

Important Notice about PLAR for *Product Preparation Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program*

The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) challenge process for *Product Preparation – Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program*, includes a requirement to demonstrate practical as well as theoretical competency. As a PLAR candidate, you will be required to find a pharmacist assessor who will attest to your competency in extemporaneous compounding and sterile product preparation, using checklists prepared for this purpose.

- You must download the checklists from the College of Pharmacists of B.C. (CPBC) website at:
 - http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About_Us/A-8_Key_Initiatives/5106-PT_PLAR_Exam-Extemporaneous_Compounding.pdf
 - http://www.bcpharmacists.org/library/A-About_Us/A-8_Key_Initiatives/5105-PT_PLAR_Exam-Sterile_Product_Prep.pdf

and arrange an assessment at your workplace or some other practice site.

- Complete the demonstrations of your practical skills for all criteria on the checklist and make certain you obtain appropriate signatures on both documents.
- Send or email the completed and signed checklists to:

College of Pharmacists of B.C.
200 - 1765 West 8th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6J 5C6
Email: pharmacytech@bcpharmacists.org

Please make a copy for your records.

You can complete the practical requirements before or after you attempt the PLAR challenge exam and forward the completed assessments to the CPBC. The results of your PLAR will be forwarded to CPBC from the registering site.

Pharmacists who will attest to a technician's competency will be required to:

- Review the competencies on the checklists to ensure they have adequate knowledge and understanding of the process and are therefore able to assess the competence of the technician.
- Observe or have observed the technician in performing a sterile product preparation or extemporaneous compounding.
- Complete and assess **all** criteria on the checklist indicating whether each competency was demonstrated or not.
- Sign the form and return it to the technician.