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PGME English Language Proficiency Policy

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Scope:	Compliance with this policy extends to all members of the PGME community.

Purpose

This document outlines the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement for postgraduate medical education students and visiting (outside of Alberta) postgraduate medical education students on electives lasting more than ninety (90) days in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. This document does not apply to visiting medical trainees on elective lasting 90 days or less. These trainees are exempt from ELP testing.

POLICY

1. For the purposes of this document, postgraduate medical education students include trainees accepted into College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) residency programs, RCPSC Area of Focused Competence (AFC) programs, and fellowship programs requiring registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA).
2. Postgraduate medical education students as defined above must meet the English Language Proficiency requirements as outlined by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions are listed in the sequence they occur in the document (i.e. not alphabetical).

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.	
College of Family Physicians of Canada or CFPC	The College of Family Physicians of Canada is the professional organization that establishes the standards for and accredits postgraduate family medicine training in Canada.
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or RCPSC	The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada is the national professional association that oversees the medical education of specialists in Canada.
Area of Focused Competence or AFC Fellowship	An Area of Focused Competence, or AFC, is a highly specialized discipline of specialty medicine that addresses a legitimate societal need but does not meet the Royal College criteria for a specialty, foundation program or subspecialty. An AFC fellowship is the fellowship training program that candidates undergo to obtain the AFC Diploma.
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta or CPSA	The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) is responsible for the registration, regulation, and discipline of physicians in Alberta, Canada.