



SUBJECT	ENTRY-TO-PRACTICE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARMD) PROGRAM FEE CLARIFICATION
MEETING DATE	APRIL 2, 2019

Forwarded on the Recommendation of the President

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

for Santa J. Ono, President and Vice-Chancellor

DECISION REQUESTED	IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED that <i>approval be granted for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy practice fee to be assessed once per year level, rather than once per year.</i>
Report Date	January 31, 2019

Presented By Andrew Szeri, Provost and Vice-President Academic
Michael Coughtrie, Dean, Pharmaceutical Sciences

<i>If this item was previously presented to the Board, please provide a brief description of any major changes since that time.</i>	The tuition for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program was approved by the Board of Governors in June 2014 with an annual practice fee of \$1,000. It has since been clarified with the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences that the practice fee should be assessed once per “year level” and not annually.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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STRATEGIC CORE AREAS SUPPORTED

- People and Places
- Research Excellence
- Transformative Learning
- Local / Global Engagement

DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE

The tuition for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program was approved by the Board of Governors in June 2014 with an annual practice fee of \$1,000. The program aims to prepare pharmacists as medication therapy experts focused on improving their patients’ health. The program has 4 “year levels” and includes 46 weeks of experiential learning, which meets the accreditation standards for entry-to-practice PharmD programs in Canada (CCAPP) and the United States (ACPE). Satisfactory academic performance is a prerequisite to advancement to subsequent years although it is not the sole criterion. The Faculty reserves the right to delay a student's participation in practicum courses if the student is considered to be unsuited to proceed with the study or practice of pharmacy.

The practice fee covers a variety of costs within the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program related to providing learners with essential experiential education throughout the program. Included in these costs are Experiential Education Facilitators embedded in hospitals to support learners on rotation, patient simulators in the Faculty, experiential rotation matching software, Practice Lab supplies and personnel, and other items. The majority of these costs are fixed in nature, and do not vary when students require more than four years to complete the program.

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has since clarified that the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy practice fee should be assessed only once per “year level” rather than annually. Students who must repeat a year should be assessed the practice fee once for the particular year level, rather than assessed once per year. The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has identified 25 students who would be affected by this correction as of January 2019, if approved by the Board. These students will not be assessed for the repeated year.

SCHEDULE Implementation Timeline The first cohort of students in the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program began in September 2015. The change in fee assessment will result in a credit for some students, if approved by the Board of Governors. To administer the reimbursement, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences will provide a list of affected students to Enrolment Services and the second fee assessment, in a year level, will be reversed. This will apply to all eligible students, from the program’s inception.

CONSULTATION Student consultation for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program was conducted between January 23 and February 5, 2014.

Previous Report Date June 2, 2014

Decision The Board of Governors approved tuition fees of \$397.09 per credit and a \$1,000.00 annual practice fee for the new Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Previous Report Date April 14, 2016

Decision The Board of Governors approved a 2% increase for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy Practice Fee, from \$1,000.00 in 2015-16 to \$1,020.00 in 2016-17.

Previous Report Date December 6, 2016

Decision The Board of Governors approved a 2% increase for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy Practice Fee, from \$1,020.00 in 2016-17 to \$1,040.25 in 2017-18.

Previous Report Date December 5, 2017

Decision The Board of Governors approved a 2% increase for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy Practice Fee, from \$1,040.25 in 2017-18 to \$1,061.00 in 2018-19.

Previous Report Date December 4, 2018

Decision The Board of Governors approved a 2% increase for the Entry-to-Practice Doctor of Pharmacy Practice Fee, from \$1,061.00 in 2018-19 to \$1,082.00 in 2019-20.