The NSCP is providing the following IMPORTANT clarifications in response to questions and concerns regarding the completion of the PTA and SPE programs for licensure.

Preceptor Role and Involvement:

Preceptors are reminded that they are bound by section 5(1) of the Pharmacy Practice Regulations when agreeing to be a preceptor, including providing appropriate oversight of the pharmacy technician candidate engaged in practice experience. It is critical that preceptors are directly involved with the candidate, providing oversight, instruction, and feedback throughout the entire process so they can meet the responsibility of confirming to the Registrar that the pharmacy technician candidate has satisfactory language skills and is a fit and proper person to practise pharmacy competently, safely and ethically. Preceptors may specifically authorize another individual (delegate preceptor) to assist in providing oversight for activities but they remain responsible for confirming that the candidate has completed all activities, including reviewing candidate documentation for completeness and accuracy and signing to confirm that the candidate has demonstrated competency to the satisfaction of the preceptor. This responsibility cannot be delegated. The technician candidate must ensure that ALL activities are completed under the proper oversight of the preceptor or someone who has been specifically delegated by the preceptor.

Completion of PTA or SPE Program by the pharmacy technician candidate:

Pharmacy technician candidates are reminded that the same requirements for completion of other registration and licensure requirements (e.g., education, examinations) apply to the completion of the activities of the PTA or SPE Program. This includes that the work is to be completed independently of other candidates who are either in the process of completing their PTA / SPE Program or have previously done so. A candidate’s work is not to be shared with or copied (neither in part or in whole) from another candidate.