ca.
6. Currency in practice: minimum 960 hours of clinical practice as a family physician in preceding 3 years (Section 2-8, CPSBC bylaws).
7. A current CV that fully explains all activities, professional or otherwise.
8. English language proficiency (Section 2-2 (2), CPSBC bylaws).
9. Successful pass score on the MCCQE Part 1 examination.
10. Pass score on the MCC Therapeutics Decision Making (TDM) examination.

*\*\*Please note that all PRA-BC pre-screening requirements are subject to change at any time.*

### B. PRE-SCREENING ASSESSMENT BY THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (CPSBC)

### C. INTERVIEW AND SELECTION BY A HEALTH AUTHORITY

### D. 12-WEEK CLINICAL FIELD ASSESSMENT

### E. APPLY AND RECEIVE A PROVISIONAL LICENCE FROM THE CPSBC

**NOTE:** Participants in the PRA-BC program must commit to a three-year Return of Service in a BC community in need identified by BC's health authorities.