



Important Notice about PLAR for *Product Preparation* Pharmacy Technician Bridging Program

The Prior Learning Assessment challenge process for Product Preparation includes a requirement to demonstrate practical as well as theoretical competency. As a PLA candidate, you will be required to find a pharmacist who will attest to your competency in extemporaneous compounding and sterile product preparation, using checklists especially prepared for this purpose.

- You must download the checklists from <https://pharmacists.ab.ca/nRegistrationLicensure/Resources.aspx> and arrange an assessment at your workplace or some other practice site.
- Complete the demonstrations of your practical skills for all criteria on the checklist and make certain you obtain appropriate signatures on both documents.
- Bring/send the completed and signed checklists to the college where you plan to take the PLA challenge exam.

You must complete the practical requirements before you attempt the Challenge Exam. You will not be able to register for the PLA Challenge Exam unless you provide original copies of the completed assessments. Your documentation will be collected by the registering college and forwarded to ACP along with the results of your PLA exam.

Pharmacists who will attest to a technician's competency will be required to:

- review the competencies on the checklists to ensure they have adequate knowledge and understanding of the process and are therefore able to assess the competence of the technician
- observe or have observed the technician in performing sterile product preparation or extemporaneous compounding
- complete and assess **all** criteria on the checklist indicating whether each competency was demonstrated or not
- sign the form and return it to the technician