



MEDICAL RECRUITMENT & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



The Local Landscape



Cornwall is a growing city with its population currently estimated at 54,000 people.

Situated in a local region of over 120,000 people, the city's economy is robust and the nature of the population is diverse. People living here enjoy a wonderful balance between work and quality of life. Cornwall enjoys a strategic location on Highway 401, just an hour's drive from Montreal and Ottawa.

Nestled along the shores of the St. Lawrence River, Cornwall's recreational amenities are just minutes away from the office. Housing prices are amongst the most affordable in Canada. The school system is strong and local residents enjoy eclectic choices when it comes to shopping, dining, arts and culture.

Cornwall has long supported community health care initiatives, especially the recruitment of medical professionals and the ongoing enhancement of community health care assets.

Local charitable foundations have been successful in raising funds to ensure modern equipment is available to our health care professionals.

St. Lawrence College

St. Lawrence College has a long tradition of providing excellent training in Health Sciences. It offers a Bachelor of Nursing degree at its Cornwall Campus, along with diplomas in Practical Nursing, Paramedics and Personal Support Worker. The College has advanced facilities, including a new Paramedic Simulation Centre where Primary Care Paramedics train.

Mayor's Task Force on Medical Recruitment

Mayor Justin Towndale struck a task force in 2024 to look at ways to combat local family doctor and healthcare worker shortages. The task force has made a number of recommendations, which City Council has endorsed.

Medical Recruitment

Cornwall Economic Development is actively working with local and regional health sector partners to recruit medical professionals to the community.

Take a closer look at Cornwall and our medical recruitment programs!

Visit **ChooseCornwall.ca** for more info.

Medical Recruitment and Relocation Program

The City of Cornwall's Medical Recruitment and Relocation Program supports the recruitment and relocation of new medical professionals to Cornwall.

The Program offers a forgivable loan up to \$25,000 in exchange for 3 years return-of-service in the community.

Eligible expenses are reimbursed based on submitted receipts, up to a maximum of \$25,000.

The loan can be used to cover the costs of moving, office setup, administration, and other expenses deemed necessary for starting a practice in Cornwall.



Dr. Miriam Ghaly and Dr. Jon Tran

Welcome Doctors!

Since 2001, 50 physicians have taken advantage of the program. **Dr. Catherine Lapointe** is a family physician originally from Montreal who is now working at the Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie.

Here are some additional doctors that have relocated to Cornwall in the last couple of years:

Dr. Stephanie Amorosa is a family physician who relocated from the United States and is now working with Seaway Valley Community Health Centre.



Dr. Chloé Rozon is originally from Cornwall and has returned to practice as an obstetrician and gynecologist at the McConnell Medical Centre and with the Cornwall Community Hospital.



Dr. Paul Ojebode is originally from Wales UK and has relocated to open a family medicine practice at the McConnell Medical Centre.



Dr. Nadina Abdullayeva is a psychiatrist and is now working with Cornwall Community Hospital with their Community Addiction & Mental Health Services.



Dr. Zheng Wen Zhang is a family physician who has relocated from Montreal to start his practice at the McConnell Medical Centre.



Dr. Anissa Chirico is an anesthesiologist originally from Montreal who will be working at the Cornwall Community Hospital.



Medical Scholarship Program



Dr. Jared McDonald

The Cornwall Medical Scholarship provides financial support to a local student who agrees to establish a practice in Cornwall upon completion of their studies.

The medical scholarship is valued at \$25,000 annually and may be awarded, each year, for up to six years, to a qualified medical student.

In order to be eligible, candidates must be a resident of Cornwall, SDG or Akwesasne and must be accepted or currently enrolled in full-time studies in a Faculty of Medicine with the intent of becoming qualified to practice Family Medicine in Ontario.

In return for scholarship funding, the recipient will set up a family medicine practice and undertake admitting hospital privileges in Cornwall for a minimum period of five years.

Scholarship Success

Dr. Vanessa Carter

was the very first medical scholarship recipient. Dr. Carter continues to practice family medicine in Cornwall at the Cotton Mill Medical Centre.

Dr. Karen Poirier

was the 2021 scholarship recipient and after completing her studies is now working with Seaway Valley Community Health Centre.

Dr. Jared McDonald

was the 2022 scholarship recipient and after completing his studies is now working with the Seaway Valley Community Health Centre.

Dr. Jonathan Tran

was the 2023 scholarship recipient and upon graduation he accepted a position as an ER doctor at the Cornwall Community Hospital. He is now working with the Seaway Valley Community Health Centre.

Dr. Julie Crevier

was the 2024 scholarship recipient and upon graduation has accepted a position with the Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie.



A Healthy Community

Cornwall is a great community in which to practice medicine as it has a robust health sector led by talented and dedicated people. Anchored by the full-service Cornwall Community Hospital with state-of-the-art equipment, the city features a number of publicly funded and private-sector health clinics that work together to support the local population.

Cornwall welcomes new residents each year and there is a current demand for medical professionals to meet the needs of this growing population. As of 2026, 14,644 people in Cornwall were without access to primary care.



Cornwall Community Hospital

Cornwall Community Hospital is an 185-bed acute care hospital providing everything from ambulatory to emergency services, from paediatrics to palliative care.



St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre provides rehabilitation and long-term care services at its 208-bed state-of-the-art healthcare facility.



Seaway Valley Community Health Centre

Seaway Valley Community Health Centre is a community-led organization, providing a wide range of health and wellness services and programs to families and individuals in the community.



Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie

The Centre de santé communautaire de l'Estrie offers primary healthcare, mental health care, and health promotion services targeted to the Francophone community.



Eastern Ontario Health Unit

The Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) is a health agency that addresses public health issues and promotes healthy living. The organization's head office is in Cornwall.



Cornwall SDG Paramedic Services

Cornwall SDG Paramedic Services provides 24-hour, 365-day emergency coverage to the city and the region.



Great River Ontario Health Team

Brings together health and community partners to connect and coordinate care, improve access to services, and respond to the health needs of communities across the region.

In Cornwall, you can have it all!

You'll find everything you need to enjoy an exceptional quality of life, where everything is just minutes away from your front door and new opportunities wait around every corner!



ARTS & CULTURE

The arts scene in Cornwall is vibrant and engaging, with dozens of fantastic concerts, festivals and exhibitions held throughout the year. From world-class musicians, to exciting theatre and thought-provoking visual arts, culture is alive and well along the St. Lawrence.



RECREATION

Cornwall offers countless opportunities to be active year-round, be it cycling, hiking, boating or organized sports. Dozens of parks and recreational facilities are popular with both local and visiting athletes, including the multi-purpose Benson Centre.



HEALTH CARE

Cornwall is home to a modern full-service hospital with state-of-the-art equipment and hundreds of healthcare professionals. Residents are further supported by medical, dental and other clinics across the city. You are never far from the assistance you need.



SCHOOLS

Children in Cornwall benefit from quality education in 25 elementary schools and 6 secondary schools with options for instruction in English and French. Our schools offer a safe and friendly environment with robust opportunities for extracurricular activities.



ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE

St. Lawrence College offers a diverse lineup of programs across a variety of disciplines, including skilled trades. The Campus is nestled on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, along with the River Institute and Aultsville Theatre.



CORNWALL TRANSIT

Our transit system provides effective and efficient service to nearly 900,000 passengers annually. The fleet of modern buses operates on a half-hour service, and a bus stop is never more than a short walk away.



LOWER COST LIFESTYLE

The cost of living in big cities like Toronto or Vancouver impacts the quality of life for many young Canadians. In Cornwall, the rent for a one-bedroom apartment starts at \$1,000 a month, while the average cost of a house is just over \$500,000.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cornwall offers a chance to connect with neighbours, be it for business or pleasure. We are a modern city with small community charm, where anyone can quickly build a network of colleagues and friends.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cornwall is growing and we have a wide variety of jobs available in every sector. If you are looking for work in logistics, health care, manufacturing, or education, we guarantee one of our employers is looking for you.

Notes

If you choose to print this document, you can use this page to keep track of any notes or questions you may have.

Additional Resources

Additional information, maps and documents are available online. Many of these documents can be downloaded for further reference.

Job Boards

There is ongoing demand for medical professionals and related support staff in Cornwall and region.



Current employment opportunities, which can include positions at the hospital, dental offices, medical offices, health clinics and private sector agencies, can be found on the Choose Cornwall Job Board.

ChooseCornwall.ca
groht.ca/careers

Great River Great Future

Cornwall is a partner in the Great River, Great Future campaign that aims to attract, recruit, welcome, and retain professionals to the

GreatRiverGreatFuture.ca



Career Guide & Brochures

The Cornwall

Career Guide is a helpful resource for people looking to start a career in Cornwall. It is available in English, French and Spanish. It, along with other brochures, can be downloaded from the Resources section.

ChooseCornwall.ca



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