

REGISTRATION POLICY

Supervisor Eligibility Requirements - Independent Clinical Experiences for Medical Students

Purpose

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements for supervisors for medical students completing independent clinical experiences. Independent clinical experiences are available for eligible visiting medical students enrolled in a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (which includes the Canada sponsor note) who cannot be accommodated by the UBC Visiting Student Elective Program (VSEP).

Background

Section 2-28 of the College Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act* states:

Educational - medical student

- 2-28 (1) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted educational - medical student registration, an applicant must
- (a) either be
 - (i) a medical student enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, UBC, whose registration may be renewed annually if requested by the Dean of Admissions, or
 - (ii) an out-of-province medical student performing an elective, and
 - (b) have Canadian Citizenship, be a permanent resident or be legally able to live and work in British Columbia.
- (2) A medical student must limit their practice of medicine to the provision of services authorized by the medical degree program in which he or she is enrolled and must be in compliance with the requirements of that program.

Policy

The approval of a supervisor is determined by the College. The College reserves the right to refuse a physician the ability to supervise.

A proposed supervisor must be identified by the student requesting educational class registration for the purposes of completing an independent clinical experience, and a signed, written supervisor agreement must be submitted to the College prior to registration.

College guidelines for approval of supervisors

To be eligible to supervise a registrant in the educational class, the candidate must comply with the following:

- be currently active in practice
- have been registered with the College in the full class of registration and licensure for independent practice (or conditional - practice setting, if approved) for a minimum of three years
- if there is an active complaint, disciplinary proceeding, or an investigation against a proposed supervisor, the circumstances will be reviewed by the College on an individual basis to determine the proposed supervisor's suitability
- be supervising no more than one other medical student, two provisional registrants, and two clinical observers at the time of the request unless otherwise permitted by the College
- not have a relationship with the supervisee that constitutes a conflict of interest and disclose to the College any pre-existing relationship with the supervisee
- be responsible for ensuring that the supervisee complies with their ethical responsibilities as set out in the Canadian Medical Association's *Code of Ethics and Professionalism*
- have training in cultural sensitivity and diversity awareness
- have sufficient time and resources necessary to take on the responsibility of supervising a medical student and to meet the College's expectations

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