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## **Student Registration/Practice Experience**

### **Student Registration**

In accordance with the Regulations to the Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Act:

- No person may be registered as a student unless that person is currently enrolled in an accredited university program in pharmacy.
- Upon graduation, a registered student is qualified and will remain registered without further application or payment of any additional fee.

### **Practice Experience**

The *Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Act* and its Regulations state that pharmacy students, must for the purposes of licensure as a pharmacist in Prince Edward Island meet the requirements as set in NAPRA's "A Framework for Assessing Canadian Pharmacists' Competencies at Entry-to-Practice Through Structured Practical Training Programs" to be eligible for licensure as a pharmacist. This includes:

- Successfully complete at least 20 weeks of structured practice experience in accordance with the Regulations and at least 16 weeks of unstructured practice experience, 8 of which must be completed after graduation from an accredited pharmacy program.
- Practice experience completed prior to the commencement of the second year of the pharmacy program shall not be counted towards the requirements for registration.
- Practice experience will not be counted towards the requirements for registration in Prince Edward Island if completed in a site other than an MRA signatory province in Canada.
- Only practice experience completed in direct patient care setting shall be counted towards the requirements for registration.

The legislation affecting registered pharmacy students/practical training may be found in Section 4 of the Authorization Regulations to the *Pharmacy Act*. Students are required to read and understand this regulation before commencing any practice experience. The following serves to assist you with the interpretation:

1. **Students must be registered with the Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Board before commencing practical training in the province.** This applies to both unstructured and structured practice experience done in conjunction with a university program. It also applies to both community and hospital sites. Registration expires on March 31 annually.

Students may register by completing the Student Registration form and submitting it, along with the annual fee, to the Board office. It is recommended that you apply annually, as the license expires, to insure your ongoing registration in Prince Edward Island.

Registering with the Board is a legal requirement – and insures that practical training will be “counted” towards the requirements for licensure as a pharmacist at the completion of their university program.

2. Once the student is registered with the Board, he/she must have his/her preceptor and site approved. For **structured** practice experience (part of the university program) this approval has been delegated to the university. For **unstructured** practice experience, approval must be obtained from the Board. A Preceptor/Site Approval Form must be completed and submitted to the Board office prior to the commencement of practice experience.

In the event that the student is unable to complete his/her practice experience with the original preceptor, for any good reason, the student shall immediately notify the Board and arrange for a new preceptor.

3. Practice experience completed by a registered student will not be “counted” unless served in a pharmacy that holds a permit of accreditation under the *Pharmacy Act* or its equivalent. The pharmacy must meet the operational standards of the *Standards Regulations*. Before accepting a position as a Registered Student in a pharmacy, these standards should be discussed with your preceptor to ensure that compliance can be met.
4. Practice experience must be completed under the **DIRECT** personal supervision of a registered pharmacist who has been practicing actively for at least two years.

**Students are reminded that licensure in Prince Edward Island does not cover any practice experience served in another province/jurisdiction.** When completing practice experience outside Prince Edward Island, students must take care to be properly licensed with the appropriate licensing bodies to ensure the eligibility of practice experience.

7. A Student Time Service Registration Form is to be completed and signed by the student and preceptor immediately following the completion of any **unstructured** practice experience, this form must be filed with the Board office.