



HIP Intern Practicum Requirements

PURPOSE

To outline the supervised practicum requirements towards registration as a Hearing Instrument Practitioner Intern (HIP Intern) (formerly, "Student-HIP").

To ensure that applicants understand that they may not practice independently -- i.e., without approved supervision -- until all education, practicum, and examination requirements for registration have been successfully completed.

SCOPE

All HIP Intern applicants preparing to apply for registration as a HIP.

POLICY

- 1. Completion of 660 practicum hours to be completed on a graduated progression from CONSTANT to GENERAL supervision.**

The HIP Intern applicant must complete 660 supervised hours within 12 consecutive months from the date of HIP Intern application acceptance. With the exceptions noted below, practicum hours commence once the application has been approved. See *Levels of Supervision: Definitions and Application (POL-QA-06)* for definitions of the different categories of supervision.

CONSTANT Supervision:

During the ***first 330 practicum hours***, the student may provide clinical services, always under CONSTANT supervision. The supervisor must co-sign reports, audiograms, and verification measures.

CLOSE & GENERAL Supervision:

During the ***final 330 practicum hours***, the HIP Intern must have CLOSE supervision for a minimum of 60% of the time (200 hours) during the provision of clinical services. The remaining 130 hours must be under GENERAL supervision.

- 2. Credit for Previous Supervised Clinical Work**

Applicants who are recent graduates¹ of a graduate or doctoral degree in audiology will be given credit for supervised clinical work directly related to audiology and hearing aids, but not

¹ Note: Thesis students of a master's or doctoral program in audiology are not eligible for this exemption.

HIP Intern Practicum Requirements

for speech language pathology practicum work, and must work under GENERAL supervision until successful completion of the practical exam.

Recent graduates must provide documentation signed by their program coordinator or practicum supervisor of supervised clinical practicum hours.

3. HIP Intern Supervisors

The applicant must make his/her own arrangements to secure a supervisor, and pursuant to Bylaw section 82(2)(b)(i), own or have access to the minimum equipment for the practice of the profession as required by the Registration Committee.

To qualify as a HIP Intern supervisor, the individual must be an Active registrant with the College as a Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner (RHIP), and in active practice in British Columbia for a minimum of 2 years.

A HIP Intern supervisor must provide the necessary clinical setting to students if they are to sign-off on Student Declarations and Work Plan objectives and may supervise a maximum of 2 interns concurrently. HIP Intern supervisors and students must be located at the same place of business, with the exception noted under GENERAL supervision See *Levels of Supervision: Definitions and Application* (POL-QA-06) for definitions of the different categories of supervision.

A HIP Intern must inform the Registrar in advance of any proposed change in supervisor or work location during the practicum period.

4. HIP Intern Practicum Supervision Plans for Remote Locations

Graduates of a Recognized Diploma Program²

Applicants who have completed their practicum requirements and are accepted to take the next scheduled registration examinations (i.e., where they have submitted a completed and signed *Work Plan – Declaration* (see *HIP Intern Practicum Training* (Guideline)), may also be employed in off-site/remote locations under GENERAL supervision.

An off-site/remote location is based on geography and service needs, and not on corporate and/or human resource needs.

² See Policy R-01 – Approved Academic Programs



HIP Intern Practicum Requirements

Written supervision plans must be developed and co-signed by the supervisor and applicant and submitted to the Registrar prior to the start of the applicant's change of workplace. The supervision plan must include an assessment of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses as they pertain to hearing aid dispensing, and identify a competency development plan to address any weaknesses. In addition, an applicant's competency to take earmold impressions must be established by the supervisor before off-site supervision will be approved. To this end, the applicant must have satisfactorily performed a minimum of 25 impressions. The HIP Intern supervision plan must also include:

- A statement describing the relevant work history of the applicant;
- The location where the applicant will be working;
- The supervision plan for remotely monitoring the activities of the applicant (e.g., minimum monthly site visits, teleconferences, videoconferences, method for reviewing reports and audiograms) and complete co-signing requirements;

HIP Intern supervisors are required to review and co-sign written reports, audiograms, and verification measures in a timely fashion.

5. Substantial Equivalency

Applicants who meet the education requirements as substantially equivalent under section 73 of the College Bylaws, and have at least 5 years dispensing experience from another jurisdiction, may be employed in off-site/remote locations during the fulfillment of practicum requirements under a supervision plan approved by the Registrar.

An off-site/remote location is based on geography and service needs, and not on corporate/human resource needs. Submission and approval of the written supervision plan must take place prior the applicant's employment start date and must include the following:

- A statement describing the relevant work history of the applicant;
- The location where the applicant will be working;
- The primary Location of the supervisor;
- The supervision plan for monitoring the activities of the applicant (e.g., minimum monthly site visits, teleconferences, videoconferences, method for reviewing reports and audiograms) and complete co-signing requirements;

Subject to approval by the Registrar, supervisors are not required to co-sign written reports, audiograms, and verification measurements.



HIP Intern Practicum Requirements

RELATED CSHHPBC DOCUMENTS

Approved Education Programs (POL-R-01)

HIP Intern Examination Requirements (POL-R-04)

Levels of Supervision - Definitions and Application (POL-QA-06)

Qualifications of Supervisors (POL-QA-07)

HIP Intern Practicum Training (Guideline)

HIP Intern Application (FORM 8)