



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 General 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 General class of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Registers are required to demonstrate that they have met any applicable requirements with respect to internship training, supervised practice or practicum for the purposes of section 12.2e of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and sections 5(c) and 31(c) of the *Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations*



2. For the purposes of section 5(c) of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technicians regulations, a structured practical training program approved by the Council includes:
 - a. Graduates of the BScPharm programs in Canada must complete a period of 280 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Graduates of the Entry Level PharmD programs in Canada must complete a period of 175 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.

Graduates of international pharmacy degree programs pursuing registration as a pharmacist through Pathway 3 must complete a period of 280 hours of practice experience prior to completing the Practice Assessment of Competence at Entry (PACE) in accordance with RP.18 PACE Policy.

3. For the purposes of section 31(c) of the Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Regulations, a structured practical training program for a pharmacy technicians includes:
 - a) Graduates of pharmacy technician programs in Canada, either accredited through the Canadian Council on Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or deemed substantially equivalent by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, must complete a period of 280 hours of post-graduate structured practice experience.
4. Applicants must complete registration as a provisional registrant before beginning any post-graduate structured practice experience.
5. Provisional pharmacists or pharmacy technicians completing post-graduate practice experience may only complete a maximum of 45 hours per week.
 - a). All practice experience must be completed under the direct supervision of a preceptor and completed at a practice site located in Prince Edward Island.



6. Applicants are provided with a manual to complete during their post-graduate structured practice experience. The preceptor will sign and submit a declaration to the College that the applicant has completed the period of practice experience. .