

Alternate UBC Clinical Evaluation

FAQs

Will there be more dates added after January?

At this time, UBC is able to administer the evaluation in January 2022. There are no plans to offer another evaluation at a later date.

Why isn't priority for the alternate evaluation based on how long each person has been waiting for the PNE?

Priority is based on data available to the College specifically, how long a candidate has been on the interim register and practising in BC. This may also reflect the time an individual has been waiting for the PNE. The exception is that individuals who have had a previous attempt on either the PNE or the alternate clinical evaluation (that took place in June 2021) will have lower priority than those who have not had an attempt yet.

If I do not pass the alternate clinical evaluation, will that count towards my 3 attempts on the PNE?

No. The alternate clinical evaluation is not the PNE.

If I do not pass the alternate clinical evaluation, and I then complete the Supervision Toolkit, will I then be eligible for a full license?

No. Completion of the Toolkit is a risk mitigation measure. It is intended to ensure that both the supervisor and supervisee have as many tools as possible available to support a quality supervision experience while you continue to practise on an interim permit. To be granted a full license, an interim registrant must successfully complete an entry-level assessment set out in Schedule D of the College bylaws.

Why does this alternate clinical evaluation cost more than it did in June 2021?

The January examination requires a very different infrastructure from the June 2021 administration. It is a more complex undertaking given the volume. More UBC staff are required along with more standardized patients and examiners. Stations will be set up at UBC so technology support can be available. There are COVID protocols that need to be followed with additional costs. UBC has carefully considered the budget and the cost per candidate is cost recovery only.

If I'm not an interim registrant of the College but I am eligible for the PNE, why am I not eligible for the alternate clinical evaluation?

The College's first priority is to address the needs of our own interim registrants. Many people have been waiting a long time for the opportunity to complete a clinical evaluation and in fairness to BC interims priorities were determined.

How does the priority system for registering for the alternate evaluation work?

The College identified 4 priority groups based broadly on time in practice (registered) in BC. Registrants will receive emails when registration is available to them, starting with Group 1. Roughly a week later, group 2 will have access (group 1 will still have access). Then group 3 and finally group 4.

- When registration opens in the week of November 15, a schedule will be posted so registrants will know when each group will receive the email.
- The system is first come first served; spaces will not be reserved for each group.
- Everyone in groups 1 and 2 could register for the evaluation and there will still be space available.

Will the College be providing further information?

Yes, we are in the process of updating an Instructions to Candidates document that was developed first for the June alternate evaluation. It will be sent to interim registrants the week of November 15.

When will I get notice of my date and time?

1. After submitting the registration form for the evaluation, the College will review it to verify eligibility and will assign candidates to one of the weekends in January considering availability.
2. Candidates will receive an email advising that their registration has been approved and payment is due.
3. Once payment is complete, candidates will receive a confirmation email including evaluation date and start time.