



## Pharmacy Technician Assessment Courses Updates 2018-19

Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP), will once again be offering the two courses below. These courses are offered as part of the pathway to become a licensed pharmacy technician in Saskatchewan.

**The deadline to become a licensed Pharmacy Technician in Saskatchewan via the bridging pathway is December 2019.**

It is recommended that you work to meet the licensing requirements well in advance of the December deadline. **Along with the Structured Practical Skills Assessment Course, other requirements that must be met are the PEBC Qualifying Exam and the SCPP Jurisprudence Exam.**

### **Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA)**

The **Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA) Course** is for candidates who have **not graduated** from a Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) accredited pharmacy technician programs **or for CCAPP accredited program graduates** who have been working for **more than 2000 hours** in the past three years. The course is an assessment of the candidate's basic competencies in a direct patient care practice setting approved by the Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals. Candidates have had previous experience in a pharmacy setting and will demonstrate the ability to apply their knowledge and skills in a practical setting through completion of various activities that fall within the pharmacy technician's scope of practice. Course activities assess the candidate's competencies as listed by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA). This assessment is to be completed within 2 to 12 weeks. This course may be completed at the candidate's current practice site provided the workplace provides sufficient opportunity to demonstrate the competencies.

This is an open learning program; candidates may register at any time during this course offering. **Candidates taking this program have 12 weeks from the date of registration to complete.**

**Course Dates:** July 3, 2018 to June 28, 2019

**Delivery Method:** Print Correspondence

**Tuition:** \$360.00

### **Structured Practical Training and Assessment (SPTA)**

This course is for **graduates** of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) accredited pharmacy technician programs with work experience **less than 2000 hours** in the past three years. The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) lists the professional competency requirements for pharmacy technicians. This course consists of activities to demonstrate the candidate's ability to meet the required professional competencies and facilitates the candidate's transition from a didactic learner to a competent health care professional. The candidate will develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values that are important to the profession. Practice and evaluation will be at a placement which the candidate will secure. The selection of a community, hospital or community/hospital setting will require approval by Saskatchewan Polytechnic and must provide sufficient opportunity to demonstrate the competencies to be assessed.

This is an open learning program; candidates may register at any time during this course offering. **Candidates taking this program have 24 weeks from the date of registration to complete.**

**Course Dates:** November 19, 2018 to June 28, 2019

**Delivery Method:** Print Correspondence

**Tuition:** \$730.00

**NOTE: The Pharmacy Technician licensing deadline is December 2019.** This program will have a final offering in the next academic year from July 2, 2019 to September 16, 2019, with candidates being able to register for it anytime between these dates.

**For applications and registration information, please contact:**

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