

# Essential Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada

## Introduction

The concept of essential competence speaks to the competencies expected of any physiotherapist in any practice setting, across varied roles, assumed and required. The Essential Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada, October 2009, applies to any individual seeking registration. The essential competencies described form the basis for the review of education programs and the national exam. They also set day-to-day expectations for baseline practice. In fact, many Standards for Professional Practice elaborate on components contained in the Essential Competency Profile.

In addition to reflecting the current requirements of physiotherapists, the essential competencies also encompass the dynamic and evolving nature of physiotherapist practice. They are the foundation from which physiotherapists can base their continuing professional development.

Every registrant should be familiar with this important document.

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