

## **Important Notice about PLAR for *Product Preparation Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program***

The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) challenge process for *Product Preparation – Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program*, includes a requirement to demonstrate practical as well as theoretical competency. As a PLAR candidate, you will be required to find a pharmacist assessor who will attest to your competency in extemporaneous compounding and sterile product preparation, using checklists prepared for this purpose.

- You must download the checklists from the College of Pharmacists of B.C. website at:
  - [http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About\\_Us/A-8\\_Key\\_Initiatives/5106-PT\\_PLAR\\_Exam-Extemporaneous\\_Compounding.pdf](http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About_Us/A-8_Key_Initiatives/5106-PT_PLAR_Exam-Extemporaneous_Compounding.pdf)
  - [http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About\\_Us/A-8\\_Key\\_Initiatives/5105-PT\\_PLAR\\_Exam-Sterile\\_Product\\_Prep.pdf](http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About_Us/A-8_Key_Initiatives/5105-PT_PLAR_Exam-Sterile_Product_Prep.pdf)

and arrange an assessment at your workplace or some other practice site.

- Complete the demonstrations of your practical skills for all criteria on the checklist and make certain you obtain appropriate signatures on both documents.
- Bring/send the completed and signed checklists to the site where you plan to take the PLAR challenge exam.

You must complete the practical requirements **before** you attempt the PLAR challenge exam. You will not be able to sit the PLAR challenge exam unless you provide original copies of the completed assessments. Your documentation will be collected by the registering site and forwarded to CPBC along with the results of your PLAR exam.

Pharmacists who will attest to a technician's competency will be required to:

- Review the competencies on the checklists to ensure they have adequate knowledge and understanding of the process and are therefore able to assess the competence of the technician.
- Observe or have observed the technician in performing a sterile product preparation or extemporaneous compounding.
- Complete and assess **all** criteria on the checklist indicating whether each competency was demonstrated or not.
- Sign the form and return it to the technician.