



POLICY & PROCEDURE

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TOPIC: RE-ENTRY TO PRACTICE

Policy:

A person who has been absent from the practice of physiotherapy and/or is unable to provide evidence of a minimum of 1200 physiotherapy practice hours during the preceding five (5) years, is required to participate in a program of reorientation and upgrading as determined by the Council in order to be granted full membership.

The Council approved program of reorientation and upgrading includes the following components:

1. The candidate is expected to seek out study and upgrading opportunities. This can include observation, mentoring with a qualified physiotherapist, auditing courses at the School of Medical Rehabilitation, self study or participating in continuing education courses.
2. The candidate is required to successfully complete the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE).
3. The candidate is required to undertake supervised clinical practice in an approved setting between Parts 1 and 2 of the PCE for a minimum of 400 hours.

Procedure:

1. The candidate must notify the Registrar of his/her intention to undertake a program of upgrading. A written plan for upgrading must be provided to the Registrar who will present the plan to the Board of Assessors for discussion and approval. The recommendations from the Board will be provided to the Council for approval.

2. Once the Council has approved the candidate's plans for upgrading, the Registrar will contact the applicant to inform him/her of the approval and will provide the candidate with the name of a Board of Assessors member who will serve as a liaison between the candidate and the Board. The Board will track the applicant's progress.
3. The candidate will apply to undertake the first part of the examination once he/she is ready, having completed the academic study portion. The candidate should bear in mind that the application deadline for the PCE is about 3 months in advance of the examination.
4. Once the candidate has successfully completed the multiple choice component (Part 1) of the examination, he/she should contact the Registrar to make arrangements for supervised clinical practice. The candidate will be required to seek out a clinical placement in a facility where exposure to the three main clinical areas (orthopedics, cardio respiratory and neurology) is available. The preferred type of setting is a general hospital. The candidate will be required to complete supervised practice under a qualified physiotherapist for a minimum of 400 hours. Once the clinical setting and supervisor have been approved by the Board of Assessors, the candidate is required to register on the Examination Candidate Register.
5. At the midway point and the end of each clinical component, the supervisor is required to undertake a performance evaluation on the candidate, utilizing a Council approved format. A copy of the evaluation is to be sent to the Registrar and will be discussed by the Board of Assessors. If the candidate's performance is below entry level, the candidate may be called in for an interview and/ or the placement can be terminated.
6. At the end of the supervised clinical practice component, the applicant must undertake the second part of the examination (the OSCE). If the candidate successfully completes the OSCE, full licensure can be granted.

Legislative Reference:

Regulation 6(1)(b)(ii)