

# Program



## What Will This Program Do for You?

- + Broaden your pharmaceutical knowledge and skill set
- + Develop your professional competencies
- + Enhance your communication skills
- + Assist you in assimilating into the Canadian pharmacy environment
- + Provide you with valuable Canadian work experience
- + Increase your Canadian Language Benchmark by at least one level
- + Prepare you for challenging the PEBC Qualifying Examination Part II
- + Ensure you remain up to date with current trends and best practices
- + Provide valuable exposure to the greater Alberta pharmacy community



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or to register for the

## International Pharmacy Bridging Program

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### Our Mission Statement:

"The Bredin Institute - Centre for Learning is dedicated to successful employment training and development by providing innovative, flexible programs; by treating people with dignity and respect; and by responding to the economic needs of the individual and the community."

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## Progressive Education

This innovative program is designed to assist International Pharmacy Graduates (IPGs) to acquire a license to practice pharmacy in Alberta.

The International Pharmacy Bridging Program has been designed so that upon successfully completing the requirements for licensure, IPGs will be fully prepared to launch active, successful and rewarding careers within the Alberta pharmacy workforce and greater community.

## Program Details

The Edmonton and Calgary based International Pharmacy Bridging Program runs for 41 weeks. Students participate in seminars, workshops and clinical role play scenarios that develop and hone their professional knowledge and patient counselling skills. In addition, students gain valuable practical experience while engaged in approximately 500 hours of Alberta College of Pharmacists' Structured Practical Training (SPT).

Every effort is made to ensure that individual student learning needs are addressed at intake. Students engage in a prior learning assessment so that an accurate customized Learning Plan can be developed and effectively implemented throughout the duration of study.

Curriculum modules are based on competencies set out by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) and the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy Canada (AFPC).

Successful students are eligible to challenge the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada's (PEBC) Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

## Comprehensive Curriculum

This integrated academic program provides International Pharmacy Graduate students with 3 phases of training:

### Phase I

Students enter into 24 weeks of intensive academic study. Specific areas of concentration include:

- + Review: Pharmaceutical Therapeutics
- + Pharmaceutical Care Management
- + International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Preparation (as required)
- + Pharmaceutical Terminology
- + Practice Labs - Dispensary Setting
- + Patient Counselling
- + Pharmaceutical Software Training
- + Keyboarding
- + Pronunciation and Effective Communication
- + Professional Practice
- + Canadian Cultural Diversity
- + Employment Readiness

### Phase II

Students engage in structured practical training required by the Alberta College of Pharmacists with an employer of their choice. Bredin Institute will assist students in locating suitable preceptors and provide continuous support during SPT placements, ensuring positive outcomes for both students and preceptors.

### Phase III

Students return to the Bredin Institute for the final portion of the program to participate in approximately 4 weeks of intensive OSCE preparation. Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to challenge the examinations requisite for licensure as a pharmacist in Alberta.

## General Admission Requirements

- + Hold landed immigrant status/ permanent residence
- + Pharmacy Degree from a University recognized by the PEBC
- + Successfully completed the PEBC's Evaluating Examination
- + An overall Canadian Language Benchmark score of 7 or ACP recognized language proficiency test

