

## REGISTRATION POLICY

# Academic Class of Registration and Licensure for Specialists

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the registration requirements for applicants seeking registration and licensure in the academic class.

## Background

Section 2-20 of the College Bylaws under the Health Professions Act (the Act) states:

### Academic

- 2-20 (1) Academic registration may be granted to a physician who is appointed to the Faculty of Medicine, UBC, at the rank of assistant, associate, full professor (tenure or partner stream), clinical assistant professor, clinical associate professor, or clinical professor, and working in an academic department setting, to the satisfaction of the registration committee, for one of the following:
- (a) an academic (tenure or partner stream) faculty position where the clinical practice component is not greater than 40%,
  - (b) a partner institution appointment as defined and approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, UBC, where the clinical practice component is not greater than 40%, or
  - (c) a clinical faculty appointment where the clinical practice component allows adequate academic output, as determined by the registration committee.
- (2) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted academic registration, an applicant must
- (a) have a medical degree,
  - (b) have certification that is recognized by the RCPSC or the CFPC unless otherwise waived by the registration committee in exceptional circumstances,
  - (c) meet at least one of the following requirements:

- (i) if a specialist, have completed either, postgraduate training which has led to certification as a specialist by an international accrediting body acceptable to the RCPSC and the registration committee, or certification as a specialist in the jurisdiction where the applicant practised immediately prior to applying for registration acceptable to the registration committee,
  - (ii) if a family practitioner, have satisfactory postgraduate training in family medicine and certification consistent with the applicant's defined responsibilities and acceptable to the registration committee,
  - (d) submit a request for registration from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the relevant Department Head, UBC, and
  - (e) have Canadian Citizenship, be a permanent resident or be legally able to live and work in British Columbia.
- (3) Academic registration is limited to the practice of medicine in the medical school, department or hospital that the academic appointment relates to and is immediately cancelled if the appointment referred to under subsection (1) is terminated.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) academic certification program is intended to assist Canadian faculties of medicine and universities in the recruitment and retention of specialists as full-time clinical faculty at the rank of full or associate professor, when recruitment of qualified RCPSC fellows or certificants has been unsuccessful.

The RCPSC policy on academic certification outlines the following:

1. At the time of nomination, the nominee must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
  - a. Currently holds or recruited to fill the rank of associate professor or higher
  - b. have held a full-time academic faculty position or equivalent in any jurisdiction (i.e. engaged primarily in academic duties) for at least five years
  - c. be a specialist and/or subspecialist in a discipline recognized by RCPSC
  - d. be enrolled in the RCPSC Continuing Professional Development Program
  - e. be subject to ongoing evaluation of performance and practice by a supervisor/superior, and
  - f. Have no other reasonable route to RCPSC certification given their training, scope of practice, or other relevant factors.
2. The RCPSC evaluates nominations based upon whether
  - a. the nominee has a demonstrated track record as an extraordinary academic medical leader who intends to pursue a career in education innovation, administrative leadership and/or research, and whose time is protected from providing clinical care to pursue such activities,
  - b. the sponsoring dean (or their successor) will be expected to confirm that the Academic Certificant continues to meet the criteria for Academic

- Certification on an annual basis through an audit generated by the Office of Specialty Education,
- c. the nominee has trained internationally in specialty or subspecialty programs that have not been accredited by the RCPSC,
  - d. the nomination clearly demonstrates, through evidence of recent and ongoing publications, course development and leadership roles, that the nominee makes a significant commitment (i.e. more than 40 per cent of their time) to meaningful academic work (e.g. administrative, innovative clinical leadership, research, and education design over and above clinical teaching and, in doing so, makes a significant contribution to the academic work completed for their specialty/subspecialty)),
  - e. who have and will continue to contribute significantly to their field of medicine through scholarship, education innovation and research.

## Policy

An applicant must meet all of the College's registration and licensure requirements, including holding RCPSC academic certification prior to being eligible for registration and licensure in the academic class, unless there are exceptional circumstances as determined by the Registration Committee on a case-by- case basis.

The clinical service component for the purposes of section 2-20(1)(b) and (c) does not include teaching residents and students.

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