



RP. 01 Practice Experience Policy

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Resources: [Regulated Health Professions Act](#)
[Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations](#)

PEI College of Pharmacy policies, together with legislation, practice directives, standards and guidelines outline the practice expectations of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the province. Policies use “must” to indicate an action that is mandatory for a pharmacy professional. Policies use “may” to indicate that the registrant may use professional discretion.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to further define requirements concerning practice experience for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians at entry to practice as set out in legislation.

Application

This policy is applicable to applicants for the provisional class of the pharmacist and pharmacy technician registers.

Introduction

The PEI College of Pharmacy’s mandate is to regulate the practice of pharmacy with a focus on public interest. This includes ensuring that applicants meet the registration criteria as set out in the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. This policy describes the requirements for applicants with respect to practice experience requirements for initial registration for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

Policy

1. Applicants for registration in the Provisional class of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Registers are required to demonstrate that they are competent at entry to practice. For the purposes of section 12.2e of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and section 5e of the *Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations* the requirements for structured practice experience.
2. Graduates of the BScPharm programs in Canada must complete a period of 280 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.



3. Graduates of the Entry Level PharmD programs in Canada must complete a period of 175 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
4. Graduates of international pharmacy programs must complete 700 hours of structured practice experience.
5. Graduates of Pharmacy Technician programs in Canada must complete a period of 280 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
6. Applicants must complete registration as a provisional registrant before beginning practice experience.
7. Practice experience must be completed under the direct supervision of a preceptor.
8. Applicants are provided with a manual to complete during their practice experience. The preceptor will declare that the applicant has completed the period of practice experience to the satisfaction of the preceptor. However, the College will make the final determination of successful completion based on preceptor evaluations.