



Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

Interpretation Guide

Practical Training Requirements for Registration as a Pharmacist (Internationally Educated Pharmacist Applicants)

The *Pharmacy Regulations, 2014* state that applicants for registration as a pharmacist must provide “proof satisfactory to the board that he or she completed the required period of practical training approved by the board.”¹ For the purposes of this section, internationally educated applicants for registration as a pharmacist in Newfoundland and Labrador who have not graduated from a Canadian CCAPP-accredited program must meet the requirements defined below.

- 1) Before applying to complete practical training, applicants must first apply to NLPB be registered as a Pharmacy Intern by submitting an Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Intern².
- 2) Once registered as a Pharmacy Intern, applicants must complete the NAPRA Diagnostic Tool and Learning Modules (DTLM)³. This program is intended to increase the applicant’s understanding of the knowledge and skills required for pharmacy practice in a Canadian setting.
- 3) Once the applicant has completed the DTLM, they may then apply to complete practical training by submitting an Application to Register for the NLPB Pharmacist Internship².

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 NLPB that the application has been approved.

- 4) Internationally educated applicants must complete a minimum of 560 hours of practical training.
 - a) Hours must be completed in two blocks of 280 hours under the supervision of two different approved preceptors.
 - b) Each block must be completed in a different location. At least one block must be completed in a community pharmacy.
 - c) Hours should be completed in a normal work week of not less than 20 hours and not more than 40 hours per week.
 - d) 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 NLPB.
 - e) Applicants are responsible for finding their own sites and preceptors.
- 5) Prior to the start of each training period, NLPB will provide manuals consisting of an evaluation form and a set of activities to be completed and documented by the applicant and preceptor.
- 6) After each practical training period is completed, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is returned to the NLPB office. All documentation for the first block must be received prior to approval to start the second block being granted.
- 7) 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 NLPB office as soon as possible to discuss options.

¹ Enabling Legislation: Pharmacy Regulations, 2014, section 3.(1)(c)

² Available on the [Register as a Pharmacy Student or Intern page](#) of the NLPB website

³ Available on the NAPRA website at: <https://www.napra.ca/resources/napra-diagnostic-tool-and-learning-modules/>