

Answers to Common Questions: a Quick Reference Guide for Students

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	University of British Columbia	University of Alberta	University of Calgary	University of Saskatchewan	University of Manitoba	Northern Ontario School of Medicine	Western University	McMaster University	University of Toronto	Queen's University	University of Ottawa	Université Laval	Université Sherbrooke	McGill University	Université de Montréal	Memorial University	Dalhousie University
Contacting preceptors	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes, consult Institution Profile
Waitlist at the faculty	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes, consult Institution Profile	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Using comment box on application form to add more elective dates?	No	No	N/A	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only if within the elective window of date of application	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Only if within the elective window of date of application
Elective Coordinator knows elective availability	Potential openings	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Does the faculty office organize Observership Shadowing for visiting students?	No	No	No, must be organized between student & preceptor	No, must be organized between student & preceptor	No	No	Contact department directly	No	No, contact hospital	No	No	Contact hospital for availability	No	No	No	No	No
What is the latest week I can cancel my confirmed elective?	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	4 wks before the start date	8 wks before the elective start date	8 wks before the elective start date	6 wks before the elective start date	8 wks prior to the start date	6 wks before the elective start date
If I cancel my confirmed elective, will an unprofessional letter be sent to my school?	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before the start date, without mitigating circumstances	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before the start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before the start date	Yes if cancellation is received less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before the start date	Possible if cancellation is rec'd less than 6wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 4 wks before the start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 8 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 8 wks before start date	Yes if cancellation is rec'd less than 6 wks before start date	Yes if insufficient or no notice of cancellation is provided	Yes if failure to provide 6 wks notice.
Do you offer 1-week electives?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes with some departments	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
My home school is in Canada, how early can I apply for an elective?	26 to 12 wks before start date	26 to 10 wks before start date	26 to 8 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 12 wks before start date	26 to 12 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 6 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date	26 to 16 wks before start date
Can I submit a late application, after the 16-week deadline?	No	No	See school elective process on Institution Profile	Yes, but pre-approval is required	No	No	Up to 8 weeks prior to start date. Contact school directly	No	Yes, but restrictions may apply. Contact school directly	No	No	Yes	Subject to certain conditions	No	Yes	No	No
My home school is outside of Canada, can I complete more than 12 weeks at your school?	Not exceeding 8 wks	We do not accept Int'l visiting students	We do not accept Int'l visiting students	We do not accept Int'l visiting students that are not residents of SK	Not exceeding 8 weeks	Yes, consult portal for particulars	Not exceeding 8 weeks	Not exceeding 4 weeks	Not exceeding 4 weeks	Not exceeding 4 weeks	Not exceeding 4 weeks	No	No	Not exceeding 8 weeks	N/A	Not exceeding 8 weeks	Yes, consult the institution profile for details
Are additional documents required after application submission?	Yes, once confirmed. CPSBC Licensing Package, details in confirmation	Sometimes, you will be notified via Portal as needed	Sometimes, you will be notified via Portal as needed	Yes, once confirmed. Student will be contacted directly	Yes, once accepted	Yes	Yes, consult Portal profile	Yes, consult Institution Profile	Yes, student will be notified via the Portal	N95 mask fitting, if not completed (Int'l Students)	Possibly, will be contacted directly.	Only for « étudiants hors-Québec »	No	Possibly, you will be contacted directly	No	Yes, consult Institution Profile	No
English is not my first language; will I be required to provide a proof of language?	Yes, see language requirements in Policies	Yes, see lang. requirements in student types + req. docs.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, applicable to international students	Yes	No	No	Non	No	No	Yes via Home School Verification	No (for Cdn. Students) Yes (for Int'l. students)
French is not my first language; will I be required to provide a proof of language?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No