



ACCREDITATION FOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST IN CANADA/ONTARIO

It is a 3 step process:

- 1.** You must first apply to the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) for credentialing. This process is to check that the foreign physiotherapy program is on par with those in Canada.

Credentialing Guide web site:

<https://www.alliancept.org/becoming-credentialled/credentialling-guide/>.

This process will take about 13 weeks. Afterwards, apply to take the PCE, step 2.

- 2.** Complete the Physiotherapy Competency Examination (PCE) organized by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CARP) successfully.

The PCE has 2 components:

- a.** Written component:
 - 200 computer-based multiple choice questions, 4 hour session. The exam is offered 6 times per year. The written component can be taken online & thus anywhere in the world. The result is available on the CARP website.
- b.** Clinical component:
 - 16 stations of objective structured clinical examination.
 - 8 stations: a 10- minute encounter with a standardized client.
 - 8 stations: a 5-minute encounter with a standardized client, followed by a 5-minute related written station.

The exam is offered twice per year, it must be done at a designated site, in one of several Canadian cities.

The clinical component can be taken ONLY AFTER having passed the written component. The result is available on the CARP website.

CARP website: <https://www.alliancept.org>



Physiotherapy Competency Examinations, Examination Registration Guide web site:

<https://www.alliancept.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-PCE-Registration-Guide-Mar-10-2021> EG-1.pdf

Essential Exam –Takers Guide web site: <https://www.alliancept.org/taking-the-exam/essential-exam-taker-guide/>

3. Apply to the physiotherapists' regulatory board for a license to practise. After passing both components, you can apply for a license to practice. In Ontario, it is the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO).

Web site: <https://www.collegept.org>.

Several helpful notes from the College:

- Graduates with a degree from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University should have no problem getting credentialed.
- Of candidates trained in HK, 62% passed the written component & 50% passed the clinical component on their first attempt. Failed candidates are allowed to make a second attempt at the next available opportunity.
- A total of 3 attempts are permitted.