Certification Application Questions

Before beginning the application for Mainpro+ Certification providers are expected to review the Understanding Mainpro+® Certification guide thoroughly. Failure to adhere to Mainpro+ guidelines may result in a delay in the review process or a rejection of the application for certification.

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Program Details

1. Do you intend to deliver this program in Quebec?
   - Yes
     *If* yes please refer to the “Mainpro+ certification of programs delivered in the province of Quebec” section of the Understanding Mainpro+® Certification guide and read the specific requirements related to program delivery in Quebec before proceeding with this application. If your scientific planning committee and program structure does not meet the requirements this program cannot be delivered as Mainpro+ certified in Quebec (and CFPC members may not claim certified credits for attending any sessions delivered in Quebec).
   *Please note that if you intend to deliver this program in Quebec in French and in English you must submit the French content for review simultaneously with the English content.*
   - No

2. Program Title:
3. Program Start Date:
4. Provider Organization:
5. Contact Name:
6. Email:
7. Telephone:
8. Application Contact (if different than above):
9. Company Name:
10. Email:
11. Telephone:

Financial

12. Does this program receive financial or in-kind support from a for-profit company or organization?
   - Yes
     Select the type (s) of for-profit support they receive:
     - Financial
     - In-kind

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Provide the following:

- Amount of financial support from for-profit organization(s) received or anticipated to receive:
- Amount of in-kind support from for-profit organization(s) received or anticipated to receive:
- List of for-profit supporters/sponsors:

- No

13. Does this program receive financial or in-kind support from a not-for-profit organization?

- Yes

Select the type(s) of not-for-profit support they receive:

- Financial
- In-kind

Provide the following:

- Amount of financial support from not-for-profit company received or anticipated to receive:
- Amount of in-kind support from not-for-profit company received or anticipated to receive:
- List of not-for-profit supporters/sponsor

14. Describe in detail how funds will be used including whom is responsible for paying speaker and scientific planning committee honoraria and travel:

14. (if Quebec) Please describe in detail how funds will be used including the name of the physician organization or medical institution responsible for paying speaker and scientific planning committee honoraria and travel:

15. Please describe all costs to participants including registration fees, education materials, meals, accommodation, and social events:

16. Registration fee: $

17. Additional costs to participants (describe in detail):

18. Are there any social events or activities associated with this program?
Yes

Describe in detail the social activities related to this program including when these activities take place in relation to the certified learning.

No

Location and Credit

19. Select the format for this program:

- Live
  - In person
  - Webcast
- Online self-study

20. Where will this program be delivered?

- Inside Canada
- Outside Canada/Outside United States
- Inside the United States (Contact a CFPC Certification Coordinator for more information – 1-866-242-5885 or 905-361-8233)

21. Select all the provinces and/or territories in which the program will be delivered:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland & Labrador
- Northwest Territories
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- Quebec
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon

22. (If outside Canada and the United States) City:

23. Country:
24. Please provide the total education contact time included in the proposed program (not including breaks, meals, opening & closing remarks, or time allotted to complete program evaluations). Please submit the program agenda for confirmation purposes.

25. This program is seeking:

- [ ] One-credit-per-hour certification
- [ ] Two-credits-per-hour certification
- [ ] Three-credits-per-hour certification

26. Programs seeking two and three credits per hour must be developed and implemented by or in collaboration with a not-for-profit physician organization. Identify the not-for-profit physician organization:

27. Identify the appropriate credit category:

- [ ] Assessment
- [ ] Group Learning
- [ ] Self-Learning

28. Is accreditation for this program being sought with any other organization or group?

- [ ] Yes
  
  Name of Organization:

  Amount and type of credits requested:

  (Please enter all that apply)

- [ ] No

29. Please select the type of program:

- [ ] One credit per hour Rounds program
- [ ] One credit per hour Journal Club
- [ ] One credit per hour PBSGL
- [ ] One credit per hour Regularly Scheduled Series (RSS)
- [ ] A single-delivery conference, scientific assembly, congress or similar large event (excludes satellite symposia and ancillary sessions)
- [ ] Any other CPD program or activity

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Planning

30. (If Rounds selected) is the planning committee accountable to the head of the department, chief of staff, or equivalent?

- Yes
- No

31. Please explain how and to whom accountability is measured for the planning committee:

32. Who is the target audience for this program? (Select all that apply)

- Academic Family Physicians
- Interprofessional teams
- Researchers
- Residents
- Rural & Remote practicing Family Physicians
- Urban practicing Family Physicians

Family Physicians with a community of practice in:

- Addiction Medicine
- Cancer Care
- Child and Adolescent Health
- Chronic Pain
- Dermatology
- Developmental Disabilities
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Practice Anesthesia physicians
- Global Health
- Health Care of the Elderly
- Hospital Medicine
- Maternity and Newborn Care
- Mental Health
- Occupational Medicine
- Palliative Care
- Prison Health
- Respiratory Medicine

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33. Identify the CFPC program planning/scientific committee member(s) who were actively involved in the planning committee of this program. Members will be required to confirm their involvement before the submitted program can be reviewed

*(If program is a provincial one, CFPC member is required from the province of delivery; if national, 3 CFPC members are required from any geographical location in Canada)*

34. List all other planning committee/scientific committee members and their affiliations and expertise brought to the planning committee:

Name

Affiliation

Member ID (if applicable)

Email Address

35. Describe in detail the planning/scientific committee’s involvement in the following:

   a. Selection of topics:
   b. Determination of program content:
   c. Selection of speakers/presenters:
   c. (if Quebec) The scientific planning committee is responsible for the selection and training of speakers/presenters. Describe the process used by the scientific planning committee for speaker selection and training:
   d. Review of Evaluation:

36. Describe how potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed to participants and the planning/scientific committee’s method for the mitigation of bias should a conflict be discovered? Ensure the CFPC Conflict of Interest slides are included in presentations for review:

37. How will you communicate with speakers regarding the [CMA Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions With Industry](https://www.cmaj.ca/content/198/13/1474), the [Innovative Medicines Canada Code of Ethical Practices](https://www.innovativemedicinesca.com/code-of-ethical-practices), and for programs delivered in Quebec the [Code of Ethics for Parties involved in Continuing Medical Education of the conseil Quebecois de developpment professionnel des Medecins](https://www.conseilquebecoismedecins.com/)? You must include a copy of your speaker communication template.
38. How will you communicate with speakers regarding the format, Mainpro+ Quality Criteria, and program learning objectives they will address? What kind of instructions will be given?

39. How do you intend to manage breaches in the Quality Criteria or ethical guidelines should these occur in the delivery of this program?

40. If this program has been delivered in the past and breaches in the ethical guidelines occurred please explain how this was managed and what your planning committee is doing differently as a result?

41. Program Key Words – In order to aid our members in searching for your programs most suited to their individual learning needs, please select the key words most relevant to your program from the list below:

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42. Please identify the CanMEDS-FM roles addressed in this program:

- Collaborator
- Communicator
- Family Medicine Expert
- Health Advocate
- Manager
- Professional
- Scholar

**Quality Criteria Questions (Any other CPD Activity)**

**Quality Criterion 1 – Needs Assessment and Practice Relevance**

- One-Credit-Per-Hour Requirements
  - Indirect assessment of target audience’s needs were used to guide program development and to obtain generalized information on prior knowledge and practice experience (eg, generalized sources, national survey, small sample survey, published study results).
  - Physician learning objectives are tied to needs assessment results.
  - Needs assessment addresses physician competency through CanMEDS-FM Role(s)
- Two credits per hour - Must meet one credit per hour requirements AND include the following:
  - Needs assessment sample is representative of intended target audience (eg, all rural physicians), enhancing applicability of program content
  - Needs assessment identifies gaps in physician competence in at least one CanMEDs-FM competency area
- Three credits per hour - Must meet one- and two- credits-per-hour requirements AND include the following:
  - Needs assessment, performed on actual program participants
  - Information is collected from actual program participants about prior knowledge and practice experience
  - Needs assessment identifies gaps in knowledge (eg, pre- and post-tests), competence (skills), or performance based on data from practice
  - Gaps in physician competence in multiple CanMEDS-FM competency areas are identified

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Additional Information Required:

In the space provided, please provide a thorough description of the needs assessment phase of this program, including:

1. Parties involved, and roles performed, during the needs assessment process, and include scientific planning committee involvement

2. Method(s) used to collect needs-assessment data, and rationale to support the use of each method

3. How practice relevance is addressed

Quality Criterion 2 - Interactivity and Engagement

- One-credit-per-hour requirements
  - Minimum of 25% of the program is conducted in an interactive manner

- Two-credits-per-hour requirements (must meet one-credit-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
  - Between 25 and 50% of the program is conducted in an interactive manner
  - Learner engagement goes beyond audience question-and-answer period
  - Program includes opportunities for participants to engage with each other, with facilitators, and with material being taught. (Self-Learning category programs require engagement with facilitators and materials being taught only.)
  - A component of the activity is based on small groups or workshops (Self-Learning category small group requirement is replaced with case-based learning component)

- Three-credits-per-hour requirements (must meet one- and two-credits-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
  - Program is based on small-group learning (Self-Learning category programs must be based on case-based or immersive scenario learning)

  Tool tip: Immersive learning environments (ILEs) are learning situations that are constructed using a variety of techniques and software tools, including game-based learning, simulation-based learning, and virtual 3D worlds. ILEs are distinguished from other learning methods by their ability to simulate realistic scenarios and environments that give learners the opportunity to practise skills.

  - Program includes activities that can be applied to participants' practice
✓ Program includes formal reflection on application of learning to practice over a realistic time period to assess practice change.

   Tool tip: A realistic time period is considered to be at least 6 weeks post program completion.

Additional Information Required:

In the space provided, please describe each interactive component of the program by indicating:

1. The type of interactivity occurring
2. When/where the interactive component occurs
3. How long the interactive component is anticipated to last

You will be required to upload a copy of the program schedule with the interactive components highlighted.

Quality Criterion 3 – Incorporation of Evidence

○ One-credit-per-hour requirements
  ✓ Provide an outline of the evidence used to create the content; must include references (authors, article title, journal, year, volume, and page numbers) within/on materials
  ✓ Evidence comes from systematic reviews/meta-analyses of studies (RCTs, cohort case control studies) or single, moderate-sized, well-designed RCTs, or well-designed, consistent, controlled, but not randomized trials, or large cohort studies.
  ✓ Any lack of evidence for assertions or recommendations must be acknowledged
  ✓ If a single study is the focus or select studies are omitted, the rationale to support this decision must be provided
  ✓ Graphs and charts or other evidence-related materials cannot be altered to highlight one treatment or product
  ✓ Both potential harms and benefits should be discussed; an efficient way to present these to clinicians is through number needed to treat (NNT) and number needed to harm (NNH), as well as through a presentation of absolute and relative risk reductions

○ Two credits per hour (must meet one credit per hour requirements AND include the following):
  ✓ Content must reflect patient-oriented outcomes (outcomes a patient can feel or perceive) and avoid surrogate outcomes
Tool tip: A surrogate outcome is an event or a laboratory value that researchers hope can serve as a reliable substitute for an actual disease.

Example – cholesterol levels used as a surrogate for cardiovascular disease, assumption that if a medication lowers cholesterol levels by 10% then it will lessen the risk of a heart attack. More important patient outcomes such as death, quality of life, or functional capacity, serve as better evidence.–

✓ Canadian-based evidence is included where it exists
  o Three credits per hour (must include one- and two-credits-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
    ✓ Provides opportunities for participants to seek, appraise, and apply best-available evidence (eg, research component for participants, assigned readings with discussion of evidence presented, and participant-driven literature reviews)

Briefly explain how each requirement has been addressed

For three credits per hour describe how and where/when this program provides opportunities for learners to seek, appraise, and apply best-available evidence.

Quality Criterion 4 – Addressing Barriers to Change

  o One-credit-per-hour requirements
    ✓ Educational design includes discussion of commonly encountered barriers to practice change
  o Two credits per hour (must meet one-credit-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
    ✓ Educational design includes discussion to overcoming these barriers
  o Three credits per hour (must meet one- and two-credits-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
    ✓ This program solicits information on barriers (real or perceived) to change from actual program participants
    ✓ The educational design addresses strategies to address these identified barriers and discusses approaches to overcoming these barriers

In the space provided briefly explain how each criterion has been addressed:

1. How and where/when this program addresses commonly encountered barriers to change relevant to the program content
2. How and where/when this program addresses approaches to overcome identified barriers (2 credits per hour)
3. How and where/when barriers to change, related to the content of this program, were solicited from actual participants (3 credits per hour)
4. What opportunities are provided for discussion of approaches to overcoming these barriers? (3 credits per hour)

Quality Criterion 5 - Evaluation and Outcome Assessment

- One-credit-per-hour requirements
  ✓ Measures to assess self-reported learning or change in what participants know or know how to do as a result of the CPD program or activity
- Two credits per hour (must meet one-credit-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
  ✓ An objective measurement of change in knowledge (e.g., pre/post-test)
  ✓ Opportunity for participants to evaluate changes across multiple CanMEDS-FM competencies
- Three credits per hour (must meet one- and two- credits-per-hour requirements AND include the following):
  ✓ An objective measurement of change in competence and/or clinical performance for all participants using work-based strategies
  ✓ Measurement of change in all the CanMEDS-FM competencies identified in the needs assessment and educational objectives

Additional requirements

1. Describe how and where/when this program incorporates measurement of change relevant to the program content.

Quality Criterion 6 - Reinforcement of Learning

- This requirement is not mandatory for one-credit-per-hour programs
- Two-credits-per-hour requirements
  ✓ This program incorporates one or more validated strategies to reinforce and/or facilitate continued learning

  Tool tip: Examples include reminders, checklists, guidelines and algorithms, feedback systems, protocols, patient education materials, etc. If a commitment-to-change contract is part of the designed curriculum, include a follow-up activity to review the contract at 6 and 12 weeks post course.

- Three credits per hour (must meet the following requirement):

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- This program incorporates two or more validated strategies to reinforce and/or facilitate continued learning; ideally administered at staggered time intervals (eg, 6 and 12 weeks)
- Tool tip:
  - Examples include reminders, checklists, guidelines and algorithms, feedback systems, protocols, patient education materials, etc. If a commitment-to-change contract is part of the designed curriculum, include a follow-up activity to review the contract at 6 and 12 weeks post course.

In the space provided please describe how and where/when this program incorporates strategies to reinforce and/or facilitate continued learning.

**Upload requirements (Any other CPD Activity)**

To finalize your submission requirements please upload the following:
- ✓ Content of the program/activity
- ✓ COI slide template
- ✓ Conflict of Interest forms for the planning committee and speakers (if speakers are known at time of application)
- ✓ Program Agenda
- ✓ Summary of previous event evaluations
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- ✓ Evaluations
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Quality Criterion 1 – Needs Assessment and Practice Relevance

Describe

✓ How the perceived and unperceived needs of the target audience have been considered in the development of the educational activities
✓ How CanMEDS-FM competencies have been considered in the needs-assessment process
✓ How the needs assessment informed the development of learning objectives
✓ Identify the CanMEDS-FM Roles:
  o Collaborator
  o Communicator
  o Family Medicine Expert
  o Health Advocate
  o Professional
  o Scholar

Provide

✓ The program learning objectives
✓ If this program has been Mainpro/Mainpro+ accredited/certified in the past you must include information on how data collected from previous program evaluations was considered during the needs-assessment process.

Quality Criterion 2 – Interactivity and Engagement

Describe

✓ The learning formats used to support the learning objectives
✓ How the 25% interactivity requirement will be met

Quality Criterion 3 - Incorporation of Evidence

Describe

✓ How the planning committee ensures scientific validity and objectivity of the program content
✓ How speakers will be advised of the Quality Criteria requirements for the incorporation of evidence

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Quality Criterion 4 - Barriers to Change

Describe

✓ How barriers to practice/physician change will be addressed within the program

Quality Criterion 5 - Evaluation & Outcome Assessment

Please describe

✓ How participants will evaluate both the series/event and the individual activities/sessions.
✓ How participants will evaluate individual presenters/speakers

Tool tip: Participants should have an opportunity to evaluate individual talks/presenters as well as the program as a whole.

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