

# FAMILY MEDICINE

## Doctor of Philosophy

Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

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### About the Program

The program of study will lead to a PhD in Family Medicine. This degree will attract family physicians anticipating a research career in family medicine.

There will be a two week on-site portion of the program each year to allow each of the students to meet individually with the Chair of the Program to discuss their individual learning objectives and progress throughout the program. It will also provide an opportunity to meet face to face with their supervisory committee and interact with fellow students.

Graduates of the doctoral program will:

- Understand the theoretical foundations of Family Medicine.
- Design and conduct research relevant to significant issues in the discipline of Family Medicine.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the advancement of knowledge in the discipline of Family Medicine in the areas of teaching, research and clinical practice.

### Milestones – Path to Successful Completion

The following list is a guideline for students for successful completion of their PhD:

- Completion of all courses in a timely manner usually by the end of term 7.
- Presentation of thesis proposal at the end of their 5<sup>th</sup> term of doctoral studies.
- Assignment of supervisory committee in year one of the program.

In addition to course requirements, students will engage in a program of research under the supervision of a chief advisor and two other Family Medicine faculty advisors that will culminate in a doctoral thesis to be examined in accordance with School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies procedures.

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### Admission

Admission to the program will require possession of a **master's degree, an overall average of B+ in their masters degree, as well as a medical degree and certification (or eligibility for certification) by the Canadian Family Physicians of Canada or its equivalent in other countries.**

In addition, all candidates must be fluent in spoken and written English. Candidates whose first language is not English must pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). International applicants will not require an Ontario general licence / educational licence as any clinically associated work will be conducted in their home setting.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. A current curriculum vitae.
2. A written statement covering the following topics:
  - Reasons for pursuing doctoral level work in family medicine.
  - Commitment to and plan for timely completion of the program.
  - Self-evaluation of scholarly abilities.
  - Evidence of research potential, including any publications.
  - Proposed research focus and its alignment with the work of the faculty member proposed as thesis supervisor.
3. Two academic references (mandatory).
4. Official transcripts of all completed studies.

### Fast Track Entry

Outstanding students in the MCISc program may apply to fast track into the PhD program. In this option students must be recommended by their supervisor, have completed the four core courses (9501, 9503, 9507, 9509) and have completed a research project (qualitative or quantitative pilot study).

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### Courses

#### Field of Study

Patient Centered Clinical Care  
Health Services in Primary Care

#### Year One

Teaching and Learning in Family Medicine  
Research Methods

#### Year Two

Advanced Patient Centered Medicine  
Theoretical Foundations of Family Medicine  
Canada's Health System: Current Policy Issues

#### Year Three

Advanced Concepts and Knowledge  
Doctoral Seminar  
Advanced Qualitative Research Methods  
Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

#### Comprehensive Examination Requirements

Major paper written by the student in their area of research interest. The paper is expected to make a substantive and original contribution to knowledge in this area.

#### Thesis Dissertation

A formal thesis proposal to be presented to the advisory committee by the end of year two.