



College of Physiotherapists of Ontario  
Ordre des physiothérapeutes de l'Ontario



# JURISPRUDENCE

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## EDUCATION PROGRAM

# Guide



Welcome to the Jurisprudence Education Program! Please review this guide in its entirety prior to beginning the module. The guide is designed to assist you in your completion of the Jurisprudence Education Program.

### **Jurisprudence Quick Tips**

- To log in to the module visit **www.collegept.org**
- Save your user ID and password
- Print your results upon completion of the module
- Consult College documents and discuss the scenarios with other physiotherapists
- Do not wait until the end of the six-month period to submit the module
- Visit the Jurisprudence reference section on the College website

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### **Purpose of the Program**

The College recognizes that physiotherapists in Ontario are often challenged by the diversity and number of rules and expectations that apply to the practice of physiotherapy in Ontario. The Jurisprudence Education Program has been designed to assist physiotherapists in understanding and applying these rules and expectations. The program is mandatory for all Independent and Academic Practice certificate holders. Physiotherapists are not asked to memorize the information, but to have a general knowledge, know where to find relevant information when needed, and be able to apply this information to situations that arise in practice.

### **Description of the Module**

The College looked for a creative way to manage the new jurisprudence program requirement, including a high stakes examination prior to entry to practice and a self-study module. After much deliberation it was determined that a mandatory education module would be developed for completion by registrants.

The program has been designed as a module to be completed online using realistic scenarios that physiotherapists could encounter in practice. There are fifty multiple choice questions in the module.

## Module Content

The College has reviewed all College documents and other legislation relevant to the practice of physiotherapy in Ontario. Areas deemed most important for physiotherapists are included in the module. The module is based on eleven content domains:

1. confidentiality/privacy
2. conflict of interest
3. consent
4. continuing competency
5. practice management
6. professional boundaries
7. patient records
8. registrants' obligations
9. scope of practice
10. use of title
11. use of support personnel.

All reference documents for the module are available on the College website, **[www.collegept.org](http://www.collegept.org)**, or in your Registrants' Guide on CD-ROM. Documents on the website include the blueprint, frequently asked questions and sample scenarios.

## Online Module Instructions

The online module is available through the **Jurisprudence** link located on the home page of the College website. Follow the instructions there to enter the module. You will need your user ID and password to log in to this **secure** section of the website.

Once you have entered the module, read the instructions and begin to answer the questions. Before you submit your responses, please answer all the questions in the module. You may log in and out as often as you wish during your allotted six-month period. The module will save your answers when you log out until you complete the module by clicking on the submit button.

Prior to completing the module, you may discuss the scenarios and your responses with other physiotherapists and refer to College documents and legislation.

Once you have completed all of the module questions and reviewed your answers, you may submit your responses. You are also asked to complete the demographic information before exiting the module.

You may wish to submit the module early in the six-month period in order to allow time for a second attempt if needed.

## Online Module Features and Technology

The website provides clear instructions on how to complete the module and how to troubleshoot potential technical problems. It allows you to:

- flag questions for further review
- switch easily between French and English
- automatically save your answers each time you log out of the module.

## Guidelines for Appropriate Completion of the Module

The Jurisprudence Education Program is designed to be educative in nature, and is mandatory for all registrants holding an Independent or Academic Practice certificate. Since it is a mandatory requirement for ongoing registration, certain rules do apply.

### **In completing the module you may:**

- discuss the module questions with other physiotherapists.
- refer to College documents and legislation throughout the module.
- log in and out of the module as often as you like in the six-month period.
- attempt the module a second time if you do not meet the criteria for successful completion on your first attempt.

### **To complete the module you may not:**

- log in to the system and complete the module for any other physiotherapist or have another physiotherapist log in to complete the module for you.
- distribute written responses to the module to other physiotherapists unless you have discussed the answers as a group (no email or other forms of mass circulation).
- seek answers to the module questions from the College.

## Educational Opportunities

### **Immediate Feedback**

You will know immediately whether you have successfully completed the module. Regardless of your results, a list of all content domains will appear and indicate your results in each domain.

This information can be used to guide further self study activities.

### **Jurisprudence Workshop**

Workshops will be offered throughout the first six-month period for registrants wishing to review jurisprudence information prior to completing the module. Detailed information will be provided about College documents and legislation and how to apply this information to practice scenarios. At the end of the six-month period, the workshop will be offered at least twice a year.

### **Ongoing Education**

At the end of the six-month period, aggregate results will be analyzed and used to provide ongoing, focused education for all registrants.

## **Policy Issues**

### **Online Participation**

The Jurisprudence Education Module is an online tool. Physiotherapists who do not have access to a computer and internet connection at home or work are asked to explore other options for completion, including the use of a public library, an internet café, or a relative's or friend's computer. Those physiotherapists who are unable to access a computer and internet connection must make a written request for a paper version of the module. Physiotherapists completing a paper version must choose a proctor acceptable to the College. The paper version of the module will be sent directly to the proctor and may not be copied in any manner. Rules regarding appropriate proctors and written module administration are available on the College website.

### **Special Needs**

The College will make every effort to accommodate registrants unable to complete the module as designed. Contact the Entry to Practice team for assistance.

### **Successful Completion**

Physiotherapists will be given an initial six-month period to complete the module. They must submit their answers within this six-month period. An immediate response will indicate whether the criteria to successfully complete the module have been met. Physiotherapists who are unsuccessful at their first attempt may, within the original six-month period, complete the module again by logging in with the same password and beginning the module again. Physiotherapists must complete the Jurisprudence Education Program every five years.

### **Unsuccessful Completion**

If after the six-month period a physiotherapist has not yet completed the module successfully, he or she will be required to attend a jurisprudence workshop. After completion of the workshop, the physiotherapist must attempt the same module again. Physiotherapists who are not able to successfully complete the module after this attempt will be referred to the Quality Management Committee to undergo the College's Quality Management process.

### **Refusal to Participate**

The College's registration regulation requires all physiotherapists holding Independent or Academic Practice certificates to complete the module every five years. As this is a mandatory requirement, refusal to participate in the program will result in a referral to the Executive Committee.

### **Deferrals**

Registrants who are seriously ill during the six months, or have seriously ill family members or other extenuating personal or professional circumstances may apply to the Registration Committee for a deferral. Deferrals are considered on a case by case basis and may be granted for up to a maximum of one year. Requests must be sent to the College in writing, provide documentation if applicable and indicate the length of time for which the deferral is requested. Such requests should be forwarded to the Entry to Practice team.

**Changes to a Registrant's Status or Category of Registration**

Registrants who resign their College registration, move to Inactive status or are suspended for non-payment of fees during the six-month period for completion of the module and have not yet completed the module, will be required to complete the module upon re-registration in the Independent or Academic Practice categories of registration.

**Inappropriate Professional Behaviour**

Physiotherapists found to be violating the Guidelines for Appropriate Completion of the Module section (see page 3 of this Guide) will be referred to the Executive Committee for review.

**For further information about the Jurisprudence Education Program, please contact:**

**Entry to Practice Team**

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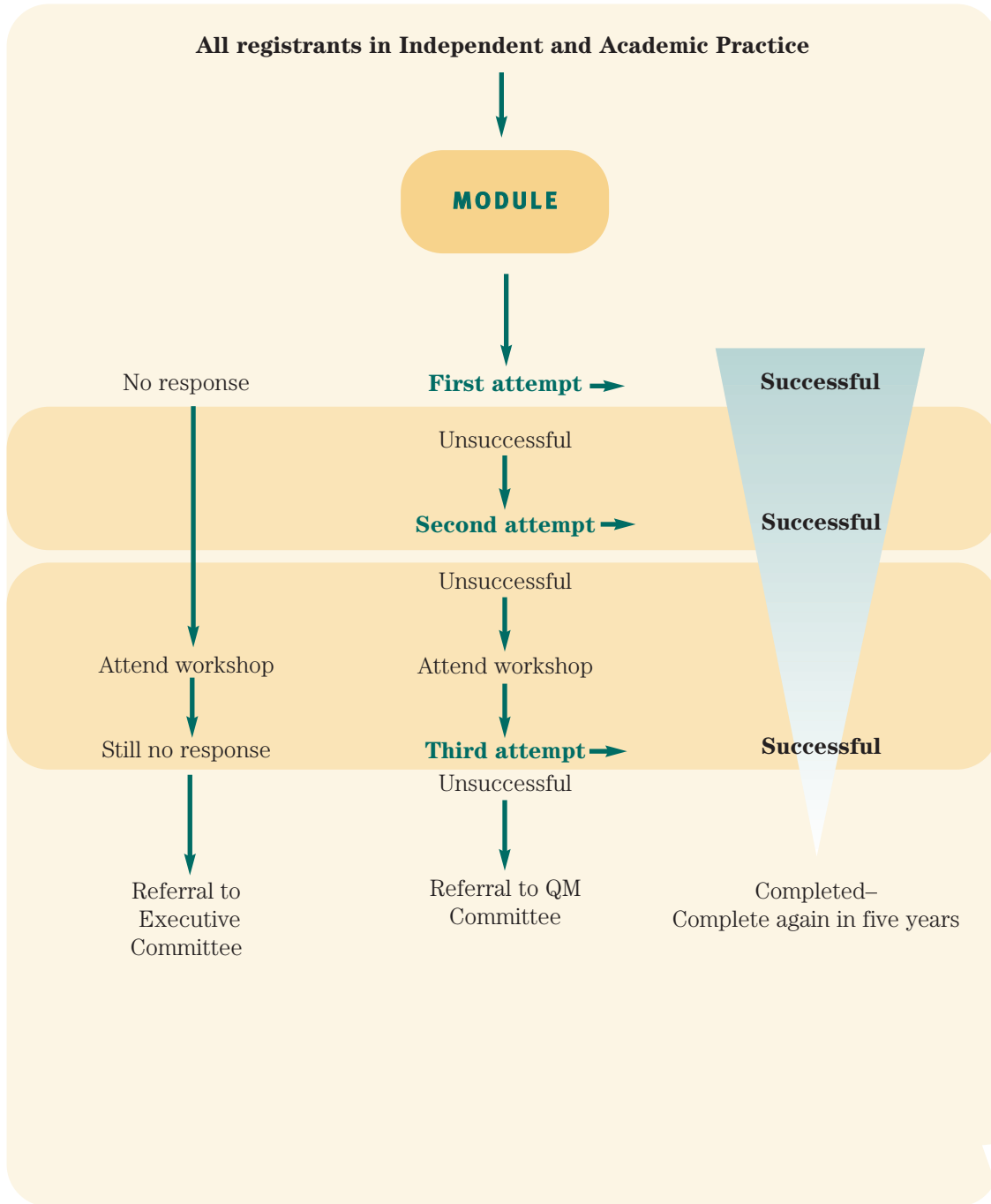
**416-591-3828 or 1-800-583-5885**

**ext. 230 or 246**

**or visit the jurisprudence section on the College website**

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