



What is Involved in Being an Assessor for SCPP?

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) regularly enlists the help of pharmacist members to train and evaluate internationally-trained pharmacy graduates who are pursuing registration with the College. These candidates undergo the **Appraisal Training and Assessment Program**. Many international graduates have completed this comprehensive program and are now licensed and practising members of SCPP in Saskatchewan and beyond.

As this program continues to receive new applications, there is an ongoing need for **assessors** to evaluate candidates once they have completed the appraisal training and an assessment has been recommended.

What qualifications should an assessor have?

1. Is a member in good standing.
2. Has completed the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Preceptor Training course.
3. Has previously precepted a fourth-year student in the Structured Practice Experiences Program (SPEP).

The assessment runs over two weeks (five days per week to a maximum 40 hours per week) in the assessor's place of employment where the candidate's practice can be **observed** as they address day-to-day situations that arise in a pharmacy. The assessor's role is not to train the candidate, but to assess their ability to practice independently. Assessment candidates are not employees and do not receive payment. During the two-week assessment, they are covered for injury through an SCPP insurance policy.

The manner in which a pharmacist candidate presents him/herself, resolves issues, and communicates effectively with patients, staff and other health professionals is as important in today's practice as clinical knowledge. After the assessment ends, the assessor will submit an evaluation report for SCPP outlining whether the candidate is sufficiently prepared to practice independently and meets the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) entry to practice competencies.

An honorarium of \$250 is paid to the assessor/pharmacy as the College understands the extra load when acting as an assessor.

Resources supplied to assist the assessor include information on responsibilities of both the assessor and the candidate; a detailed outline of the competencies and standards required can be found in the NAPRA documents: [Professional Competencies for Canadian Pharmacists at Entry to Practice](#) and [Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists](#).

Interested pharmacists who meet the above qualifications can contact Lori Postnikoff, Deputy Registrar, at Lori.Postnikoff@saskpharm.ca.