



Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

Interpretation Guide

Practical Training Requirements for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician (Graduates of Canadian CCAPP-accredited Pharmacy Technician Education Programs)

The *Pharmacy Regulations, 2014* state that applicants for registration as a pharmacy technician must provide “*proof satisfactory to the board that he or she completed the required period of practical training approved by the board.*” For the purposes of this section, applicants for registration as a pharmacy technician who have graduated from a Canadian pharmacy technician education program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) must meet the requirements defined below.

- 1) Applicants must complete a minimum of 280 hours of practical training with an approved preceptor, in addition to any experiential training completed as part of an accredited pharmacy technician education program.
 - a) All 280 hours must be completed after graduation with a single approved preceptor.
 - b) Hours should generally be completed in a normal work week pattern of not less than 20 hours and not more than 40 hours per week.
 - c) 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 the Board.
 - d) Candidates are responsible for finding their own sites and preceptors.
- 2) To register for the Pharmacy Technician Practical Training Program, candidates must:
 - a) Apply to the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board for authorization to complete the practical training program by completing and submitting the Application to Complete the Pharmacy Technician Practical Training Program form.
 - i) This application must include the sign-off of a proposed preceptor.
 - ii) Candidates are encouraged to allow adequate time for processing and approval (2-3 business days is recommended) prior to the anticipated commencement of the training period.
 - iii) Candidates are not to begin the program until he or she receives notification from the NLPB that the application has been approved.
 - b) Provide proof of successful completion of a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician education program.
- 3) During this training period, the candidate will complete a variety of activities designed to evaluate the candidate's ability to apply the knowledge and skills learned during the pharmacy technician education program in a real-world setting. These activities fall within the registered pharmacy technician's scope of practice and are based on competencies set forth in the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) Professional Competencies for Canadian Pharmacy Technicians at Entry to Practice (2014). A manual outlining the activities to be completed and documented by the candidate and preceptor will be provided prior to the start of the training period.
- 4) At the completion of the training period, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is returned to the NLPB Office in order to receive credit for completing the program.