



College of Chiropractic Orthopaedic Specialists (Canada)  
Collège des spécialistes en orthopédie chiropratique (Canada)

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To Prospective Candidates:

The College of Chiropractic Orthopaedic Specialists (Canada) [CCOS(C)] is accepting applications again for candidates for Fellowship. The training program is mostly on-line to provide access across the country to those interested in becoming chiropractic orthopaedic specialists. We are offering standing application deadline dates of April 30, August 31 and December 31 annually. If you have any questions, please send an email to [info@ccosc.ca](mailto:info@ccosc.ca).

If you are applying from a jurisdiction that does not recognize chiropractic specialties, please be clear in your own mind as to what the benefit to you will be of obtaining a Fellowship. The outlined program should enable you to sit successfully the International Academy of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine examination. Please read, print, sign and scan back to us the disclaimer regarding the exam in Part 6 of the application package.

For applicants from Alberta, please note that while orthopaedic specialists may manage and cast simple fractures with adequate training, the program elements have been chosen to prepare candidates for the IANM exam; this may not prepare you fully for clinical fracture management. Other supervised experience, such as with a chiropractic orthopaedist who does fracture management, or training will likely be required to fulfill the requirements of Alberta laws and regulations.

The elements of the program will naturally change over time. Any additional requirements that do change will only affect those whose applications are approved after the date that any additional elements are implemented. The Executive Board of the CCOS(C) reserves the right to modify existing program elements subject to variations in availability and deliverability. However, those who take longer than the planned 3 years to complete all elements of the graduate studies program, laid out at the time of acceptance of their application, will be asked to complete any additions to the program made after their original application date. If a candidate does not complete all program elements of the graduate studies program within 5 years of the candidate's acceptance date, the Executive Board will not recommend the candidate to the IANM for sitting the exam.

The elements of the program that we are currently offering a minimum of **410 hours** and include:

- 1) University of Bridgeport distance learning: **300 hours** of Chiropractic Development International content, comprising the distance education component of the Orthopedics and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Post-doctoral program;
- 2) Athabasca University: two on-line courses from the Masters of Health Studies for non-program students; each course is assigned 45 credit hours, or **90 hours** for the two;



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- 3) Courses in fracture and dislocation management. The providers of the casting courses are currently in flux. The courses will be offered towards the end of completion of the program. Details will follow, but please be expecting to travel for a minimum of two weekends for this hands-on element of the training. Total hours are yet to be determined.
- 4) Mentoring with current Fellows of the CCOS(C) for a minimum of **20 hours**. Mentoring hours are likely to be added to address gaps in curriculum materials compared to specialist competencies approved by the Federation of Canadian Chiropractic. Mentoring hour variations should only require additional time and not addition fees.

The total cost of the program will vary over the course of studies. Three main reasons for any variation will be: 1) fluctuations in exchange rates as the bulk of program elements are being provided from the United States; 2) potential changes in course costs by the institutions providing content; and 3) travel costs to Alberta or other locales for hands-on casting training. The costs of transcripts for your application will vary according to the institutions supplying them. A rough estimate of the cost of the program would be \$24,000CDN plus travel costs.

All costs and links listed in this letter have been verified as of February 8, 2024. Costs and availability of content hosted by other institutions are subject to change without notice from CCOS(C).

- 1) Application to CCOS(C): \$500 CDN;
- 2) Registration fee to CCOS(C) on acceptance to the program: \$500 CDN;
- 3) University of Bridgeport content fees: \$30USD per hour, 300 hours= \$9000 USD  
<https://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/programs/hs-postgrad-programs/orthopedics-neuromusculoskeletal-medicine> for course outline (click on Syllabus tab) and to register for courses; see <https://cdi.edu.au/bridgeport/nmsm.php> "Your Pathway to Board Certification" for confirmation of the costs at \$300USD for blocks of 10 hours of content;
- 4) Athabasca University fees: \$1864CDN per course for 2 courses in Masters Health Studies: MHST/NURS603 (<https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/mhst/mhst603.html>) and MHST/NURS610 (<https://www.athabascau.ca/syllabi/nurs/nurs610.html>) plus registration fees. See <https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/graduate/fhd/master-of-health-studies.html#fees> for posted fees. To apply for these two courses and not the entire Masters of Health Studies, enrol as non-program students; see <https://www.athabascau.ca/calendar/graduate/fhd/master-of-health-studies.html#nonprogramapplication>;
- 5) Fracture casting courses: count on travel costs to this hands-on element of the program then course costs may run as high as \$1000CDN per weekend, depending on the available provider. More information will be forthcoming for candidates as they approach finishing their program;
- 6) IANM examinations: there are registration fees and separate exam fees for the two exams Parts 1 and 2: \$1350USD for part 1 (on-line written) and \$1350USD for Part 2 (on-line OSCE). For information see <https://ianmmedicine.org/> and scroll down to the section titled "Apply To Take the IANM Certification Examination."



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AMA impairment ratings certification is strongly recommended for anyone interested in doing third-party assessments. This certification is not essential for sitting the IANM examinations. For more general information, please see <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ama-guides/ama-guides-evaluation-permanent-impairment-overview>. There are different versions of the ratings and different jurisdictions use different versions. If this aspect of specialist work appeals to you, check your jurisdiction's contexts for using the AMA impairment ratings.

Please follow the instructions for application carefully. You will register for each component with each course provider yourself; however, completing the components of the program, independently of having been accepted by the CCOS(C) Board as a candidate, will not authorize you to be recommended by CCOS(C) to the IANM for their examination. The IANM cannot accept exam candidates without the recommendation of the body supervising the training program; in Canada that is only the CCOS(C).

Please review all the documents in the application folder. Wherever possible, we have included fillable PDF forms. Some forms will need to be partially filled, printed and passed along for others to complete. Do note that where signatures are required, the forms will have to be printed then scanned for submission to the CCOS(C). However completed, all documents must be submitted electronically. There is no mailing address for any components of the application. We look forward to receiving your completed application package.

On behalf of the Executive Board of the CCOS(C),

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