



CPD in Focus

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Here's everything you need to stay on track—recent updates to certification standards, quick reminders, and upcoming requirements to help you plan with confidence for 2025–2026.

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Evaluation Forms

In addition to the bias question(s), evaluation forms must give participants the opportunity to:

- Reflect on changes in their knowledge or skills.
- Rate the effectiveness of the activity (format, design, facilitators).
- Indicate confidence in meeting the learning objectives.
- Comment on how equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) concepts were integrated.
- Offer disaggregated data to be analyzed and incorporated into future program delivery.

See Quality Criteria 4 and the [CFPC sample evaluation form](#) for details.

Learning Objectives

Every activity requires overall learning objectives and, if applicable, session-specific ones. These must be included in invitations or brochures. For shorter promotions (e.g., online ads), ensure participants can access all details listed in [Administrative Standard 3.1](#).

Clear learning objectives help participants know exactly what they can expect to gain. For tips, check out the CFPC's [Quick Tips on Writing Learning Objectives](#).

Coming Soon: Annual attestations

CPD providers will soon be required to complete a short annual attestation to confirm organizational details, indicate any changes in personnel linked to their organization, and confirm eligibility ([Administrative Standard 8.4](#)). During the attestation period, the completed form will be required before any new or in-progress applications can proceed.

Make the Most of the New CERT+ Chat Features

The new Admin and Reviewer Chat tools in CERT+ are a great way to add helpful comments and context after an application has been submitted. These chats help streamline communication and make the review process smoother.

💡 **Reminder:** If the application hasn't been submitted, comments entered in the chat won't be seen by our team.

Need a quick response? We're here to help! Email us any time at certplus@cfpc.ca and don't forget to include the **Program ID** if it's available.

Certification Standards Updates

In July 2025 we shared updates to the Mainpro+® certification standards, now available in full via the online certification standards.

The changes take effect for all activities delivered **on or after January 1, 2026**, and include updates to:

- Eligible CPD provider organizations and partnerships.
- Content requirements for invitations and brochures.
- Hosting rules for certified CPD.
- Branding and sponsorship guidelines.
- New disclosure requirements for use of artificial intelligence (AI) in content creation and review.

- ✓ The notification was sent by email in July—please review to ensure your upcoming activities meet the updated standards.

Certified Assessment Activities: Reflection, feedback, and outcome measurement

Mainpro+ Certified Assessment activities focus on using **real practice data** to guide reflection, measure outcomes, and inspire change. To meet the Quality Criteria for Certified Assessment activities, CPD providers should ensure their activities include:

Core components

- **Practice data review** – Participants analyze their own work to identify strengths, gaps, and trends.
- **Structured reflection** – Guided prompts help interpret what the data reveal.
- **Feedback** – Participants receive feedback on practice and/or performance **compared to expected standards**, with the intent to **encourage improvement**. For self-directed activities, feedback may include **reminders or prompts** to review and reflect on progress or changes in performance.

Feedback can be:

- Automated or system-generated: Electronic medical record (EMR) dashboards, audit reports, benchmarking graphs, or automated score summaries.
 - Peer- or facilitator-delivered: Small group discussions, written comments, or one-on-one coaching.
 - Self-assessment tools: Online quizzes with answer explanations, progress trackers, or performance alerts.
- **Outcome measurement** – Documented evidence of improvement in clinical care, processes, or other outcomes.

Examples of practice data

- Clinical practice: EMR searches (e.g., overdue screenings, prescribing patterns), immunization coverage, referral patterns.
- Hospital/procedural: Surgical complication rates, emergency room time-to-intervention metrics, adherence to perioperative protocols.
- Non-clinical/administrative: Quality improvement results, clinic wait times, patient or staff survey results.
- Academic/teaching: Objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) scores, workplace-based assessments, trainee feedback, curriculum impact measures.
- Practice performance results in a live/virtual/asynchronous simulation-based environment.

Why it matters

Activities that integrate **personalized data and/or practice/performance review, structured reflection, comparative feedback (whether from people or systems), and measured outcomes** are more likely to result in tangible, lasting changes to practice—whether clinical, administrative, or academic.

Register for the Next CPD In Focus Webinars

Save the date(s) below and join the CERT+ team to ask questions about the updated standards, new platform, etc. Feel free to share your questions in advance by email to certplus@cfpc.ca.

- English: November 19, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. (ET)
[Register today](#)
- French : November 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. (ET)
[Register today](#)

Resources

Two resources have been developed to help CPD providers:

- *Quick Tips – Guide for integrating patient perspectives into CPD activities for family physicians*
- *Quick Tips – Guide for Meeting Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Criteria in Mainpro+ Certification*

You can find all of the resources on the CFPC website under [CPD Program Certification](#).

We appreciate your continued commitment to high-quality CPD. Don't forget to **register for our CPD In Focus webinar this November**—a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and hear the latest updates. If you need support in the meantime, our team is just an email away at certplus@cfpc.ca (please include your Program ID when possible).



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