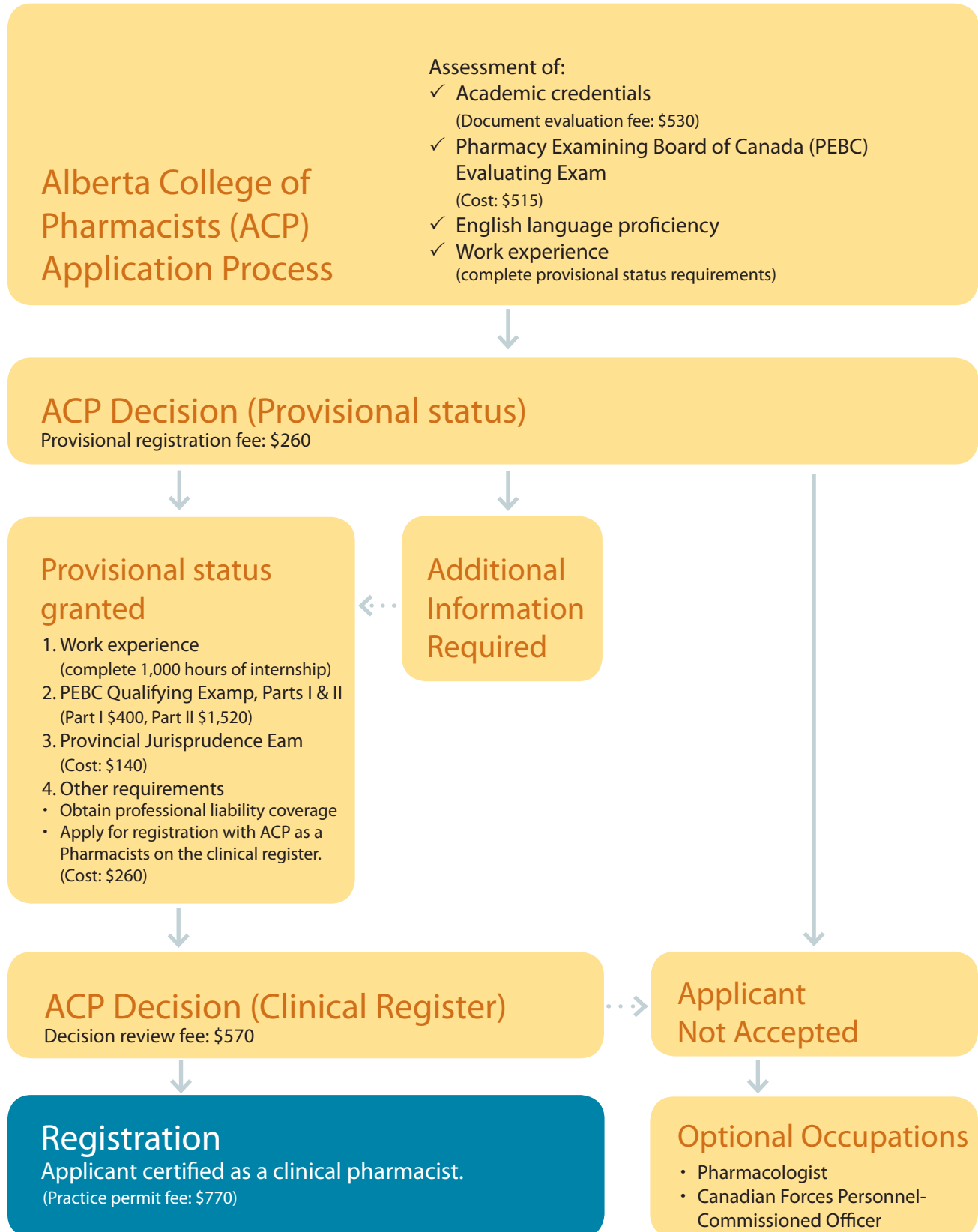


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Description of Occupation

Pharmacists promote health and prevent and treat disease, dysfunction and disorders through proper drug therapy and non-drug decisions. Pharmacists usually work in pharmacies, healthcare facilities and research institutions. In general they:

- Work with clients and other health care professionals, offering advice on selecting and using medicinal drugs and non-drug therapies
- Assist in drug-related research, and other activities such as teaching and providing health-related programs
- May obtain additional authorizations to prescribe certain drugs and blood products, and to administer drugs, vaccines and blood products by injection.

Registering in Alberta

If you are an internationally educated Pharmacist and want to work in Alberta, you must register with the Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP). For information, contact:

Alberta College of Pharmacists
1200, 10303 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3N6
Canada

Once you have completed all the prerequisites, you can apply for registration with the ACP as a Pharmacist on the clinical register.

Links to application information and other resources are at the end of this document.

Requirements

The following process is for internationally educated Pharmacists, not including those who received their Pharmacy degree at an American program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

1. *Residency Requirement*

You must be a permanent resident or landed immigrant of Canada, or you must hold a valid employment visa.

2. *Academic Credentials*

You must prove you are educated and licensed as a Pharmacist by providing the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) with:

- Certified copies of a university degree certificate in Pharmacy and relevant transcripts
- Certified copies of a licensing statement from their current licensing authority
- Proof of identity (birth certificate and, if applicable, a marriage certificate)
- Proof of completing the PEBC Evaluating Exam.

3. *Work Experience*

You must then register on the ACP Provincial Register as an intern. You must schedule an in-person meeting with the ACP in order to gain provisional status. The following documents must be brought to the registration appointment:

- Original immigration papers (permanent residency card, Canadian citizenship card, immigration papers or employment visa)
- Criminal record check not more than six (6) months old (this can be obtained from a local police station or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police)
- Letter from PEBC stating successful completion of the PEBC Evaluating Exam (Qualifying Exam Part I and/or II if completed)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Two (2) letters of character references written within the last year by someone other than a family member who has known the applicant for at least one (1) year
- Two (2) passport photographs (approximate size: 2" x 2.75")
- Registration fee (see "Payment" below).

Next, you must complete 1,000 hours of internship before registering with the ACP as a Pharmacist on the clinical register. The full 1,000 hours must be completed after you have enrolled in the ACP internship program. Hours completed prior to registering or hours completed in another provincial internship program cannot be applied against the 1,000-hour requirement in Alberta.

4. *English Language Proficiency*

You must complete an English language proficiency requirement. Language proficiency test scores **MUST** be no more than two (2) years old at the time of registration. Information on acceptable tests and required scores is provided at <https://pharmacists.ab.ca/nCollege/resource.aspx?id=6744>.

5. *Examinations*

Three (3) examinations must be completed in order to register with ACP on the clinical register.

- Before registering with ACP, you must complete the **PEBC Evaluating Exam**. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass the exam, with a fourth attempt available upon successful completion of remediation.
- Once your documents have been evaluated by PEBC and the PEBC Evaluating Exam has been successfully completed, you can complete the **PEBC Qualifying Exam, Parts I and II**. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts for each part of the exam, with a fourth attempt possibly available upon successful completion of remediation.
- Individuals are also required to complete the **provincial Jurisprudence Exam**, administered by the Alberta College of Pharmacists. You must have completed at least 800 internship hours (see "Work Experience") and be provisionally registered in order to take this exam. You must receive a minimum score of 70 per cent to be successful. Candidates are permitted a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass this exam.

6. Other Requirements

You must obtain professional liability (insurance) coverage. A minimum of \$2 million of professional liability insurance is required in order to practice in Alberta as a clinical Pharmacist.

Payment

The following fees may apply for foreign-qualified applicants. All fees are in Canadian dollars.

PEBC Document Evaluation	\$530
PEBC Evaluating Examination	\$515
PEBC Qualifying Examination, Part I	\$400
PEBC Qualifying Examination, Part II	\$1,520
ACP Provisional Registration Fee (Interns)	\$260
ACP Clinical Registration (Pharmacists)	\$260
ACP Jurisprudence Exam	\$140
ACP Pharmacist Practice Permit	\$770
ACP Pharmacist Practice Pro-rated Fee (between January 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009)	\$425
ACP Decision Review Fee	\$570

Fees are subject to change. For current fee information, please visit the following websites:

[Alberta College of Pharmacists Fee Schedule](#)
[Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Fee Schedule](#)

Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for Pharmacists, according to the Alberta 2009 Wage and Salary survey, are:

Average hours worked per week	38.5
Average wage per hour	\$46.65
Average salary per year	\$93,501

Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as Pharmacologist or Canadian Forces Personnel – Commissioned Officer.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website:
[Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Pharmacist \(www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo\)](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

Contact Information

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Toll-Free: 877-227-3838
Fax: 780-990-0328
Email: registrationinfo@pharmacists.ab.ca
Website: www.pharmacists.ab.ca

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC)
717 Church Street
Toronto, Ontario M4W 2M4
Canada
Telephone: 416-979-2431
Fax: 416-599-9244
Email: pebcinfo@pebc.ca
Website: www.pebc.ca

Resources

This information is an overview of the Pharmacist accreditation process. For the most current information visit the Alberta College of Pharmacists website at www.pharmacists.ab.ca or the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada website at www.pebc.ca.

Application Forms and Information:

[ACP Information](#)
[PEBC Information](#)

Academic Credentials:

[Bredin Institute Innovative International Pharmacy Bridging Program](#) (assistance in meeting registration requirements and preparation for PEBC Qualifying Exam and ACP Jurisprudence Exam)

Related Occupations:

[NorQuest College, Pharmacy Technician Diploma](#)
[Bow Valley College, Pharmacy Technician Diploma](#)

English Language:

[English Language Competency](#)

Examinations:

[ACP Jurisprudence Exam](#)
[PEBC Evaluating Exam](#)
[PEBC Qualifying Exam, Parts I and II](#)