

Canadian College of Microbiologists

Professional Service Eligibility Criteria – FCCM Candidates

In order to be considered an eligible candidate for the FCCM based on senior professional service, appropriate post-doctoral experience meeting the criteria described below must be documented. Throughout the last 3 years of service in a hospital or public health clinical microbiology laboratory, the candidate must have devoted at least 75% of his/her time to Clinical and Public Health and Administrative duties. The required percentages of time devoted to each specific area are:

1. Clinical and Public Health (55-90%)

Examples include:

- Assist healthcare providers in test selection
- Communicate the use and interpretation of results of diagnostic tests to the users of microbiology services
- Develop/revise laboratory test algorithms
- Assist medical laboratory technologists in culture interpretation and clinical significance determination
- Consult public health officials (local, provincial, and national)
- Participate in hospital/institutional committees
- Oversee/monitor the quality control/quality assurance in the laboratory

2. Administrative (10-20%)

Examples include:

- Oversee/monitor the proficiency testing, competency assessments, and/or accreditation of the laboratory and laboratory staff
- Perform cost analysis studies on new laboratory tests
- Interact with laboratory and institutional administration

3. Research (0-25%)

4. Teaching (0-25%)

In each specific area, the minimum percentage of time must be met. The amount of time devoted to research and/or teaching, combined, must not exceed 25%.

The eligibility of each candidate will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the FCCM Standing Committee.