



# POLICY & PROCEDURE

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## TOPIC: REGISTRATION OF NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY GRADUATES

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### Policy:

As of January 1, 2002 new graduate physiotherapists will be required to successfully undertake the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) in order to register with the College.

\* For students graduating in 2002, registration on the Examination Candidate Register will occur once evidence is received that the applicant has applied to undertake at least Part 1 of the PCE.

For students graduating in and subsequent to 2003, registration on the Examination Candidate Register will occur once evidence is received that the applicant has **passed** at least Part 1 of the PCE.

A physiotherapy student may complete all university requirements for convocation many months before convocation. The Council has agreed to the following process in order to allow the graduating students to work prior to convocation while ensuring that the public is protected from harm.

### Procedure:

1. Following successful completion of all academic and clinical coursework, the University (Student Records Department) will notify the Registrar in writing, that the student will be recommended to Senate for convocation.
2. The new graduate will be eligible to register with CPM on the Examination Candidate Roster to practice under mentorship once:
  - a) the College receives notification from the university that the student will convocate.

- b) confirmation is received from the *Alliance* that the new graduate has successfully completed the written component of the PCE (Physiotherapy Competency Examination).
- c) the new graduate provides evidence of professional liability insurance coverage at the minimum amount required.
- d) the new graduate completes the Registration form and pays the registration fee;
- e) the new graduate provides the Registrar with the name of the College registered physiotherapist who has agreed to serve as the applicant's mentor.
- f) the new graduate provides a recent (within 6 months) criminal record check (unless previously provided as a student).

The mentor's role is to provide guidance and advice to the graduate when the graduate has questions, concerns. The mentor is not responsible to undertake performance evaluations or to directly supervise the graduate.

The graduate is encouraged to complete the PCE examination at the next available session. However the graduate has up to 2 years (and three attempts) to complete both parts of the PCE.

Once the graduate has successfully completed Part 2 of the PCE, and has provided CPM with a copy of his/her Baccalaureate degree, the Registrar will place the graduate's name on the Active Practice Register. The graduate will then be entitled to practice independently.

**Legislative Reference:**

Regulations 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), 6(4), 6(5)