



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.

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 may not recommend the candidate to the IANM for sitting the exam or financial penalties may be incurred.

The elements of the program, currently offering a minimum of **410 hours**, 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) Parker University: two on-line courses from the Masters of Clinical Neuroscience Program; 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) Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario: equivalent of 15 hours of on-line training in education of health professionals, then applied in a 2-hour distance continuing education program to be delivered to our membership as a graduation competency demonstration
- 5) 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.
- 6) Placements/Observerships: Candidates will arrange for a placement for approximately 80 hours at once or over a period of time with an orthopaedist or in an orthopaedic related clinical environment. The board may also have placements arranged at the time of the candidate's training, however where this is not possible, the candidate is expected to find a placement.

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 \$30,200 CAD plus travel costs. This total is subject to exchange rate fluctuation.

All costs and links listed in this letter have been verified as of August 13, 2026. Costs and availability of content hosted by other institutions are subject to change without notice from CCOS(C).

- 1) Application to CCOS(C): \$500 CAD
- 2) Registration fee to CCOS(C) on acceptance to the program: \$500 CAD
- 3) University of Bridgeport content fees: \$40 per hour, 300 hours= \$12 000 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"
- 4) Parker University fees: Approximately \$5076 USD for 2 courses in Masters of Clinical Neuroscience Program (1.Neuro 6106 research design and scholarly activities, 2.Neuro 6310 professional communication)
My.parker.edu/ICS/Sudent_Services/registrar
Contact: Ginger Bonton, Director of Admissions College of Health Sciences.
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These courses will serve to prepare the candidate for the requirement of preparing/writing a paper of publishable quality.

- 5) Fracture casting courses: count on travel costs to this hands-on element of the program. Course costs may run as high as \$1000 CDN per weekend, depending on the available provider. More information will be forthcoming for candidates as they approach finishing their program.
- 6) Queen's University course fee \$195CAD <https://healthsci.queensu.ca/opdes/cpd/educational-programs-opportunities/ihpe>
- 7) IANM examinations: there are registration fees and separate exam fees for the two exams Parts 1 and 2: \$1400 USD for part 1 (on-line written) and \$1400 USD for Part 2 (on-line OSCE) plus a \$150 USD registration fee. For information see <https://ianmmedicine.org/> and scroll down to the section titled "Apply to Take the IANM Certification Examination"

Other courses:

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.

Mentoring in medicolegal affairs with Dr. Rocco Guerriero, approximately 10 hours, is strongly recommended. Training to be arranged with Dr. Guerriero at drguerriero@nyrc.ca

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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President, CCOS(C)