



INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PHARMACIST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

International Pharmacy Graduates (IPG)

British Columbia is one of the most ethnically diverse places in the world and we are proud that our profession reflects this diversity. More than 20 per cent of new pharmacists in BC originally qualified and trained outside North America.

The College of Pharmacists of British Columbia welcomes pharmacists from all over the world to come and work in our province. We make every effort to help you through the registration process.

Canadian Pharmacy Practice Programme

Moving to another country is a challenge, especially when you're trying to qualify to practise as a professional. The College has partnered with the University of British Columbia to provide the Canadian Pharmacy Practice Programme (CP3) designed to help pharmacists trained in other countries adjust to pharmacy practice in BC.

The Canadian Pharmacy Practice Programme focuses on therapeutics, communication skills, and pharmacy practice courses relevant to international graduates who already have a pharmacy degree. The program uses a mix of classroom instruction, prior learning assessment, mentorship, and in-pharmacy experience to help pharmacists educated outside North America meet Canadian practice standards and registration requirements.

More information about The Canadian Pharmacy Practice Programme is available on the University of British Columbia Continuing Pharmacy Professional Development Division website at <http://www.pharmacy.ubc.ca/cp3/index.html>.

Here's what you need to do to become registered to practise pharmacy in BC.

☐ **Step 1** **Register with the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada:**

717 Church Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 2M4
Telephone 416.979.2431
Fax 416.599.9244
Email: pebcinfo@pebc.ca
Website: www.pebc.ca

All applicants need to complete the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) evaluating examination before starting the College registration process

☐ **Step 2** **Pre-register as an applicant with the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia.**

Complete and submit the "Application for Pre-Registration - International Pharmacy Graduate (IPG)". Please allow twenty business days for the College to process your application.

📄 [Application for Pre-Registration - International Pharmacy Graduate \(IPG\)](#)



- **Step 3** **Successfully complete the Jurisprudence Examination.**
 - ☞ [Jurisprudence Examination information](#)
 - ☞ [Jurisprudence Examination application form](#)

- **Step 4** **Successfully complete the English Language Proficiency requirements**

For information regarding the English Language Proficiency requirements, visit the College website.

 - ☞ [English Language Proficiency information](#)

- **Step 5** **Successfully complete the Structured Practical Training (SPT) program.**

English Language Proficiency requirements must be successfully completed prior to commencing the Structured Practical Training program.

 - ☞ [Structured Practical Training program information](#)
 - ☞ [Structured Practical Training program application form](#)

- **Step 6** **Successfully complete the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Qualifying Exam – Part I and Part II.***

For information regarding the Qualifying Exam – Part I and II, visit the PEBC website.

 - ☞ www.pebc.ca

- **Step 7** **Complete and submit the “Application for Full Pharmacist Registration”. ***
 - ☞ [Application for Full Pharmacist Registration](#)

- **Step 8** **Congratulations!**

You have now completed all the steps necessary to become a pharmacist registered to practise in BC. The College will issue a Certificate of Registration and an Annual Registration Card designed to be carried in your wallet. You will need to renew your registration once a year.

* If you have completed the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Qualifying Examination before May 2001, you are required to successfully complete the PEBC Qualifying Examination Part II prior to Full Pharmacist registration. Notice of the assessment will be forwarded to you approximately four weeks before the application deadline.