



The regulation of pharmacy technicians in Canada has led to an expanded scope of practice. Despite some variations from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, the core nine competencies of pharmacy technicians practice identified by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) remain consistent nationally. In order to become regulated (certified) a pharmacy technician must satisfy the requirements of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) by completing successfully the Qualifying Exam divided in Part 1: MCQ (questions) and Part 2: OSPE (stations) to ensure pharmacy technicians have the necessary entry-level professional knowledge, skills and abilities to work effectively and safely within their scope of practice. The following core nine competencies of pharmacy technician practice, represent the keystones of the Qualifying Exam: 1. Ethical, Legal and Professional Responsibilities 2. Patient Care 3. Product Distribution 4. Practice Setting 5. Health Promotion 6. Knowledge and Research Application Pharmacy technicians and pharmacists work as a team to ensure optimal delivery of drug therapy. To that end, pharmacy technicians are primarily responsible for the technical aspects of a prescription whereas pharmacists focus on its clinical implications. Both groups assume responsibility for their own actions, contribute to the overall functioning of the pharmacy, and are accountable to the public. A candidate for OSPE Exam must be prepared to demonstrate practical skills in interactive and non-interactive stations. Stations are designed to evaluate several skills such as: - Gathering information from a Standardized Patient, Standardized Client or Standardized Health Professional to solve a drug-related problem - Gathering information from a Standardized Patient, Standardized Client or Standardized Health Professional to solve an ethical issue - Addressing the questions of a Standardized Patient, Standardized Client or Standardized Health Professional - Making a referral when appropriate - Screen and evaluate new prescriptions - Document information in a patient record - Check the accuracy of patient records - Check the accuracy of prepared medications - Update a patient record - Check the accuracy of prepared/compounded medications - Check the accuracy of compounding techniques - Compound a product Canadian Pharmacy Exams(TM) - Pharmacy Technician OSPE Workbook is designed as a self-study or group-study tool to help the student seeking pharmacy technician certification in Canada test his/her exam readiness, identify areas of strength and weakness. The book provides an extensive opportunity to test and improve relevant practical skills within the nine competencies listed above. The workbook contains a mix of interactive stations, non-interactive stations (prescription and dispensed product check, MAR-blister pack check, compounding skills), medication reconciliation chart, answer forms and candidate assessment sheets. All stations are supplemented by detailed solutions and explanations to ensure further understanding and learning of new concepts. These comments are truly the keystone of Canadian Pharmacy Exams(TM). We trust that each Canadian Pharmacy Exams(TM) book is a valuable learning and self-assessment tool towards Canadian Pharmacy Licensure or Canadian Pharmacy Technician Certification/Regulation. The following book is

