

College of Pharmacists of British Columbia



STRUCTURED PRACTICAL EVALUATION (SPE)

What is SPE?

SPE is a process where an applicant's ability to accurately and consistently perform a final check of product preparation in the workplace is verified by a pharmacist or registered pharmacy technician (evaluator). This process is also known as an Independent Double Check (IDC).

If you are in the "currently-in-practice" registration path, the SPE is a required component completed after the MDDS Bridging Program course/PLAR. If you are in the "new-to-practice" registration path, the SPE is a required component of the Structured Practical Training (SPT) program.

Using the IDC process, participants must accurately perform a total of 500 consecutive checks, with a maximum of 50 checks per day, under normal working conditions. A full complement of the various types of prescriptions should be checked, including new and repeat prescriptions, compounds, sterile preparations, different types of unit dose packages, cards and dosettes. No errors are permitted during the checking process. If an error occurs, the evaluator must inform the participant and discuss the error made. The checking process must then be restarted at zero (for example: if the participant makes an error after accurately checking 495 checks, they must begin again at zero).

Process

Amendment to the information below: Due to the December 31, 2015 deadline approaching, applicants may now apply to do their SPE while they are completing their MDDS course/PLAR, instead of after.

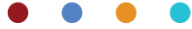
To apply, "currently-in-practice" applicants must submit the SPE application form to the College after they have completed their MDDS course/PLAR. "Currently-in-practice" applicants must also find a registered pharmacist or pharmacy technician that will evaluate them through the SPE process. For information on finding an SPE evaluator and site, see the section below. Once the application is processed, the applicant and evaluator will receive an email confirmation. Note that, as with all the registration requirements, applicants must be able to complete the SPE in time to become fully registered before the December 31, 2015 deadline.

For "new to practice" applicants, since the SPE is incorporated into the SPT program, an SPE application form is *not* required. Also, your SPT preceptor will be your evaluator for this process.

The SPE daily tracking log is to be used by applicants to record all their checks and for the evaluator to verify that each check was performed accurately. If the applicant makes an error, the checking process must be restarted at zero. The checking process is considered complete once the applicant has accurately performed 500 consecutive checks.

To declare that the applicant has completed the SPE, the evaluator must submit the SPE declaration of completion form to the College via email (registration@bcpharmacists.org) or fax (604-733-2493)

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All forms pertaining to the SPE can be found below or on the College website (www.bcpharmacists.org) under *Registration and Licensure > Pharmacy Technician Pre-registration > Pharmacy Technician Overview*

SPE application

http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/7_Forms/7-2_Pharmacy_Technician/9066-App_PT_SPE.pdf

Daily Tracking Log

http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/7_Forms/7-2_Pharmacy_Technician/9068-PT_SPE_DailyTrackingLog.pdf

SPE Declaration of Completion

http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/7_Forms/7-2_Pharmacy_Technician/9100-PT_SPE_Declaration.pdf

Finding an SPE Evaluator and Site

An evaluator must take primary responsibility for directly supervising the SPE participant for the majority of the SPE process. The evaluator may delegate a portion of the direct supervision to other full pharmacists or registered pharmacy technicians as appropriate.

Begin by selecting an evaluator and site which meets the following criteria:

An evaluator must:

- i. be a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in good standing with the College of Pharmacists of B.C.,
- ii. not have any limits or conditions on their registration,
- iii. not have been found to have committed an act of professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct within the last six years or be subject to such allegations, and
- iv. not have or be perceived by the College to have a conflict of interest or bias in respect of the SPE participant (examples include familial relationships, and financial or business connections).

The practice site must:

- i. be a licensed community or hospital pharmacy where dispensing, compounding or product preparation occurs;
- ii. be your current primary workplace or a temporary workplace for the purpose of SPE (e.g. community pharmacy, hospital, long term care);
- iii. have a full pharmacist or a registered pharmacy technician physically present on site;
- iv. have an organizational structure (e.g. sufficient staffing and resources) that permits an appropriate degree of educational opportunities and interaction between the evaluator and SPE participant to allow for the independent double check;
- v. be a pharmacy that has not had a disciplinary finding against it in the past six years or is not currently the subject of disciplinary proceedings;
- vi. be a pharmacy for which there does not exist any unsatisfied action by the College of Pharmacists of B.C.; and
- vii. be a pharmacy wherein the SPE participant is not in an actual or perceived conflict of interest relationship (examples include familial relationships, and financial or business connections) with the pharmacy manager, owner, director, or shareholder.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the SPE, contact the College by email at registration@bcpharmacists.org or calling 604-733-2440.