

## Update to Education Programs regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

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On December 12, 2022, PEAC issued an update to education programs: *Update to Education Programs: Compliance with Accreditation Standards during the COVID-19 Pandemic*, including indication that a follow up communication would follow in spring 2023. The present document aims to provide this update.

### **Substantive Change**

Policy [ACC-04 Substantive Change](#) requires the submission of a substantive change report within two months of institutional approval of a major curriculum revision, including pedagogy. This policy has now been revised as follows:

- Item 2.1.5 is now titled “Major pedagogical revision” (previously “Major curriculum revision”)
- Item 2.1.5 now specifies that “major pedagogical revision does not include change to or from online learning if there is no change to learning objectives or evaluation objectives”

Since March 26, 2020, there has been a temporary waiving of the requirement to submit a substantive change report for any **temporary** changes made to pedagogy, including changes to curriculum sequence, a move to online learning, or a change to online assessment of student achievement.

This waiving expires on **August 31, 2023**.

### **Clinical Education Experience**

Accreditation criterion 4.3 seeks evidence that programs have a required mix of clinical education experience designed to encompass essential areas of practice and settings across the lifespan and that enables students to achieve the required competencies.

Evidence must be submitted to demonstrate that:

Each student attains the required mix as defined by the program.

Each student attains a minimum of 1025 hours of clinical education experience; the majority of these hours shall be under the supervision of a licensed/registered physiotherapist.

Since March 26, 2020, there has been a temporary waiving of the requirement that students complete a program's required mix of clinical education experiences prior to graduation.

This waiving expires on **August 31, 2023**.

This means that students who begin their first clinical placement after August 31, 2023 are expected to complete their program's required mix of clinical education experiences prior to graduation.

We remain available to assist programs on an individual basis as necessary. Please do not hesitate to be in touch.

On behalf of PEAC's Accreditation Committee,

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