

Fact Sheet

The Professional & Quality Practice Program (PQPP): An Overview

Release date: October 22, 2025

The College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC) has designed a comprehensive approach to quality practice that includes continuing professional development, practice support, and quality assurance assessments. The Professional & Quality Practice Program will replace registrants' previous Quality Assurance Program requirements, apply to all 16,000 registrants across 9 professions, and be consistent with the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA) when in force on April 1, 2026.

Description of the new PQPP

The purpose of the Professional & Quality Practice Program is to improve patient outcomes, and support health professionals' learning and performance.

The PQPP will have 3 parts:

1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Annual Touchpoints

To be completed by all CHCPBC registrants

Will be online and open for completion every October 1-November 30 (starting 2026)

- i. **Resource Review** on new, specified standards (e.g. up to 4 each year) Learning activity with common and profession-specific content.
- ii. Standards Quiz

Short, case-based (for each profession) test on same standards, open book, with feedback and score.

- iii. Guided self-report of performance, including
 - Inventory of risks and protective factors
 Reflective questions with summary of responses and feedback.
 - Inventory of learning

 Describes CPD done over the past year, plans for next year and reflection on the linkages between knowledge gaps or interests, plans and patient outcomes.
- 2. Practice Support & Resources

Available and optional for all CHCPBC registrants, year-round

Practice resources in multiple formats and practice advice available from profession-specific Practice Advisors.



3. Quality Assurance Assessments

For selected CHCPBC registrants only Will be virtual (with some possible in person) for selected CHCPBC registrants from May 1-June 30 (starting 2027)

Peer assessments for registrants identified as requiring additional supports, based on patterns of overall health professional risks or professional performance, across multiple registrants or within a class of registrants.

More detailed descriptions of each part of the program, with guidance and instructions, will be provided to registrants as they become available, and nearer the start date in 2026.

Next steps for registrants

- Starting July 1, 2025, registrants were no longer required to report their legacy Quality Assurance Program activities to the College. This has allowed CHCPBC to re-direct its resources for the development of the new PQPP that is evidence based and in keeping with the HPOA.
- Starting October 2025, registrants in some professions will begin to receive information on upcoming changes to their online portals, with instructions on downloading records of past QAP activities for their files if they choose. This will occur over time, with specific deadlines communicated for doing so.
- Starting November 2025, a call for volunteers will be released, asking registrants to review the new Standards of Practice and in the new year, participate in pre-testing of the new PQPP tools. These optional transitional activities, to be completed in 2026, will offer those interested an opportunity to provide input prior to the PQPP being finalized. Profession-specific reminders will be sent to encourage participation from all 9 health professions and facilitate input from each.

More information

- Registrants will receive profession-specific information by email.
- The full *Ideas and Design Report* is available on the <u>College website</u>.
- <u>Fact Sheet: Direction for a Unified Quality Assurance Program</u> (June 23, 2025) is available on the College website.

Ouestions

• Email **QAPrograms@chcpbc.org** or visit the **Professional & Quality Practice Program page** on our website.