

Thompson Career College Scores a First for BC

First Pharmacy Technician program in BC accredited under new industry standards

Kamloops, BC, March 2009 - Thompson Career College, a health care training college in Kamloops, has scored a significant first. The college has just been notified that their Pharmacy Technician program has been awarded the status of Provisional Accreditation by the Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) for a three year term 2009-2011.

"This is a major win for students studying at our college," said Geoff Collier, the School Administrator. "Students in our current and future classes will now be eligible to write the national certification exam that becomes available later this year, and they will be the first Pharmacy Technician graduates in BC who meet the new standards established by the CCAPP. We have invested a lot in this program and in the accreditation process, and today our investment and hard work have paid off for our students."

Thompson Career College is the first and only school in BC to apply for and be awarded CCAPP accreditation. There are only a handful of schools nationally who have been awarded this accreditation status, and some schools have chosen to shut down their programs in the face of the stringent standards required by the CCAPP.

According to the BC College of Pharmacists web site (www.bcpharmacists.org), the regulation of pharmacy technicians is one of the most significant initiatives facing the pharmacy profession today as it will shift the work, in the areas of prescription processing and preparation, from the pharmacist to the technician, allowing pharmacists more time for their evolving role in clinical care activities.

The regulation of pharmacy technicians, a national initiative which has been underway for many years, will result in the creation of a new healthcare professional. As a regulated professional, pharmacy technicians will have their own scope of practice outlining the specific functions for which they will be responsible and ultimately held accountable.

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"The current Pharmacy Technician class - first in the province to graduate under the new national standards."



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