

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING DIRECTION

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3.15 Prior Learning and Remediation Evaluation (PLAR)

Policy:

This policy applies to internationally educated applicants seeking registration with the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba. The following is the procedure that is followed when the application is reviewed by the Board of Assessors.

CPM may receive an application for registration from an internationally educated physiotherapist who is considered beyond entry level and due to employment circumstances, will not be practicing on the general public or may be working in an area of practice where the applicant has gained expertise. In these special circumstances, it may be counterproductive to require the applicant to prove entry level competence. For example, an internationally educated physiotherapist may come to Manitoba to undertake research or teaching activities and therefore, will not be practicing on the general public.

Under these circumstances, the Board of Assessors may deem an applicant “beyond entry level” and grant an exemption from the Physiotherapy Competency Examination, in order to register as a physiotherapist in Manitoba.

Procedure:

The Board of Assessors will evaluate the applicant’s program of studies, work experience and graduate course work. An exemption from the Physiotherapy Competency Examination may be recommended to the Council if the following circumstances are met:

1. The candidate is a graduate from a physiotherapy program outside of Manitoba where the curriculum is substantially similar but not equivalent to the physiotherapy program at the University of Manitoba

and/or

2. The candidate is a graduate from a post graduate program of studies which is directly related to physiotherapy (for example, a Master’s degree or doctor of philosophy – PhD).

and

3. The candidate has a minimum of five years of recent experience in the physiotherapy profession.

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4. The candidate has a minimum of 1200 hours of physiotherapy practice in the (5) five years immediately preceding the year for which registration is sought.

If the applicant will be practicing on members of the public, the Board of Assessors may consider requiring the applicant to practice under supervision for a period of time, and/or undertake a course of studies in lieu of the Physiotherapy Competency Examination.