

## Policy & Procedure

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### **TOPIC: FAILURE OF THE PHYSIOTHERAPY COMPETENCY EXAMINATION (OSCE)**

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#### **Policy:**

The mandate of the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba is to protect the public and to set standards for the provision of quality physiotherapy services in Manitoba. The Council recognizes that sometimes an applicant for registration can fail to meet the entry level standard for registration due to unforeseen circumstances and/or sometimes remediation may be all that is required for the applicant to meet the entry level standard. In fairness to the applicant under these circumstances, the Council has decided that a second or third chance at meeting the entry level standard can be given. However, in order to be granted additional opportunities to register, certain criteria must be met.

Graduates may be licensed on the Examination Candidate Register. As exam candidates, they follow a mentored practice model. For first time and/or subsequent failure of the OSCE component of the Physiotherapy Competency Examination the applicant will be required to practice under a supervised practice model in order to be considered for re-registration.

#### **Procedure:**

##### **First Time Failure:**

If an applicant has successfully passed the multiple choice component of the Physiotherapy Competency Examination, but has failed the OSCE component once, the Council will reconsider licensing the applicant if:

1. The Board of Assessors is satisfied that the registrant will be working under supervision to ensure that the applicant is safe to provide physical therapy services to the public.
2. The applicant provides the Board of Assessors with a satisfactory written plan outlining how the applicant intends to address his/her weaknesses that caused the failure of the OSCE component.

**Second Failure:**

1. The above conditions apply.
2. In addition, the Board of Assessors may recommend that the candidate audit classes which address the areas of weakness at the School of Medical Rehabilitation or other approved facility.
3. Regular reports to the Board of Assessors addressing performance and problems must be made by the supervising physiotherapist.

**General:**

1. The examination candidate must successfully complete the OSCE component within two (2) years of successful completion of the written examination.
2. Examination candidates who fail the OSCE component more than twice will not be registered, except under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Council. A person who has failed the OSCE component twice must seek upgrading by auditing courses, participating in study groups, etc., as approved by the Council.

**Legislative Reference:**

Regulations 6(1)(b)(iv), 6(3), 6(5)