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## Keeping Registration Information Up To Date

It is a requirement under section 21(2) of the Health Professions Act that the College makes accurate registrant information readily and publicly available, as part of its mandate to protect the public.

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This makes it convenient for the public to find information regarding current registrants with whom they might wish to make an appointment for TCM and Acupuncture services, in the knowledge that they are qualified professionals.

The [public registry](#) is available on the College website and lists registrants' primary clinic address, telephone number and email address, and confirms the current registration status of each registrant. It provides additional information such as



practice limits and conditions.

It is the registrant's responsibility to immediately notify the Registrar of any change of address, name or other registration information previously provided to the Registrar (Bylaw section 60).

To update your information, please use the [Registrant Portal](#) to update account information, or complete the [paper address change form](#) and submit to the College.



## April 2023 Pan-Canadian Examinations

Here are some important dates concerning the April 2023 Pan-Canadian Examination application and administration.

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The April 2023 PCE important dates:

<b>Application start date</b>	Monday, December 12, 2022 (8:30 AM PT)
<b>Application deadline</b>	Friday, January 13, 2023 (4:30 PM PT)
<b>Deadline for special accommodation request</b>	Friday, January 13, 2023 (4:30 PM PT)
<b>Deadline for withdrawal of application</b>	Friday, January 20, 2023 (4:30 PM PT)
<b>Dates of TCM Herbalists Examination – HER</b>	Wednesday, April 5 & Thursday, April 6, 2023
<b>Dates of TCM Practitioners Examination – PRA</b>	Wednesday, April 5 & Thursday, April 6, 2023
<b>Dates of Acupuncturists Examination – ACU</b>	Wednesday, April 26 & Thursday, April 27, 2023

For full examination details, please visit the [Pan-Canadian Entry-Level Examinations](#) webpage on the College website. Candidates will find resources such as the updated Candidate Handbook, Application Guide, and the necessary forms available in the beginning of December.



## Election 2022

Hello Registrants! Voting is actively underway for the three Board positions available for the 2023-2025 term.



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This is always an important part of the College's annual calendar, and we thank those who stepped forward, either to run themselves, or to nominate someone they know would be a valuable CTCMA Board member.

By now you will have received your voting instructions from Simply Voting. If you haven't had a chance to get to know the [candidates](#), take a few minutes to do so now.

These candidates come from all areas of our profession. If elected they will bring diverse views and experience to the Board table, working to make sound policy and governance decisions in the public interest. They are all strategic thinkers and welcome the viewpoints of others. They are principled and ethical, thrive on problem solving, and are good listeners and communicators.

The voting process is fast and easy. Eligible Registrants are entitled to one (1) ballot each and may vote for up to three (3) candidates in any of the electoral districts in BC.

**Here's how to access the online voting form:**

1. Visit <https://ctcma.simplyvoting.com/>
2. Then enter:
  - Elector ID – (as provided to you by Simply Voting)
  - Password – (as provided to you by Simply Voting)

That's all there is to it!

**Completed electronic ballots must be submitted no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, November 30, 2022.**

Help select candidates whose focus is on public safety and who will ensure that the College maintains the trust of government *and* the public.



## Important New Practice Standard Marked by Blanketing Ceremony

Canada's second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30, 2022, was notable for once again commemorating the tragic history and ongoing impacts of residential schools.

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In BC it was also important for the Blanketing Ceremony held to mark the collective development work and adoption of the *Indigenous Cultural Safety, Humility, and Anti-Racism Practice Standard*.

Representatives from eleven regulatory colleges assembled at the Vancouver Maritime Museum, located on the unceded

territories of the x̣m̄əθkwəj̄əm (Musqueam), s̄kw̄x̄wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. Registrar Jonathan Ho, pictured below third from the left, attended on behalf of the College.

The ceremony was led by guides Sulksun (Shane Pointe), proud member of the Coast Salish Nation and the Musqueam Indian Band, Knowledge Keeper to all, and by Joe Gallagher (k'wunəməŋ) of the Tla'amin Nation.

The new Practice Standard supports each individual college's goals to eliminate Indigenous-specific racism and sets expectations of health professionals to eliminate it and provide culturally safe and appropriate care to BC's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

We gratefully acknowledge the guidance provided by Knowledge Keeper Sulksun and by Joe Gallagher, Principal at Qoqoq Consulting Ltd. We additionally appreciate the work of the BC College of Nurses and Midwives and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC for not only developing and implementing the new Practice Standard, but also for granting permission for its use by other health profession regulators.

Resources for further reading:

[Indigenous Cultural Safety, Humility, and Anti-Racism Practice Standard](#)

[Companion Notice to the new Practice Standard](#)

Finally, here's a short video clip of the ceremony itself: <https://vimeo.com/760196495/cb539c1390>





Blanketed attendees listening to Knowledge Keeper regarding the significance of the ochre placed on the ground before them.

*Left to right: Suzanne Solven, CPBC (pharmacists), Andrea Kowaz, CPBC (psychologists), Jonathan Ho, CTCMA, Cameron Cowper, CSHPBC, Suzanne Paul, CPTBC, Rick Gambrel, CODBC, Lisa Bannerman, COBC, Kathy Corbett, COTBC, Lee Dorner, CNPBC, Joanie Bouchard, CDBC, Michelle Da Roza, CCBC.*



## PSP Nov 2022 Update

The purpose of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) is to promote and facilitate continuing high practice standards and competencies, ensuring that registrants deliver safe and ethical care in an evidence-informed and self-reflective manner.

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In our most recent update to the Practice Support Program (PSP), we indicated that a comprehensive QAP Handbook was in development. The Handbook has now been published and is available [HERE](#). It is designed to explain the 'what, why, who and when' of the QAP, and to walk registrants through the PSP process, step by step. The Handbook includes updates of all the necessary forms and templates. It's all a matter of supporting registrants throughout their careers and facilitating their ability to develop personal learning plans.

Starting with the Quality Assurance (QA) cycle that began in April 2022, the PSP is a mandatory component of the QAP. The PSP requires you to reflect on and assess your practice, and then to design your own *Professional Development Plan*. *If your QA cycle started in April 2022, please make sure to complete the Self-Reflective Assessment* by end of this year, 2022, as it is a requirement.

Registrants whose QA cycle started in April 2022 should complete a self-reflective assessment by the end of 2022. The self-reflective assessment form can be downloaded [HERE](#).

A document outlining the Continuing Competency Requirements has been updated and is available [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding QAP/PSP, feel free to the College at [psp@ctcma.bc.ca](mailto:psp@ctcma.bc.ca).



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