



RP. 11 CPR/First Aid Requirements

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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 define CPR and first aid certification requirements for registrants.

Application

This policy is applicable to pharmacists in the general, provisional, and special classes, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians.

Policy

Pharmacists and pharmacy students are required to show evidence of holding current CPR and First Aid certification upon initial application and maintain the certification for the period of their registration with the College.

Pharmacy technicians who hold an authorization to administer drugs are required to show evidence of CPR and First Aid certification at the time of application for the authorization and maintain the certification for the period of the authorization.

The College does not specify or endorse a particular First Aid & CPR course provider. It is the responsibility of the applicant/registrant to ensure the course taken is equivalent to the St. John Ambulance, Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation, Lifesaving Society, or the Canadian Red Cross by consulting with the course provider directly.

CPR and First Aid courses must contain a component where a demonstration of skills for certification is required. Blended programs where theory is learned online followed by a required demonstration component are acceptable.

Applicants and registrants are encouraged to consult with employers to determine if certification requirements of their employment are greater than what is required for registration with the PEI College of Pharmacy.

Required certifications:

First Aid:

Certification in Emergency or Standard First Aid

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR):

Minimum CPR certification requirements must be at CPR Level C or equivalent

Recertification:

Recertification requirements and expiration date are in accordance with the certifying organization.