

Professional Standard: Scope of Practice



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Principle	Outcome Statement
As a licensee, you must meet the following Principles within the Professional Standard: Scope of Practice.	People receiving health care services from a CCHPBC licensee expect that their health care practitioner will:
Principle 1: CCHPBC licensees must provide safe and competent care.	Apply the appropriate knowledge, skills, and judgement to provide care that is safe.
Principle 2: CCHPBC licensees must maintain current knowledge and skills.	Stay current with their knowledge and skills to ensure they deliver safe, effective and high-quality care.
Principle 3: CCHPBC licensees must not provide false or misleading information to patients or the public.	Provide truthful, complete and evidence-based information about the health care services.

Definitions

additional training: refers to structured education with an objective assessment of knowledge and skills beyond entry-level competency that includes both theoretical and practical components including:

- theory and principles of the technique and/or approach
- assessment and diagnosis
- treatment
- proper handling, including storage and preparation, of substances when applicable
- risk, and management as applicable

continuing professional development: means as activity or program undertaken for the purpose of ensuring that professional knowledge, skills and abilities remain current.



evidence-based practice: an approach to professional practice that involves the integration of research evidence specific to the condition being treated or approach to treatment; practice context, including a licensee's scope of practice; patient's values and circumstances; and clinical expertise.

Principle 1: CCHPBC licensees must provide safe and competent care.

To meet this standard, CCHPBC licensees must:

- 1.1 Maintain awareness of their scope of practice, including by reviewing and staying current with the Regulation, College standards, directives and guidance documents.
- 1.2 Only provide care within their scope of practice, as defined by the Regulation (including limits and conditions set out in the Regulation), College standards, directives or guidance documents.
- 1.3 Only practice and provide care to patients when they have appropriate knowledge, skills, and competence.
- 1.4 Incorporate an evidence-based practice approach to support clinical-decision making when determining an appropriate treatment plan for a patient.
- 1.5 Do the following before incorporating a service or technique within their practice:
 - 1.5.1 Take all reasonable steps to determine that the service is within their scope of practice;
 - 1.5.2 Ensure they have sufficient training and knowledge to perform the service safely and effectively;
 - 1.5.3 Ensure adequate resources, staffing and systems are available to safely perform the service and manage any intended and unintended outcomes; and



- 1.5.4 The service or technique can be provided in compliance with all relevant legislation.
- 1.6 When dually-licensed ensure there is clear separation between health professions, including:
 - 1.6.1 Clearly communicating to the patient the health profession under which they are providing care;
 - 1.6.2 Practicing within the scope of practice of only one health profession at a time; and
 - 1.6.3 Maintaining separate health care and financial records for each professional practice.
- 1.7 Ensure there is clear separation between services should a licensee be trained to provide an unregulated service that falls outside their scope of practice, including:
 - 1.7.1 Ensuring that the service that falls outside scope of practice is not linked to or associated with the licensee's practice or professional status.
 - 1.7.2 Not using reserved titles to promote services that fall outside their scope of practice.
 - 1.7.3 Not discuss services that fall outside scope of practice when providing care as a licensee, and vice versa.
 - 1.7.4 Maintaining separate health care and financial records.

Principle 2: CCHPBC licensees must maintain current knowledge and skills.

To meet this standard, CCHPBC licensees must:

- 2.1 Keep their knowledge and skills up to date and relevant to their scope of practice through ongoing continuing professional development.



- 2.2 Take reasonable steps to remain up to date on best available research evidence to support evidence-based practice.
- 2.3 Undertake additional training before integrating techniques or approaches that extend beyond entry-level practice to develop the necessary knowledge, skills and competence required to safely integrate into practice.

Principle 3: CCHPBC licensees must not provide false or misleading information to patients or the public.

To meet this standard, CCHPBC licensees must:

- 3.1 Ensure all information communicated to patients or the public about health care services, drugs, devices, and other health products is accurate, verifiable, and based on best available research evidence.
- 3.2 Provide all the necessary information for patients to make an informed decision about a proposed health care service, drug, device, or other health product, including information on risks and benefits.
- 3.3 Not make claims that create an unjustified expectation or convey misrepresentations or misinformation about a health care service, drug, device, or other health products.
- 3.4 Not provide professional recommendations that are outside the licensee's scope of practice.