

The Evaluation of Competencies

This evaluation is based on clinical case histories that are commonly found in the spheres of physiotherapy (orthopedics, neurology, cardio-respiratory), both in private clinics and in hospitals. These clinical situations are based on the competency frameworks for [physiotherapists](#) and for [physical rehabilitation therapists](#).

It is intended to enable you to demonstrate your proficiency in the skills required to implement a physiotherapy analysis and intervention process. It is not an evaluation of knowledge based on theoretical questions, but rather a demonstration that you have the skills required to practise physiotherapy in Québec.

It is important to note that our evaluation differs from the Physiotherapy Competency Exam conducted by the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators and is not intended to determine if a candidate is ready for practice. It is essentially intended to determine if candidates with a partial equivalence can complete additional training and/or what additional training should be imposed to them. If you pass the evaluation, a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors for approval. Upon successful completion of the required courses and practicum stages, you may obtain a regular licence to practice in Quebec, or a temporary licence pending mandatory French language examination success at the OQLF.

The evaluation is conducted in two parts: a guided interview with 24 open-ended questions based on a case history, followed by an observation in a simulated work situation (OSWS) that brings together practical scenarios from clinical situations in physiotherapy related to the conduct of an evaluative activity and the conduct of an intervention, respectively.

Objects of evaluation that are the subject of the interview and that reflect the five stages of the professional's work process:

- 1) The analysis of a request for physiotherapy services and the follow-up given to the result of such an analysis;
- 2) The evaluation in physiotherapy;
- 3) The production of the result of a physiotherapy evaluation;
- 4) The development of a physiotherapy treatment plan;
- 5) The implementation of a physiotherapy intervention.

The questions may relate in particular to the establishment of the diagnosis and objectives, the evaluation approach and follow-up, the choices and proposals of means adapted to the situation described, the therapeutic approach and the mode of communication to be favoured.

Here are the evaluation criteria for the interview:

- The relevance of the elements of response;
- The correctness of the elements of response;
- The subject of the choices, the decisions;
- The coherence of the justifications.

Objects of evaluation which are covered by the OSWS and which apply to the two practical scenarios presented to the candidate:

- The information provided to the client throughout the evaluation/intervention;
- The decisions made throughout the course of the evaluation or intervention;
- The execution of the evaluation activity (1st practical situation) or the execution of the intervention (2nd practical situation);
- The communication approach and the attention given to the client;
- The analysis and interpretation of the data (1st situational application) and the effectiveness of the intervention in relation to the client's condition (2nd situational application).

Here are the evaluation criteria for the OSWS:

- The relevance, clarity and accuracy of the information provided in the evaluation and interventions;
- The compliance, effectiveness and safety of the interventions.

The results of the competency evaluation will be taken into account in the further analysis of your file by the admissions committee for the purpose of making a recommendation to the executive committee of the OPPQ as to the obligations to be imposed on you in order for you to be entered on the roll of members and obtain your permit to practise. We remind that the evaluation of competencies is not an entry to practice examination.

Fees ranging from \$1000 to \$2000 (tax included) are required to obtain an evaluation of competencies. The fee must be paid in full prior to the evaluation.

Please take note that this evaluation is available in French only.