



## 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*.



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 BScPharm programs in Canada must have completed a period of 280 hours of unstructured practice experience that was undertaken as a pharmacy student during the applicant's enrolment in an accredited pharmacy degree program.
4. Graduates of the Entry Level PharmD programs in Canada must complete a period of 175 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
5. Graduates of international pharmacy degree programs pursuing registration as a pharmacist must complete the Practice Assessment of Competence at Entry (PACE) in accordance with RP.18 PACE Policy.
6. Graduates of either international pharmacy programs or pharmacy technician programs, pursuing registration as a pharmacy technician, must complete 560 hours of structured practice experience, followed by an independent 1-week assessment.
7. Graduates of Pharmacy Technician programs in Canada must complete a period of 280 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
8. Applicants must complete registration as a provisional registrant before beginning post-graduate structured practice experience.
9. All practice experience must be completed under the direct supervision of a preceptor.
10. Applicants are provided with a manual to complete during their post-graduate structured 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.