

POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP

A. Definition:

A fellow is a postgraduate medical trainee undertaking post-certification educational training outside the specialty or subspecialty training requirements of the RCPSC or CFPC. A fellowship cannot be credited toward national certification requirements.

B. Requirements:

1. A postgraduate fellow must have a medical degree from an accredited institution and must have completed a residency program before the beginning of the fellowship. The fellow must already be certified by the Royal College or CFPC (or other recognized international certification board) or at a minimum, have completed a residency program and be admissible to take the RCPSC, CFPC or USA certification exams.
2. All clinical fellowships must have clearly defined written educational goals and objectives, as per the standards of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
3. Fellowships must be affiliated with an accredited residency training program. There must be a designated Fellowship Director who works in collaboration with the Residency Program Director. An annual review should be done with Residency Program Committee on number and selection to maximize training.
4. All fellowships must be supervised by an assigned preceptor (*responsible to the affiliated program director*) who holds a Faculty of Medicine appointment at the University of Ottawa.
5. Fellowships must include formal periodic and final evaluation of performance (ITER);
6. All fellows who wish to have their training recognized by the University of Ottawa must be registered as a postgraduate trainee with the Faculty of Medicine. A registered fellow will receive a certificate of completion of training, upon confirmation of satisfactory completion by the fellowship director and/or affiliated program director.
7. The term of a fellowship is a minimum of 1 month and can be up to 3 years. Any additional period must be approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.