

Palliative Medicine Traineeship –2023 Call for Applications Deadline: Rolling intake opens January 2, 2023

The Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University invites interested family physicians to apply to our Palliative Medicine Traineeship. The Traineeship, originally developed with input from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, is designed to enhance the skills of practicing physicians with the intent of serving and filling a palliative care gap in their Family Practice group and local community. Our priority will be physicians who plan **to continue to practice as a family physician** but with added skills that will allow them to dedicate time to palliative care in primary care capacity building models, and may assist their eligibility for the CFPC Certificate of Added Competence in Palliative Care. Priority will be given to candidates who have support from their local healthcare community to assume local palliative care roles.

The curriculum is competency based, not time based, and includes a pre-admission assessment of existing competencies, then development of a customized traineeship for each trainee. The learning objectives, curriculum and duration of study are determined prior to acceptance into the program. The curriculum is modeled after the current competencies of our Palliative Medicine Fellowship curriculum, and the postgraduate Family Medicine competencies for the Department of Family Medicine.

The successful candidate will be a physician in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario who is in active clinical practice in Ontario, and who has a strong demonstrated interest in Palliative Medicine. The candidate will hold (or be eligible to hold) hospital appointments both in their own region and the Hamilton/McMaster teaching region. Completion of the Traineeship does not in and of itself constitute approval to practice as an expert Physician in Palliative Care in the province of Ontario as such approval rests with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Similarly, it does not ensure eligibility of CFPC CAC designation, as such designation rests with the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Costs for the Traineeship are incurred by the candidate, and contingent on the details of the customized training program created for the successful candidate. Interested candidates should forward their CV, a personalized letter of intent and expression of career goals, as well as two letters of support from their local healthcare community outlining support and anticipated future local roles to Clareen Akshinthala (akshint@mcmaster.ca)

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