



Queen's
UNIVERSITY

CCFP-EM

Family Medicine —
Enhanced Skills in
Emergency Medicine



Queen's Family Medicine – Emergency Medicine: A tradition

Overview

The Queen's CCFP-EM program is one of the first and largest in Canada. It is a prominent and well-respected program under the domain of the Department of Family Medicine's Enhanced Skills program.

The Department of Emergency Medicine at Queen's University continues to be at the forefront of clinical research and education in Canada. It is the proud home to Canada's first emergency medicine specialists, and we provide one of the most comprehensive and diverse teaching programs in the country. Our FRCP and CCFP-EM programs are well-integrated while respecting the unique needs of the CCFP-EM program.

We are a major research centre, with a very active group of primary and collaborative investigators. Our team of faculty has a considerable range of secondary interests complementary to emergency medicine, with expertise in medical education, toxicology, point-of-care ultrasound, resuscitation and critical care, medical epidemiology, global health, EMS, and simulation-based learning.

Our simulation-based education program is highly developed and supported by a state-of-the art high-fidelity simulation centre. We have a large team of faculty with simulation teaching expertise and experience. Our simulation program is second-to-none and is highly rated by our residents.



of teaching excellence in a supportive environment

Educational Program

Our CCFP-EM educational program is comprehensive and includes:

■ Weekly Academic Days

- Grand Rounds
- Core Content Rounds
- Advanced Resuscitation Simulation Rounds

■ Summer Series (“Boot-Camp”)

- Weekly EM Core Skills workshops on resuscitation, EM procedures, point-of-care ultrasound
- Wellness events (wilderness medicine, humanities)
- End-of-summer resuscitation OSCE (simulation)

■ Monthly CCFP-EM Academic Day

- Practice Oral Exams
- Practice written SAMPs exams
- Community Trauma Simulation Rounds
- Seminars
- Tox Talks
- Longitudinal Airway Mastery Course

Other:

- Annual Research Day
- Annual CCFP-EM Retreat
- Annual TMTL (“There’s More to Life”) Day
- Monthly Journal Club
- Monthly Trauma Grand Rounds
- Hippo-EM subscription for online self-study
- Challenger Medical Education online exam modules for self-study
- Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS): all of our residents will be trained in Core Point-of-Care Ultrasound (POCUS) applications. An advanced POCUS application rotation is offered to all residents
- ECG interpretation series
- Practice readiness series: physician remuneration, career planning, patient-flow efficiency, hospital structure
- Pre-certification exam practice orals day (in the September following graduation)





Rotations

Our 13-block training year consists of:

Emergency Medicine at Kingston Health Sciences Centre – 4 blocks

Community Emergency Medicine – 2 blocks

ICU – 2 blocks

Plastics or Ortho Surgery or Trauma – 1 block

Anesthesia – 1 block

Pediatric Emergency Medicine (CHEO) – 1 block

Advanced POCUS (point-of-care ultrasound) – 1 block

Elective – 1 block

Some of our rotations take place in community hospitals, outside of Kingston, in order to provide the best educational experiences. Communities that regularly support our program are Peterborough, Belleville, Cornwall, Napanee, Brockville, Ottawa, Humber River (Toronto), and Oshawa. We make every effort to create a schedule with rotation locations that match the individual needs of the resident.

Our Faculty

Our faculty is considered the strength of our program. We offer nationally recognized educators and researchers in emergency medicine. Our community rotations include CCFP-EM preceptors with many years of experience in the community setting. Many of our community preceptors take part in teaching our monthly seminars and oral examinations. Our physicians at the Kingston Health Sciences Centre have created a healthy balance in the Department of Emergency Medicine academically, clinically, and educationally. They are a dedicated group who are committed to providing an excellent educational experience for residents.

Our Residents

Since the inception of our program in 1981-82 we have graduated over 200 residents in our CCFP-EM program. We boast a high success rate on the certification exam (over 97%). Many of our former residents return to take part in the program through participation in practice exams and in teaching monthly seminars.

We take pride in the fact that our residents and former residents are our best ambassadors for the program. Many attend our CaRMS interview days in order to impart their experiences to those considering our program.

Our graduates enter a wide variety of practice. The majority do community emergency medicine with or without a component of family medicine.

We have graduates across the country ... from Nanaimo, BC, to Yellowknife, NWT, to Sydney, NS. We have graduates who work in small rural community hospitals and those who work in large urban centres and in tertiary care hospitals. Many have become educational and administrative leaders in their communities.

Community Environment

We offer a comprehensive but flexible schedule with time to pursue and realize your personal interests and career goals. Despite the rigorous academic schedule, residents have traditionally enjoyed spending time together outside of the hospital during social events or through such activities as cycling, windsurfing, golf, kayaking, triathlons, and a range of winter sports. We encourage a balanced approach to life in residency and throughout your career. Kingston is an ideal setting to pursue hobbies and interests.

Our relatively small size fosters close working relationships with physicians and staff in all specialties and sub-specialties within the system. Moreover, the ability to interact with the small group of professionals time and again enhances our strong sense of community and family.

We welcome you to join our team.





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