



Eligibility Criteria for a Certificate of Added Competence (CAC) in Addiction Medicine

The following list summarizes practice and professional development activities that justify an individual's status as a leader in family medicine in Canada in the domain of Addiction Medicine. This application route is intended for physicians who are actively practising and maintaining competence in the domain of care.

1. Membership

The applicant must be a member in good standing with the College of Family Physicians of Canada at the time of the application, holding either the Certification in the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CCFP) or Member of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (MCFP) designation.

2. Licensure

The applicant must have a licence to practise family medicine independently in a province or territory of Canada or elsewhere, as evidenced by a certificate of good standing from the current licensing authority.

Applicants are required to provide verification of registration or licensure for each medical regulatory authority in which they hold a certificate of registration or licence authorizing independent practice.

Applicants who have moved to a different province or abroad in the 12 months prior to the application date are required to provide the Certificate of Standing from the last province in which they practised.

3. Years in practice

A minimum of **five years** of family practice in the domain of care prior to the date of application.

Graduates of accredited Addiction Medicine programs at a Canadian university in duration of **at least 12 months** are eligible to apply immediately after the successful completion of training.

For accredited enhanced skills training in addiction medicine shorter than 12 months, an active family practice in the domain is required for a minimum period of **two consecutive years** following the

accredited residency/fellowship. This domain specific practice should be immediately preceding the date of application.

4. Maintenance of CPD

Applicants must have maintained their continuing professional development (CPD) status with Mainpro+® activities or equivalent for at least **five years** for those applying based on years of relevant practice or **two years** for graduates of accredited addiction medicine programs at Canadian universities in duration of less than twelve months.

5. Evidence of dedicated contributions to addiction medicine in Canada, commensurate with years in practice

Please include:

- Brief narratives describing:
 - Current clinical practice in addiction medicine (scope of practice)
 - List of CPD activities related to addiction medicine as a participant and as a provider
 - Education, scholarship, and administrative activities
 - Active involvement in national, provincial, or local organizations
 - Evidence of community involvement in addiction medicine outside of your own practice
 - Evidence of your commitment to the principles of family medicine
 - Additional practice and activities that justify why a CAC should be awarded
- A copy of your curriculum vitae
- Evidence of attestations and/or diplomas (if applicable)
- Letters from three referees
 - For candidates who completed training after 2015, an additional letter is required from the Program Director