

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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3.12 Proof of English and French Language Proficiency

Policy:

If an applicant for registration with CPM has not been educated in physiotherapy in English or French or the applicant's primary language is other than English or French, the applicant is required to demonstrate competency in English or French.

Procedure:

The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators and the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba will accept one of the following language tests and scores as proof of fluency:

1. The internet based TOEFL with an overall score of 92 with no sub test lower than 21
OR
2. CanTEST and its French equivalent (TESTCan) with a minimum level of 4 (overall writing, listening and reading) and 4.5 speaking
OR
3. IELTS (Academic International English Language Testing System) with an overall score of at least 7. The test must include all components: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

The language assessment must have been completed within two years of applying for credentialing with the Alliance. The scores from various sittings of a language assessment cannot be combined. An applicant must pass the language assessment in one sitting of the language assessment examination.

Rationale:

Physiotherapists working in Manitoba are part of the health care team and must be able to communicate effectively with clients/ patients, families and other health care team members