Program Background
The Restricted Registration program was jointly developed in 2006 by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the six Ontario Medical Schools and the Professional Association of Residents of Ontario in response to physician staffing gaps in the province. As of June 2020, 620 residents with an RR certificate have worked over 5,300 shifts and provided 75,000 hours of patient care at 53 healthcare sites across Ontario.

What is Restricted Registration?
Restricted Registration is a certificate issued by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) allowing senior residents on an educational license to practice under supervision, outside of their residency training requirements, for remuneration. Residents who hold a Postgraduate Certificate must obtain an RR certificate in order to provide clinical service for pay outside of their training program. This clinical service aligns with the parameters set out by the training program, as to what is acceptable and falls within the skill set/competencies of the resident. The RR Resident works in a resident capacity with oversight from an independently licensed physician who is the Most Responsible Physician (MRP).

Please note that a Certificate of Restricted Registration for Residents is different than a Restricted License, issued by the CPSO for fully trained physicians who have not passed their RCPSC examinations.

Benefits of Restricted Registration
The RR Program provides hospitals with access to a flexible pool of competent physicians available during high demand periods. In addition, the Program provides residents with an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a variety of practice settings, allow job exploration, build confidence to ease the transition to independent practice and the ability to earn extra income.

RR Application Process
To be eligible to apply for an RR certificate, residents must be enrolled in a participating postgraduate program at an Ontario School of Medicine, have successfully completed MCCQE Parts I and II and be in good academic standing. The two-part application consists of an online academic component that the supervising physician completes with detailed information regarding the scope of practice and supervision and is then approved by the residents’ Program Director and Post Graduate Dean. The second part, the CPSO application, is completed by the resident and submitted to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario along with the application fee - currently $1,035.

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