

CPD in Focus

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The revised **Mainpro+® Certification Standards** document was published in March 2018. This is your primary resource for the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)'s policies and procedures related to Mainpro+ certification.

As well, there are other **resource documents and policy updates** available on the CPD Providers and Planners section of the CFPC website to complement the guide and assist in the development of high-quality CPD programs.

MAINPRO+ CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS

Revisions to the Mainpro+ certification application were launched in April 2018 and the new application is available on the **CERT+ platform**. You can access a copy of the CERT+ application questions on our **Commonly Referenced Resources and Policy Updates** web page.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: NATIONAL STANDARD FOR SUPPORT OF ACCREDITED CPD ACTIVITIES

Effective January 1, 2018, all applications submitted for Mainpro+ certification must comply with the **National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD Activities** (the Standard). Please note that we have revised the CFPC **conflict of interest** disclosure form and **conflict of interest slides** to comply with the Standard. Please ensure you update your documents and processes to incorporate these new documents.

CHANGE IN ELIGIBILITY FOR PROVIDERS OF MAINPRO+ CERTIFIED ACTIVITIES

With the launch of the Standard on January 1, 2018, the CFPC now accepts applications for program certification from non-commercial interests only. Commercial interests are defined as for-profit entities that develop, produce, market, resell, or distribute drugs, devices, products, or other health care goods, services, or therapies that may be prescribed to patients or ordered by doctors for the diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, management, or palliation of health conditions. Applications, including ethical review submissions, from commercial interest or program providers representing a commercial interest will not be accepted.

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CANMEDS–FAMILY MEDICINE 2017 IS RELEVANT TO CPD

Imagine if a new CFPC–branded resource were developed to help family physicians and CPD providers reflect on new and emerging competencies required of family physicians, highlighting more than the latest clinical guidelines and diagnostic approaches to care. What if this resource featured relevant and equally important learning opportunities in non-clinical areas that are recognized as parts of ongoing CPD for Canadian family physicians? **CanMEDS-FM 2017 could be such a resource, if it is framed in the right way.**

With moves toward the Patient’s Medical Home model of care and a greater emphasis on quality improvement, and with more family physicians struggling with burnout, there is a growing need to offer learning opportunities to support these new realities. What if CPD offerings included leadership and organizational change practices? What if

quality improvement workshops, courses, and Linking Learning opportunities were offered more readily by CPD providers? The Leader Role, Scholar Role, Professional Role, and all other CanMEDS-FM 2017 Roles **offer infinite opportunities for CPD providers, if used correctly.**

CanMEDS-FM 2017 is a competency framework designed for use by all family physicians regardless of practice type, location, or populations served. Together with the **Family Medicine Professional Profile**, it forms an overall picture of the roles, responsibilities, and competencies of Canadian family physicians across the educational continuum, and **CPD providers could use the framework to develop self-reflective learning tools and guides.**

The CFPC is testing the idea of developing CanMEDS-FM reference tools for use in CPD for providers and individual family physicians. **Help us help you:** Submit your ideas and let us know whether you would be interested in developing these tools. Please contact us at academicfm@cfpc.ca.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

REVISED REVIEW PROCESS FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAMS

The National Committee on Continuing Professional Development (NCCPD) approved including the review of cannabis education programs in the CFPC’s standard Mainpro+ program certification process. This means that the CFPC will no longer require an expert review of programs on this subject. These programs must meet the Mainpro+ Quality Criteria requirements, including the incorporation of evidence. Content review of these programs will be required in most circumstances, and for activities for which content review is not required our Mainpro+ reviewers reserve the right to request the full content for review. Providers developing education on medical cannabis are strongly encouraged to refer to the CFPC–endorsed **Simplified guideline for prescribing medical cannabinoids in primary care** when considering evidence for inclusion in cannabis education activities.

A CHANGE TO PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION FOR ASYNCHRONOUS ONE-CREDIT- PER-HOUR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

During the spring 2018 meeting of the NCCPD a proposal to allow provincial certification for one-credit-per-hour asynchronous online programs was discussed. The committee approved this change in policy for asynchronous online activities provided the program targets an audience in a specific province. Enacting this change in policy will require updates to the CERT+ platform. This change will become live once the platform enhancement is complete. The target date for the completion of this enhancement is July 2018.



FEWER MANDATORY EVALUATION QUESTIONS FOR MAINPRO+ CERTIFIED ACTIVITIES

Based on feedback received from program providers, including Canadian university CPD units, the NCCPD explored a request to reduce the mandatory evaluation questions required for Mainpro+ certified activities. The NCCPD approved the removal of the mandatory requirement for the following questions:

1. This program content enhanced my knowledge
2. Please indicate which CanMEDS-FM Roles you felt were addressed during this educational activity



The following question remains mandatory for Mainpro+ certified activities:

Did you perceive any degree of bias in any part of the program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe: _____

Program providers must continue to meet the Mainpro+ requirements for Quality Criterion 5: Evaluation and Outcome Assessment.

CERT+ CORNER: TECHNICAL TIPS AND TRICKS

CERT+ CPD PLANNING COMMITTEE CONFIRMATION

Individuals who have been entered as CFPC members on a CPD scientific planning committee in an application for Mainpro+ certification are required to indicate that they have had substantial input in the planning, development, and implementation of the CPD program. Failing to complete this step will result in the CPD certification process being stalled.

To submit your response:

1. Log in to <https://www.cfpc.ca/login/>



2. Select the CERT+ CPD Planning Committee Confirmation icon located at the bottom of the page
3. On the CERT+ landing page select "Planning Committee Member" from the selection of roles (if applicable)
4. Select the "CONFIRM" button for the application
5. Answer the four questions contained within the "Confirmation" tab and select "SUBMIT"

HOW TO IDENTIFY CFPC MEMBERS ON YOUR SCIENTIFIC PLANNING COMMITTEE IN YOUR APPLICATION

To indicate who is a CFPC member in a CERT+ application, providers must use the email address associated with the CFPC member's Mainpro+ account.

Please note that providers are unable to enter the **CFPC Membership Number** and **CFPC Member Name**. The system will automatically populate this information if the email address is associated with a valid CFPC member. For provincial applications the system will also validate that the member is from the province where the program is being delivered.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A REVIEWER REQUESTS CHANGES?

If a reviewer marks an application as "Changes Required" the application manager will receive an email notification asking them to review the changes requested and submit the revised application in CERT+.

TO REVIEW THE FEEDBACK AND RESUBMIT THE APPLICATION:



1. Log in to www.certplus.cfpc.ca
2. Open the application via in the “Pending Action by me” section of your CERT+ dashboard
3. Select the “VIEW COMMENTS” button (select “Reviewer 1” and/or “Reviewer 2” under the “Submitted by” column to see more detailed feedback)
4. Select “EDIT” to make the necessary changes
5. Continue to the final page of the application and select “SUBMIT”

Note: When an application has been submitted successfully the status will change to “Pending Review” and it will no longer appear under the “Pending Action by me” section of your CERT+ dashboard.

Please contact the Mainpro+ certification team at the CFPC National Office via email at certplus@cfpc.ca or by phone at 1-866-242-5885 if you require any technical assistance with the CERT+ platform.

WHAT WE ARE READING: A CPD BIBLIOGRAPHY

Below is a list of scholarly literature that has recently come to our attention. These publications have attracted our interest because they address recent trends in CPD, support the principles of Mainpro+ certification guidelines, or introduce unique concepts in adult learning. We hope you will find this information helpful as you develop CPD activities.

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