

BACKGROUNDER ON THE TRIPLE P PROJECT

Building a Renewed Essential Competency Profile and Entry-to-Practice Milestones for Physiotherapy in Canada

What is the Triple P Project?

The Physiotherapy Practice Profile (“Triple P”) project, a collaborative initiative of the National Physiotherapy Advisory Group (NPAG), is now underway to review and renew the Essential Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada and develop Entry-to-Practice Milestones.

The overall objectives of the Triple P project are to:

- Update and refine the Essential Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada; the Essential Competencies describe the abilities expected of physiotherapists throughout their professional practice careers.
- Develop Entry-to-Practice Milestones, which describe the minimum level of achievement related to an Essential Competency that is expected following completion of education and assessment (at the point of licensure as a physiotherapist), and are expressed as a practice task and a corresponding level of proficiency. The Entry-to- Practice Milestones will enable a new level of coordination between entry-level education and the Physiotherapy Competency Examination. They will also serve as a baseline reference for developing milestones that apply throughout career progression and in areas of specialization.

Who is involved in developing the Profile?

The NPAG is a coalition of national physiotherapy-related organizations that works to promote the provision of quality physiotherapy services and positive health outcomes for Canadians through collaboration and communication on matters of mutual interest. The collaborative work of the Triple P project is expected to yield dividends for all the NPAG partner organizations as well as a new level of integration across the key standards for the profession.

Some of the work to follow from the Triple P project could include:

- *The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR):* A revision of the blueprint for the Physiotherapy Competency Examination. The blueprint is an outline of the exam structure that includes the areas of practice, conditions and activities that may be included in the exam. It also outlines the weighting of each area and function for the exam.



CAPR
Canadian Alliance
of Physiotherapy
Regulators

ACORP
Alliance canadienne des
organismes de réglementation
de la physiothérapie



Canadian
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- *The Canadian Council of Physiotherapy University Programs (CCPUP)*: A revision of the National Curriculum Guidelines and associated documents. The Guidelines include suggested content for academic coursework for physiotherapy academic programs in Canada.
- *The Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA)*: Development of a professional development pathway to guide and support the career progression of individual practitioners.
- *Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada (PEAC)*: A review of the impact of the Essential Competencies and Entry-to-Practice Milestones on accreditation standards for academic programs in physiotherapy.

A Steering Committee including two members from each of the NPAG partners is overseeing the project. A Subject Matter Expert Group made up of physiotherapists with expertise in a variety of areas is working with a consultant in outcome-based learning on developing the Essential Competencies and Entry-to-Practice Milestones.

What's next, and how can I get involved?

One of the key steps in the project is a ***Physiotherapy Practice Survey*** that will serve to validate the Essential Competencies and Entry-to-Practice Milestones. This survey is like a census for the physiotherapy profession, and will have an impact on the profession for years to come.

In mid-January 2017, physiotherapists in Canada will receive an email invitation from their College with a link to participate in the online survey. There will be a number of draws for respondents who complete at least 95% of the survey. Prizes include: Cash prize of \$500, a complimentary CPA Congress registration, free one year CPA membership, and a complimentary CPA Leadership Forum registration. In addition, completion of the survey may be used towards continuing competency requirements in some jurisdictions. Please check with your regulatory body for details.

For more information about this project go to www.npag.ca under Joint Initiatives. We encourage you to participate and provide your input on this important initiative!

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