

SUPERVISION AUTHORITY

Community Pharmacy Environment*

The table below outlines the supervision authority for each OCP registrant class – who can supervise them, and who they can supervise – in a community pharmacy environment.

Supervision must always be direct supervision (i.e., supervisor is physically present), unless otherwise indicated.

OCP REGISTRANT CLASS**	WHO SUPERVISES THEM?	WHO CAN THEY SUPERVISE?
Part A pharmacist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No supervision required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All OCP registrant classes Pharmacy student Pharmacy technician student Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Pharmacist (emergency assignment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist <p>Supervision does not need to be direct (i.e., supervisor does not need to be physically present).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All OCP registrant classes (except Part A pharmacists) Pharmacy student Pharmacy technician student Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Part B pharmacist (When in the process of moving to Part A; requires approval by Registrar to perform controlled acts or provide patient care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Part A pharmacy technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part B pharmacy technician Intern technician Pharmacy technician student Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Pharmacy technician (emergency assignment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern technician Pharmacy technician student Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Part B pharmacy technician (When in the process of moving to Part A; requires approval by Registrar to perform controlled acts or provide patient care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment), or Part A pharmacy technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Intern pharmacist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Intern technician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment), or Part A pharmacy technician, or Pharmacy technician (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
NON-REGISTERED PHARMACY PERSONNEL		
Pharmacy student***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Pharmacy technician student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment), or Part A pharmacy technician, or Pharmacy technician (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager
Pharmacy assistant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A pharmacist, or Pharmacist (emergency assignment), or Part A pharmacy technician, or Pharmacy technician (emergency assignment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority to supervise other pharmacy assistants is at the discretion of the employer, Designated Manager or pharmacy manager

*As laid out in the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act, 1990* only Part A pharmacists or pharmacists (emergency assignment) can supervise the area of the community pharmacy where drugs are kept.

**Certain registrant classes – Part A pharmacy technician, Part B pharmacy technician, and intern technician – will come into effect October 1, 2024.

***As of October 1, 2024, there is no longer a student class of registration at the College; pharmacy students will be considered “non-registered pharmacy personnel.”

REFERENCES

- [Ontario Regulation 256/24 - General, of the Pharmacy Act, 1991. Parts III to VIII \(Terms, Conditions and Limitations\)](#)
- [Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act, 1990](#)