

Controlled Drugs and Substances Education and Training or Course Requirement

Purpose

The Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation requires a registrant who prescribes or administers a controlled drug or substance set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulation, to first have either:

- (a) satisfied the Registrar or Registration Committee that the registrant has sufficient knowledge, skill, and judgment, based on the registrant's formal education and training, to safely and competently prescribe or administer the drugs and substances set out in Schedule 4; or
- (b) successfully completed a course approved by the Council on prescribing and administering drugs set out in Schedule 4.

This policy defines the formal education and training requirements that must be met to safely and competently prescribe (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administer by injection the controlled drugs and substances set out in Schedule 4 of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation.

This policy also identifies the course approved by the Council that satisfies the above requirement.

Scope

This policy applies to all practising registrants of the College of Midwives of Ontario who prescribe (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administer by injection the controlled drugs and substances set out in Schedule 4 of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation.

Definitions

Formal education and training: Formal education is a Midwifery Education Program in Canada at a university baccalaureate level and training is a standalone course administered by an organization where one of the identified outcomes is to develop sufficient knowledge, skills, and judgment in the safe prescribing (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administration of controlled drugs and substances by midwives.

Course approved by the Council: A free online course created by the College and approved by the Council.

Policy Statement

Formal Education and Training Requirement

Formal Education:

Program requirements: A Canadian Midwifery Education Program offered at a university baccalaureate level where one of the identified outcomes is to develop sufficient knowledge, skills, and judgment in the safe prescribing (for the purpose of administering in a public hospital) and administration by injection of controlled substances by midwives.

Currently approved programs:

University	Program Name	First Eligible Graduation Year
McMaster University	Midwifery Education Program	2024
Mount Royal University	Midwifery Education Program	2023
Toronto Metropolitan University	Midwifery Education Program	2024
University of British Columbia	Midwifery Education Program	2016
Université du Québec à Trois Rivières	Baccalauréat en pratique sage-femme	2022

Meeting the Requirement: Registrants who have completed one of the formal education programs on or after the graduation year listed above are deemed to have met the formal education and training requirement to safely and competently prescribe (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administer by injection the controlled drugs and substances set out in Schedule 4 of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation.

Training Courses:

Course requirements: A standalone course administered by an organization where one of the identified outcomes is to develop sufficient knowledge, skills, and judgment in the safe prescribing (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administration by injection of controlled drugs and substances by midwives.

Currently approved courses:

Organization	Course Name
University of British Columbia	Opioids and Benzodiazepines: Safe Prescribing for Midwives

Meeting the Requirement: Registrants who have completed the training course above are deemed to have met the formal education and training requirement to safely and competently prescribe (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administer by injection the controlled drugs and substances set out in Schedule 4 of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation.

Registrants who have completed a course that is not listed above may submit a proposal along with supporting documentation (e.g., the course outline) to the College for review to determine if it meets the course requirements.

Course approved by Council

Registrants who do not satisfy the formal education and training requirement may complete the College's free online course called The Safe Prescribing and Administration of Controlled Drugs and Substances for Ontario Midwives (approved by Council, December 2023).

If Unable to Satisfy the Requirements

Registrants who do not satisfy the formal education and training requirement and do not complete the College's free online course called The Safe Prescribing and Administration of Controlled Substances for Ontario Midwives must either:

1. Refrain from prescribing or administering controlled drugs and substances, or
2. Administer controlled substances only on the order of a physician or nurse practitioner.

Declaration

Registrants are required to declare, in the College's Registrant Portal during the 2024 Registration Renewal period, that they understand and are in compliance with the requirements that must be met in order to prescribe (for the purpose of being administered in a public hospital) and administer by injection the controlled drugs or substances set out in Schedule 4 of the Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation.

References

Designated Drugs and Substances Regulation under the *Midwifery Act, S.O. 1991*

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