

# BECOMING A PHYSICIAN ASSESSOR



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The NSPRAP requires experienced family physicians to be physician assessors of foreign-trained family physicians.

As a family physician assessor, you will work alongside and supervise a candidate in family practice settings for six weeks to help determine whether they are ready to practice independently with defined licenses in Nova Scotia.

During the supervised clinical experience, you may supervise candidates in multiple clinical settings (i.e., office care, in-patient care, and long-term care). Ideally, as a trained physician assessor, you would take a second candidate for another six weeks. You will be compensated for providing supervision and assessing these candidates.



## ASSESSOR QUALIFICATIONS

- Have a full license to practice family medicine in Nova Scotia and be in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.
- Each clinical field experience (CFA) must have two assessors, a primary and a secondary physician. The primary assessor will take overall responsibility for the candidate. The primary and secondary assessors can share the responsibility for candidate oversight and assessment during the CFA.
- Primary assessors must have practiced family medicine in Canada for at least five years and secondary assessors must have practiced family medicine for at least three years.

All assessors will be vetted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.

## ASSESSOR TRAINING

Primary assessors receive mandatory training with respect to the evaluation tools and methods used in assessing candidates. Secondary assessors are welcome to participate in the training, but it is not mandatory. Below are key details of our training program:

- Assessors who attend training will be compensated at the current MSI sessional rate to attend three to four hours of asynchronous training (reviewing online modules) and several hours of virtual synchronous training.
- Assessor training precedes the CFA which typically takes place in March & September annually.

## QUICK FACTS

### What's in it for me?

As an assessor, you will play a key part in recruiting family physicians committed to practicing in communities with physician shortages. In addition to helping under-served communities acquire a family physician, you will benefit by refining valuable assessment skills.

### How long is the commitment?

You and your secondary assessor(s) will participate for six weeks. However, you are welcome to participate in additional 6 week CFA assessments as new candidates enter the program.

### Will I get paid?

Yes. You will be paid at the current MSI sessional rate. Visit our FAQ webpage for more payment details. More details can be provided upon request.

### How to apply to be an assessor?

Visit [nsrap.ca](http://nsrap.ca) to read more about the program. If you feel you would be a good fit to be an assessor, email [info@nsrap.ca](mailto:info@nsrap.ca) to express your interest and we will send you additional program information.

Additional FAQs are provided on [nsrap.ca](http://nsrap.ca)

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“I cannot speak highly enough of the overall experience of working with the assessed physicians and the program's administrative staff. I am constantly amazed and inspired by the tenacity, diligence and bravery of the physicians we assess, and the support from the program has been first-rate.”

- Dr. Emmanuel Ajuwon, New Waterford, Nova Scotia



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