

Family Medicine Enhanced Skills FAQ

How does CaRMS work for ES programs?

- Timelines - the application process starts at the beginning of your R2 academic year
- You will typically need to line up 3 - 4 reference letters pertaining to your application in your selected ES program
- FMOBs ES does not accept applications through CaRMS. Instead, interested applicants should submit their materials directly via email to the program coordinator.

What entry paths are there?

- Continuing on from Family Med and applying directly to start as soon as your FM residency is completed
- Return from practice - where someone can apply to return from practice into an ES program. PGME requires all applications to be submitted at the same time as CaRMS.

FMEM - where can you work with the EM CAC?

- You can work at any rural, urban, tertiary or quaternary care facility. We have graduates working in all of the ERs in the province and across the country.

COE - practice opportunities

- Academic and clinical alternative relationship plans exist with staff working in a variety of settings: inpatient care, inpatient consults, rehabilitation units, geriatric clinic, CHOICE program, supportive living and home living.

Must you do the CAC in order to work in that field?

- While many individuals can work in their "area of interest", getting the CAC and having the additional training allows for improved care to patients. With some fields (i.e. ESS, FPA, or EM), you will not be able to work in that specific field without the extra training or certification.



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Which fields provide a CAC for physicians in practice?

- Some CAC's allow for an individual to challenge the certification - this is specific to each field and would be helpful to look at the CFPC website about details on this at the time of interest. The method is the "In Practice Certification Route".

Who would do the FMOB program?

- The University of Alberta Enhanced Skills Family Medicine Obstetrics Program is a 12-16 week (3-4 block) category 2 non-surgical program designed to provide additional training for family physicians committed to providing late gestation antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum care as part of their practice. Applicants to the incoming academic year must be in their PGY2 year in a Canadian postgraduate family medicine residency training program

Can you start fam med and then decide if you want to do one of the CAC programs?

- Yes. Many individuals do this. It is important to decide on this interest sooner than later as it will help you arrange your reference letters for your application.

Does doing a family med residency in a rural program affect your application?

- No. Every residency program has its own strengths and it is important to acknowledge these strengths and be aware of them as you submit your application.

Is there an integrated program similar to NOSM or Dalhousie for any of the Enhanced Skills?

- No.

Do you take military applicants and how does it work?

- Yes we do. Please confirm your eligibility with PGME first, then contact the program coordinator for further direction. Application requirements are identical to those applying via CaRMS, and we ask that the same timeline for submission of application material be used. Timeline for interviews will also follow the CaRMS timeline.



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