



# Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

## Interpretation Guide

### Practical Training Requirements for Registration as a Pharmacist (Graduates of Canadian Entry-to-Practice PharmD Programs)

The *Pharmacy Regulations, 2014* state that applicants for registration as a pharmacist must provide “*proof satisfactory to the board that he or she completed the required period of practical training approved by the board.*”<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this section, applicants for registration as a pharmacist who have graduated from a Canadian entry-to-practice PharmD program must meet the requirements defined below.

- 1) Before applying to complete practical training, applicants must first apply to NLPB be registered as a Pharmacy Intern by submitting an Application for Registration as a Pharmacy Intern<sup>2</sup>.
- 2) Once registered, applicants may then apply to complete practical training by submitting an Application to Register for the NLPB Pharmacist Internship<sup>2</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicants are expected to allow adequate time for processing and approval (at least seven business days is generally recommended) prior to the anticipated commencement of the practical training period.

The applicant may not begin the practical training period until they receive notification from NLPB that the application has been approved.

- 3) Applicants must complete a minimum of 140 hours of practical training, in addition to any experiential education completed as part of the PharmD program.
  - a) All 140 hours must be completed after completion of the program with a single approved preceptor.
  - b) Hours should be completed in a normal work week of not less than 20 hours and not more than 40 hours per week.
  - c) Practical training is normally served in a pharmacy with the opportunity for direct patient care and may only be served in a non-patient care setting with the prior approval of NLPB.
  - d) Applicants are responsible for finding their own sites and preceptors.
- 4) Prior to the start of the practical training period, NLPB will provide a manual consisting of an evaluation form and a set of activities to be completed and documented by the applicant and preceptor.
- 5) After the practical training period is completed, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that all required documentation is returned to the NLPB office.
- 6) If, for any reason, the applicant is unable to complete the practical training period, or if a change of preceptor is required, they should contact the NLPB office as soon as possible to discuss options.

<sup>1</sup> Enabling Legislation: Pharmacy Regulations, 2014, section 3.(1)(c)

<sup>2</sup> Available on the [Register as a Pharmacy Student or Intern page](#) of the NLPB website