

## Candidates with an evaluation from the OPTMQ

Candidates who have immigrated to Canada with previous medical laboratory technology training are able to get their education and experience evaluated by the Ordre professionnel des technologistes médicaux du Québec (OPTMQ). This evaluation will list the competencies which they must complete in order to qualify for a license to practice in Quebec. Candidates may apply to the Dawson College Biomedical Laboratory Technology to complete these competencies. The steps by which this application is processed are as follows:

1. **Candidates with an evaluation from the OPTMQ should make an application to the Program by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline through the regular College application process.**
  - a. OPTMQ evaluation will be used to assess which courses are required.
  - b. The candidate's application will be processed separately from DEC candidates.
  - c. The candidate will be interviewed. Language testing may be required.
  - d. Candidates who miss the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will be assessed if there is space in August.
  
2. **Documents required (in addition to the documents required by the College for admission):**
  - a. OPTMQ evaluation
  - b. Transcript of clinical education and most recent education
  - c. Letter of intent
  - d. Work experience
  
3. **Language requirements**
  - a. English language requirement: Candidates must be able to function in English (oral, reading and writing skills) at the College level.
  - b. French language requirement: Candidates must demonstrate sufficient French language skills before entering the Program, in order to function in the clinical workplace during the stage component.
  - c. Candidates may be required to take an English and/or French language placement test.
  
4. **Admission on the basis of the OPTMQ evaluation**
  - a. Two year profile: If the courses required to attain the missing competencies can be offered within a two year period, admission will be contingent on the availability of clinical spaces and DEC enrolment in second year.
  - b. Three year profile: If the courses required to attain the missing competencies must be spread over three years, the candidates may be offered admission to register only for the program specific (concentration) courses.
  - c. Once admitted, if the applicant's knowledge/skill base is uncertain or if there are any deficiencies in a particular area, the program can require testing in order to properly place the student at the appropriate level. Depending on the results of this testing, the program can require courses in addition to those prescribed by the OPTMQ.

### NOTES:

- **Space is limited by the number of clinical spaces available. DEC students will have priority over the clinical spaces.** Decisions will be made only after clinical space considerations have been determined for DEC students.
- Candidates will register only for the courses that are required by the OPTMQ for their license to practice (i.e., candidates will not receive a DEC).
- Candidates must pass ALL courses in which they are registered to advance in the Program. The Program Standing and Advancement policy will be applied, in the case of any failures.
- Candidates can apply for membership with the regulatory body in other provinces, if they meet their requirements.
- Candidates who are interested in national certification should contact the CSMLS for information on their requirements and process.
- Candidates will be required to pass the OQLF French exam if indicated on the OPTMQ evaluation.