



Policy Title: Alternate Clinical Evaluation BC - Eligibility	Replaces former policy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title: CPTBC 15 ACEBC Eligibility Policy <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Policy Statement:

For entry into the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy, an individual is eligible to register for the Alternate Clinical Evaluation BC (ACEBC) for assessment of their entry-to-practice competence if:

1. They have passed the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) – Written Component, and
2. Any of the following describes their history of clinical assessment:
 - They have not previously attempted the PCE – Clinical Component, nor an alternate clinical assessment in any jurisdiction in Canada (including B.C.); or
 - They have failed the PCE – Clinical Component once or twice, with the most recent time being in 2019; or
 - They have failed the ACEBC a maximum of two times.

An individual who passed the PCE – Written Component but failed the PCE – Clinical Component most recently *before* 2019 may submit a written request for consideration to the Registration Committee.

Notwithstanding the above, an individual is not eligible to attempt the ACEBC if they have a combined total of *three or more* failures on any of the following:

- PCE – Clinical Component
- ACEBC
- An alternate clinical assessment in any other jurisdiction in Canada



1. Policy Rationale and Purpose:

In January 2022, the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) discontinued administration of the PCE – Clinical Component, and each jurisdiction took responsibility for determining its own entry-to-practice clinical evaluation requirement — including method and administrative policies — for Canadian and internationally educated Applicants to the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy. In B.C., a bylaw amendment was approved to add an alternate clinical exam administered by the University of British Columbia (UBC) to the list of approved exams.

UBC relies on the College to create and enforce policy relating to exam eligibility and to make case-by-case eligibility determinations for potential candidates who most recently failed the PCE – Clinical Component prior to 2019.

2. Policy Scope:

This policy applies to any individual who has not yet passed the PCE – Clinical Component or an alternate clinical assessment that would make them eligible to apply to the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy in the registration class of Full.

This policy does not apply to former Registrants of the Designated Health Profession of Physical Therapy who opt to attempt the ACEBC as a pathway to re-enter practice after a period of fewer than five years unlicensed.

3. Legal Authority:

- *Health Professions Act*, Section 19(1)
- CHCPBC Bylaws, Schedule 6, Table 2, 1.0, ii

4. Key Partnerships:

- University of British Columbia, Department of Physical Therapy

5. Definitions:

N/A

6. Process Check:

- Board Policy Framework
- Safe Spaces Playbook
- Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Resources/References:

N/A



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