



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) is an agreement which makes it easy for registered pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in good standing to move from one region to another because their qualifications are recognized in other provinces/territories.

BC Pharmacy Practice Manual contains essential information about legislation and standards of practice.

College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (CPBC) is the licensing and regulatory authority for pharmacies, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in BC.

Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) is the organization responsible for evaluating and accrediting pharmacy programs in Canada.

Canadian Pharmacy Practice Programme (CP3) is the program offered by the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Division of Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development (UBC-CPPD). The program is designed to assist internationally-trained pharmacists achieve the competencies for practice in Canada, as well as to assist Canadian-trained pharmacists update core competencies and re-enter pharmacy practice.

Canadian Pharmacy Technician Educators Association (CPTEA) is the organization of pharmacy technician educators established to lead, advance, support, and promote excellence in pharmacy technician education.

Evaluating Exam is an exam administered by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) which assesses applicants' knowledge of pharmacy theory.

English language proficiency (ELP) is the English language requirement for those who are registering to practice in BC. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians need to be able to speak and write English so they can communicate effectively with patients and other healthcare workers. A number of testing options enable applicants to demonstrate their English skills.

Framework of Professional Practice (FPP) is the College's standards of practice document that describes good pharmacy practice, what BC pharmacists and pharmacy technicians do in their daily work, and how they know they are doing it well.

HPA means the Health Professions Act, the provincial legislation describing the College's authority for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

International Pharmacy Graduate (IPG) is an applicant who has a pharmacy degree from a university outside of Canada or the United States.

Jurisprudence Exam (JE) is an examination administered by the College that tests knowledge of the laws about the production, distribution, advertising, sale and use of drugs in BC.

Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) is a practical exam for pharmacists administered by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) that assesses communication, problem-solving skills and overall performance skills.

Objective Structured Performance Examination (OSPE) is a practical exam for pharmacy technicians administered by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) that assesses communication, problem-solving skills and overall performance skills.

National Association of Regulatory Pharmacy Authorities (NAPRA) is the national association of provincial regulatory authorities which enables a national approach to common issues.



Notarized or certified copy is a copy of an original document which is certified as a true copy by a lawyer, notary public, or other qualified official.

Notary public is an official who is authorized to certify or attest documents and take affidavits.

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) is the independent national pharmacy examining body incorporated under Canadian federal laws.

PODSA means the Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act, the provincial legislation describing the College's authority for pharmacies and drugs.

Preceptor is a registered pharmacist or pharmacy technician who supervises interns and meets the College's preceptor qualifications.

Professional Development and Assessment Program (PDAP) is the College program that ensures BC registrants' knowledge and skills are current. All registrants need to meet the College's standards of practice. PDAP encourages lifelong learning while ensuring safe and effective pharmacy practice outcomes.

Structured Practical Evaluation (SPE) is a component of the Management of Drug Distribution Systems course of the Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program, where the applicant is evaluated on their ability to accurately and consistently do a final check of a product preparation of a prescription.

Structured Practical Training (SPT) Program is a practical training program that helps you develop professionally by allowing you to apply your knowledge and skills under the supervision of a practicing pharmacist or pharmacy technician.

Qualifying Exam is a two-part exam administered by the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) which assesses applicants' expertise in pharmacy practice.

University of British Columbia is the only university in BC that offers a pharmacy degree program.