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 professional membership 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 contact the Program Coordinator and submit their OPTMQ evaluation for a preliminary assessment.**
   
   OPTMQ evaluation will be used to assess which courses are required. If the courses required can not be offered in a 2 year period (maximum), the candidate will be refused entry on this basis. In this case, the candidate can apply for full time studies in the DEC program, according the regular admissions procedures for the Program.

2. **Based on the preliminary assessment, if the candidate is required to take only 3rd year courses (i.e., entry directly into the Fall semester of 3rd year):**
   a. The candidate will be instructed to make an application (hard copy) to submit to the Program Coordinator.
   b. An interview will be set up with the Program Coordinator.
   c. Language testing may be required.
   d. Admission is contingent on availability of clinical spaces and DEC enrolment in third year.

3. **Based on the preliminary assessment, if the candidate is required to take any courses in addition to the 3rd year courses (i.e., 2 year maximum):**
   a. The candidate must make an application to the Program by the March 1st deadline through the regular College application process.
   b. The candidate’s application will be processed separately from DEC candidates.
   c. The candidate will be interviewed. Language testing may be required.
   d. Admission is contingent on the availability of clinical spaces and DEC enrolment in second year.
   e. Candidates who miss the March 1st deadline will be assessed if there is space in August.

4. **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

5. **Language testing**
   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 (oral, reading and writing) to be able to function in the clinical workplace. Candidates who are required by the OPTMQ to pass the OQLF French exam to enter the profession must upgrade their French language skills through the Continuing Education Department.
   c. Candidates may be required to take an English and/or French language placement test.

**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 entry to the profession (i.e., candidates will not receive a DEC).
- Candidates must pass ALL courses in which they are registered to advance to 3rd year courses/stages. 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 the 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.