

The Canadian Orthoptic Council gives written (and if successful in the written the oral, examinations leading to certification as an Orthoptist. If you are American, or British certified, you would most likely be able to take the examinations without further training at a Canadian Training Centre providing that you have a university degree in addition to your certification as an orthoptist.

If you do not have American, or British certification, you must submit evidence of a university or college baccalaureate degree and evidence of training in Orthoptics, which must be of least 24 months duration. These documents will be examined and if found acceptable, you will be asked to study a minimum of six months (until judged ready to take the examinations) in a training program accredited by the Canadian Medical Association or in some cases by the Canadian Orthoptic Council. You must arrange for such training your self, as the Canadian Orthoptic council will not place you. The addresses of the four teaching programs are listed below. In addition, there is an integration program in Montreal, set up to aid French speaking foreign trained orthoptists by providing the required training in French.

You must apply by Dec. 20, to receive a ruling as to admission to take the written examinations in May of the following year. However, should you need to do training, the earlier you apply, the more time you will have to arrange the training and to do it, prior to the exam.

**Required documents:** Proof of a University degree, orthoptic training of 24 months, proof of certification as an orthoptist

Please send your documents to Dr. Jane Gardiner MD, FRCSC, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Science, University of British Columbia, British Columbia Children's Hospital, A 139B-4800 Oak Street, BC, Canada V6H 3V4

### **Teaching Programs:**

Karen McMain  
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Orthoptic Clinic-Eye Care Centre  
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The Hospital for Sick Children  
555 University Ave.  
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Christy Gilligson  
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### **Integration Program:**

Programme d'Intégration Francophones des Orthoptistes ( PIFO)  
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