

True or False: Debunking the Legislation

I am required to list my university degree in my email signature or chart notes.

False. The Practice Direction on Titles, Credentials and Specialty Designations clearly outlines that a physiotherapist is required to use their protected title in all professional interactions. A physiotherapist must list their protected title (Physical Therapist, Physiotherapist or PT) immediately after their name. The Practice Direction also outlines the requirements for Physiotherapy Students and Examination Candidates who must use the appropriate title associated with their current level of education and license with the College. Neither a student or Examination Candidate have met the requirements for a full Active license, and therefore cannot use protected title.

When considering academic or other credentials, a physiotherapist is expected to only use credentials conferred by an accredited university program after their title. It is optional to list these credentials for a physiotherapist in practice e.g. Jane Smith PT, MPT.

Post-professional credentials not conferred by an accredited university program must be written out in full and in a manner that has meaning to the public. These credentials should appear under the physiotherapists' name on a business card or communication. It is important to remember that the public will not place meaning on a credentials such as FCAMPT but would understand the additional training a physiotherapist has taken from "Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy".