

Information Circular – Distance Education

Supplemental to Fact Sheet #10 – Approval of Distance Education Programs at Private Career Colleges. See “General Approval Considerations”.

Dear PCC Administrator:

In developing the Distance Education Program Standard, the Private Career Colleges Branch (PCCB) reached out to a number of regulatory bodies to determine how/if programs may be approved and delivered using a distance education mode of delivery. PCCB heard back from the following regulatory bodies:

Name of Organization:	Vocational Program:	Comments:
Ontario College of Pharmacists	Pharmacy Technician	DE delivery is generally appropriate for programs if they meet requirements in the standard.
College of Massage Therapists of Ontario	Massage Therapy	DE may be feasible if it provides students with adequate clinical time in a hybrid mode.
Canadian Association of Registered Diagnostic Ultrasound Professionals	Ultrasound or Medical Sonography	DE delivery may be appropriate, provided the program meets some additional requirements regarding clinical time.
The Law Society of Upper Canada	Paralegal	DE delivery not appropriate .
Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Canada Federation	Teaching English as a Second Language	DE delivery may be appropriate.
Technical Standards and Safety Authority	Many professions, including gas and propane inspectors, maintenance technicians, etc.	DE delivery may be appropriate.
The College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario	Medical Laboratory Technologists	DE delivery may be appropriate.
Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services	Security Guards Private Investigators	For security guard programs, a higher percentage of training must be delivered in class to satisfy the emergency first aid training component. DE delivery may be appropriate for private investigator programs.
Transport Canada	Flight Training Commercial Pilot	DE delivery may be appropriate.
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities	Trades, including Baker, Chef, Hairstyling, Plumber,	DE delivery is appropriate for the theory portion of programs only.

	Steamfitter, Truck and Transmission Technician, etc.	
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This list of regulatory bodies and programs overseen by an external regulatory body is not exhaustive. This table represents the organizations who responded to our request and who provided comment on the DE Program Standard. It is the responsibility of each PCC to contact the appropriate regulatory body setting standards or entry-to-practice requirements, to ensure that the program may be delivered in a DE method.

The DE Program Standard represents an opportunity for Private Career Colleges to provide new, innovative types of training delivery, while also providing student protection and ensuring that graduates are able to meet relevant entry-to-practice requirements set by external regulatory bodies.

Thank you,

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