



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

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To Prospective Candidates:

I would like to introduce you to the training program that the College of Chiropractic Orthopaedic Specialists (Canada) [CCOS(C)] has put together for those aspiring to become Fellows of CCOS(C).

For the 2020 spring intake, we will be accepting a maximum of five candidates. The application deadline date for 2020 will be May 15, 2020.

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 (formerly the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics) 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 the following regarding fracture management as outlined in Sections 14(2) and 15(1) of the Chiropractors Profession Regulation of Alberta's Health Professions Act (http://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2006_277.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncln=0779752031). 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 other training courses such as provided by CASTED (see casted.ca) may be required to fulfill the requirements of Section 15(1).

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. We are excited to be able to offer sustainable training for candidates for fellowship in the CCOS(C). This training program is predominantly distance learning to allow as wide access as possible for chiropractors in Canada. If you have any questions, please send an email to info@ccosc.ca.



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The elements of the program that we are currently offering total **454 hours** and include:

- 1) University of Bridgeport distance learning: **250 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
 - a. MHST 603: Facilitating Inquiry
 - b. MHST 610: Evidence-Based Practice in Health Care
- 3) Courses in adult fracture and dislocation management and in paediatric fractures. Each course is a single day for 7 hours, run annually on consecutive days in mid-January in Alberta. This component is **not** online. Successful candidates will be informed as to the particulars of the courses. If travel to Alberta is not possible, more expensive options are available that may be more local.
- 4) A placement observing in a fracture clinic for **80 hours**, to be arranged by candidates in their home community. Any candidates in the Toronto area can access the Scarborough and Rouge Hospital (S&RH) Fracture Clinic with our current arrangements. A clear Criminal Reference Check that includes Vulnerable Sector Screening is required by S&RH and may well be required by other facilities; the cost of the police check is the responsibility of the candidate. The police check results are to be submitted to the CCOS(C) before the start of placement. Viral screening for measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox (Varicella) and N95 mask fitting are also required by S&RH; other facilities will likely have similar requirements. Any costs for satisfying a host institution's requirements will be the responsibility of the candidate. CCOS(C) maintains general (not professional) liability insurance for candidates in host institutions for on-site participation, and can provide proof of said insurance on request.
- 5) Mentoring with current Fellows of the CCOS(C) for up to **20 hours**.

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 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 \$20,000 CDN plus travel costs.

All costs and links listed in this letter have been verified as of February 13, 2020; however, costs and availability of content hosted by other institutions is subject to change without notice from CCOS(C).

- 1) Application to CCOS(C): \$500 CDN
- 2) Registration fee to Graduate Studies Program on acceptance to the program: \$500 CDN
- 3) Bridgeport: \$30 USD per hour, 250 hours= \$7500 USD
<http://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/continuing/health-sciences-postgraduate-education-programs/chiropractic-continuing-education/advanced-clinical-training/> for course outline and



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to register for courses; <https://cdi.edu.au/bridgeport/nmsm.php> section 7 for confirmation of the cost per hour

- 4) Athabasca: \$2850 CDN in total for 2 courses in Masters Health Studies: MHST603 and MHST610
<http://calendar.athabascau.ca/grad/current/fhd/mhs-courses.php> for course information;
<http://calendar.athabascau.ca/grad/current/fhd/mhs-fees.php> for course fee information.
To apply for these two courses and not the entire Masters of Health Studies, follow the link:
<http://calendar.athabascau.ca/grad/current/fhd/mhs-non-program-application.php>
- 5) Alberta fracture courses as of January 2018: \$480 CDN per course (2 courses: \$960 CDN) plus travel to and accommodation in Alberta; for spaces reserved for CCOS(C), names must be confirmed first by the CCOS(C) Board to the course provider before registration is possible
- 6) AMA impairment ratings certification: strongly recommended for anyone interested in doing third-party assessments, but not essential for IANM examination
- 7) IANM exam: \$1900 USD total for Parts 1 and 2; \$950 USD for part 1 (on-line written) and \$950 USD for Part 2 (on-line OSCE)
For information see <https://ianmmedicine.org/exam-overview/>
- 8) Mentoring and hospital observation placements: honoraria may be necessary for hospitals

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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