

PRACTICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Graduates of accredited Canadian pharmacy technician programs or approved bridging programs

Interpretation Guide

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In accordance with the *Pharmacy Act, 2024*¹, applicants must complete practical training as part of their registration with the College of Pharmacy of Newfoundland and Labrador (CPNL) as a pharmacy technician. To meet this requirement, applicants must meet the requirements outlined below:

- 1) Before applying to complete practical training, [apply to register with CPNL as a pharmacy technician intern](#).
- 2) Once registered as a pharmacy technician intern, [apply to complete practical training](#).
- 3) Once approval to begin practical training has been received, applicants must complete a minimum of 280 hours of practical training as per the following:
 - a) Applicants are responsible for finding their own sites and preceptors.
 - b) Practical training is normally served in a pharmacy with the opportunity for direct patient care and may only be served in a non-patient care setting with the prior approval of CPNL.
 - c) All 280 hours must be completed with a single approved preceptor.
 - d) Hours should be completed in a normal work week of not less than 20 hours and not more than 40 hours per week.
- 4) Prior to the start of the practical training period, CPNL will provide a manual consisting of an evaluation form and a set of activities to be completed and documented by the applicant and preceptor.

¹ Enabling Legislation: *Pharmacy Act, 2024*, section 20.

- 5) After the practical training period is completed, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is uploaded to the Registrant Portal.
- 6) If, for any reason, the applicant is unable to complete the practical training period, or if a change of preceptor is required, they should contact the CPNL office as soon as possible to discuss their options.
- 7) Completion of the practical training program shall be considered valid for a period of two years from the date it is completed. If an applicant has not completed all registration requirements during this time, they must successfully re-complete practical training prior to being registered.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Applicants are expected to allow adequate time for processing and approval (at least seven business days is generally recommended) prior to the anticipated commencement of the practical training period.
- The applicant may not begin the practical training period until they receive notification from CPNL that the application has been approved.
- Applications for practical training, including approval of a proposed preceptor and practice site are assessed on a case-by-case basis.
 - Exceptions to the criteria identified in section 3) may be considered on a case-by-case basis, upon application to CPNL.
 - CPNL may not approve a proposed preceptor or proposed practice site if there are concerns with the site or the preceptor's ability to fulfill the associated duties for any reason.