



Canadian-educated physiotherapists who wish to practise physiotherapy in Canada in all jurisdictions except Quebec must successfully complete the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE). To challenge the PCE, they must graduate from an entry-to-practice physiotherapy program that holds Accreditation with PEAC.

My program holds Accreditation – Probationary status. What does that mean?

Your program is still accredited. Programs must demonstrate compliance with accreditation standards and criteria. If a program is awarded *Accreditation – Probationary*, then it has completed either an accreditation review or has submitted a progress report between accreditation reviews and was found to either not demonstrate compliance with one or more of the established Core criteria or to have failed to demonstrate progress in addressing the identified concerns in its required progress report(s). The program has been asked to make improvements by a certain date.

Programs are given two years to make improvements and progress from *Accreditation – Probationary* to *Accreditation – Partially Compliant* or *Accreditation – Fully Compliant*. After two years (except in unique circumstances), if insufficient improvement is demonstrated, a program is granted *Non-Accreditation*.

The PEAC website ([Programs with Accreditation Status](#)) indicates the date on which each program was awarded Accreditation.

What happens if my program is awarded Non-Accreditation while I'm a student?

In the unlikely event that your program is awarded *Non-Accreditation* in the future:

- If you were admitted (i.e. accepted an offer of admission) to the program while it held *Accreditation – Fully Compliant* or *Accreditation – Partially Compliant*, you will be considered a graduate of an accredited program, if the program respects certain conditions. The conditions, may, for example, specify requirements for academic or clinical education and will be specified by PEAC on a case-by-case basis.
- If you were admitted (i.e. accepted an offer of admission) to the program while it held *Accreditation – Probationary*, you will not be considered a graduate of an accredited program at the time of graduation if the program holds non-accreditation status at that time.



Students graduating from a program awarded Accreditation – Probationary status at the time they complete the program are considered graduates of an accredited program.

Students graduating from a program that holds Non-Accredited status at the time they complete the program must consult the bullets above and be aware of the accreditation status of the program at the time they accepted an offer of admission.



Questions?

Still have questions about Accreditation – Probationary? We're here to help!
Contact Physiotherapy Education Accreditation Canada at:
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