

STEPS TO BECOMING A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN: OPTION B

The Option B pathway to becoming a pharmacy technician is for pharmacy assistants who have worked at least 2000 hours as a member of a pharmacy team and/or as a teacher in the field of pharmacy within the last three years. Please follow the steps below to become listed as a pharmacy technician with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College).



STEP 01

Successfully complete the PEBC Evaluating Examination AND the NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program.

PEBC Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination

The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination (Evaluating Exam) determines if a pharmacy assistant has knowledge and skills that are comparable to graduates of programs accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP). The deadline for OPTION B candidates to successfully pass the Evaluating Exam was December 31, 2018.

The last administration of the PEBC Evaluating Exam was October 13, 2018. Pharmacy assistants who have not successfully completed the PEBC Evaluating Exam will be required to complete a CCAPP accredited pharmacy technician program (Option A pathway). Please visit the CCAPP website for more information on CCAPP accredited pharmacy technician programs.

NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program

The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program (Bridging Program) allows experienced pharmacy assistants who are working in a pharmacy to upgrade their skills without enrolling in a full-time pharmacy technician program.

Please Note: The PEBC Evaluating Exam and NAPRA Bridging courses must be completed before an assistant can undertake the Structured Practical Training and Jurisprudence Exam. Therefore, the NAPRA Bridging courses should be completed in the first half of 2019 in order to provide sufficient time to complete the remaining requirements (SPT and JP exam) prior to the December 31, 2019 deadline. Bridging courses are available online through Selkirk College.

STEP 02

Apply to become a pharmacy technician-in-training with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba.

Once you have completed the PEBC Evaluating Exam and the NAPRA Bridging Program, you can apply to become a pharmacy technician-in-training with the College. You must submit an [Application for Pharmacy Technician-in-Training](#) to the College. Make sure you include all of the documentation and the fee payment listed on the Pharmacy Technician-in-Training application form and submit it to the College in-person or by regular mail.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have changed your name from what is on your birth certificate, you must attach a notarized copy of the applicable marriage, divorce, or name change certificate to your application.

This step must be completed before you can move on to Step 3.



Successfully complete the Structured Practical Training (SPT) Program and the Jurisprudence Exam.

Structured Practical Training

All pharmacy technician applicants in Manitoba must successfully complete all parts of the Structured Practical Training (SPT) program. The SPT program is based on the [National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities \(NAPRA\) Professional Competencies for Canadian Pharmacy Technicians at Entry-to-Practice](#). Through observation, participation, and demonstration in a patient-care setting, pharmacy technicians-in-training develop the competencies they need to practice in Manitoba.

To begin the SPT program, you must

- find a practice site and supervisor
- complete and submit the [Pharmacy Technician Structured Practical Training Notification Form](#) to the College
- receive approval from the College to begin an SPT program.

Please review the [Pharmacy Technician SPT Manual](#) for detailed information about program requirements.

You must complete the Jurisprudence Exam before starting Part II of the SPT Program.

Jurisprudence Examination

All applicants must pass the College [Pharmacy Technician Jurisprudence Examination](#) (JP Exam) before they begin Part II of the SPT program. You must review the confirmation letter you receive from the College by email with your supervisor before you begin Part II of the SPT program.

Preparing for the JP Exam is critical. To prepare for the exam, you should be knowledgeable about, and understand the application of, all legislation, practice standards, guidelines and joint statements relevant to the practice of pharmacy in the province of Manitoba. Please use the College [Jurisprudence Exam Study Material](#) to help prepare for your exam.

You will have up to three hours to complete the exam and the exam will consist of multiple choice, true and false, long-answer questions, and/or fill-in-the-blanks. You must achieve a minimum grade of 70 per cent to pass.

To book an appointment to write a JP Exam, please contact Brittany Delaquis, Administrative Assistant, by email at bdelaquis@cphm.ca.

Once you successfully pass the JP Exam, you can claim your study time as accredited learning towards your professional development requirement. Study time for the JP Exam is accredited for a maximum of 10 CEU (one hour of study time equals 1 CEU). To claim your CEU, record them in your professional development log and fill out a [Statement of Participation](#) for your records.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no need to submit the Statement of Participation to the College office; however, at least once every two years, your pharmacy manager or delegate is required to confirm that you have met the annual professional development requirement.

STEP 04

Successfully complete the PEBC Qualifying Exam Parts I and II.

The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Qualifying Examination (Qualifying Exam) ensures that pharmacy technicians-in-training possess the necessary skills and knowledge to practice as pharmacy technicians at entry-to-practice. You must successfully pass Parts I and II of the exam before you can proceed to Step 4 and apply to practice as a pharmacy technician in Manitoba. PEBC's website outlines information about the Qualifying Exam including minimum requirements to write, scheduling and location, application procedures, and cost.

PLEASE NOTE: You can complete Step 4 (PEBC Qualifying Exams) before Step Three, but all of the steps must be completed regardless of the order. You should carefully review PEBC's website and understand their policies and procedures well in advance of applying to write the Qualifying Exam.

STEP 05

Apply to be listed as a pharmacy technician with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba.

Once you have successfully completed Steps 1- 4, you are eligible to apply to be listed as a pharmacy technician by the College. You must fill out an [Application for Listing as a Pharmacy Technician](#) and submit it to the College, along with the documentation listed on the application form, in-person or by regular mail.

If you need more information about becoming a pharmacy technician in Manitoba and being listed with the College, including language proficiency requirements, scope-of-practice, professional development requirements, or renewal, please return to the [Pharmacy Technician](#) page of the College website.

Please direct any questions you have to Brittany Delaquis, Administrative Assistant, by email at bdelaquis@cphm.ca.