



Certified Pedorthist (Canada) – Exam Eligibility

The College of Pedorthics of Canada has recently made some changes to the Certified Pedorthist (Canada) exam eligibility criteria.

There are two streams that a candidate can follow in order to become eligible to attempt the C Ped (C) examination:

Option 1: UWO Diploma in Pedorthics Graduate

- Membership: Applicant must be a Candidate Member in good standing with the Pedorthic Association of Canada (PAC). Membership must be approved and in force for a minimum of thirty days prior to the exam application deadline
- Education: Diploma in Pedorthics from the University of Western Ontario

Option 2: University Degree supplemented by specific Core Courses and Practical Experience as outlined below

- Membership: Applicant must be a Candidate Member in good standing with the Pedorthic Association of Canada (PAC). Membership must be approved and in force for a minimum of thirty days prior to the exam application deadline
- Education: A university degree in
 - o Any Health Science
 - o Science
 - o Engineering

OR

Those with a diploma in one of the following related health fields will also be accepted providing they also have a recognized University degree in any field

- o Chiropody/Podiatry
- o Chiropractic
- o Orthotist
- Core Competencies: Successful completion of coursework in the following areas from a CPC recognized university or college:
 - Anatomy
 - Biomechanics/Gait Analysis
 - Medical Conditions/Disease
 - Physical Assessment
 - Ethics

Starting January 1, 2011 courses in Orthotic fabrication (6012 Advanced Orthotic Systems) and footwear modification (6013 Pedorthic Approach to Footwear & Footwear Modifications) will also be required. These courses are available through the University of Western Ontario's Diploma in Pedorthics program.

- Practical Experience: 3500 hours in a pedorthic related field including 1500 hours of on site supervised work experience under a qualified C Ped (C).
- Allied health professionals (in a regulated health care field with a minimum of two years active practice in that field) will be granted 500 hours credit towards their 1500 required hours of on site supervised work. A letter of membership in good standing must be presented from the candidate's relevant regulatory body.

If you have any questions relating to the new examination eligibility requirements, please contact The CPC office at either 866-819-4352 or at info@cpedcs.ca.