

Frequently Asked Questions Maternity Care for BC (MC₄BC)

1. Are Family Practice Residents currently in training eligible?

No, residents currently in training are not eligible to participate in the program.

2. Are GPs from other provinces eligible to participate in MC₄BC?

No, GPs from other provinces are not eligible for the program.

3. What is the review process for applications and how long would it take?

The MC₄BC Subcommittee will review applications on a monthly basis and make recommendations regarding successful applicants to the FPSC Maternity Working Group. Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt to the Program Administrator (e.g. reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis). Applicants will receive a letter of acceptance or denial within two-months of submitting their applications. The FPSC Maternity Working Group has the ultimate discretion and authority to review all requests and to make exceptions to decisions coming forth from the MC₄BC Subcommittee.

4. Can other professionals, besides physicians, act as my preceptor?

Yes. Preceptors may be GPs, Specialists, and Non-Physicians (i.e. Lactation Consultants, Nurse Practitioners, and Registered Midwives). All preceptors are eligible for and funded for the provision of these services.

5. Can non-physicians act as my mentor?

Participants are encouraged to connect with a GP to act as their mentor for up to one year of their initial independent practice of primary obstetrics. If a participant solicits a mentor who is not their original GP/ Specialist Preceptor from the supervision phase of MC₄BC, the participant must send an email to the MC₄BC Program Administrator seeking approval and explain the rationale.

6. Can I include home birth management through MC₄BC?

No, home births are not included as part of MC₄BC at this time.

7. Can I take either planned or unanticipated breaks during the program?

Yes, breaks in your program are permitted as long as the Program Administrator is notified and a revised learning plan is submitted that indicates how the training will recommence. If a Participant wishes to seek permission to defer, extend or significantly alter any part of his or her program, a request must be submitted in writing to the FPSC Maternity Working Group through the MC₄BC program prior to the commencement of the proposed changes with an explanation of the reason(s) for the request. Examples of reasons would include serious family illness or other reasons beyond the control of the participant. Each request will be adjudicated by the FPSC Maternity Working Group and the decision will be communicated in writing to the participant making the request.

8. Can I receive payments for the same services or activities undertaken during my MC₄BC program from “multiple sources”?

No, to be eligible to receive MC₄BC funding for any services covered within the Program Participants, Preceptors, and Mentors may not be receiving payment for obstetrical upgrade re-training or training, or teaching from another funding source for the services covered by MC₄BC.