

## **Petitioner's Guide for CAMPT Accreditation Recognition**

### **I. Background Information**

#### **Who We Are**

The Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapy (CAMPT) is a professional organization of physiotherapists who have completed evidence informed post-graduate training in orthopaedics and hands-on clinical techniques that meet the standards set forth by the International Federation of Manipulative Physical Therapy (IFOMPT).

Therapists who complete the training and are in good standing with CAMPT are permitted to use the CAMPT title and are referred to as Fellows of CAMPT (FCAMPT). FCAMPTs assist individuals who are impacted by functional movement impairments in an effort to reduce pain, restore abilities, and assist in the safe return to the activities that are important to the individual. By delivering research-guided physiotherapy care, our patients get better, recover faster, and stay healthier so they can remain active and engage in the activities they love.

CAMPT is Canada's Member organization of IFOMPT. IFOMPT is a special interest group of the World Congress of Physiotherapy regulators (WCPT). WCPT is a subgroup of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Alternatively, the relationship can be thought of this way;

(WHO → WCPT → IFOMPT → CAMPT)

#### **What We Do**

CAMPT acts on behalf of quality assurance for Orthopaedic Manual Therapy (OMT) with respect to physiotherapy in Canada.

CAMPT's responsibility in this role includes:

1. Monitoring the quality of OMT physiotherapy in Canada in accordance with IFOMPT standards and credentialing requirements.
2. Promote the highly regarded qualifications of Fellows of CAMPT in manipulative and OMT techniques to doctors, students, third party payers, physiotherapists, and other health care professionals.
3. Support scientific research and encourage continued higher learning and skill development in OMT physiotherapy locally and internationally.
4. Represent Canada in national and international communities.
5. Submit regular monitoring reports at set intervals to the IFOMPT standards committee regarding quality assurance of CAMPT's educational institutions.

## **Why Petition CAMPT**

CAMPT is a trademarked and protected title. As Canada's member organization of IFOMPT, only educational institutions that are actively accepted by and registered under the CAMPT title may refer to their program as IFOMPT accredited. Further, only educational institutions under the CAMPT title may allow their graduates to apply for CAMPT Fellowship. Only after an educational institution has received notice from CAMPT confirming a favourable decision and the acceptance of the institute's petition is that institution activated under the CAMPT title and eligible for IFOMPT accreditation and monitoring.

Currently, successful petitioning to CAMPT is the only way a Canadian educational institution may gain IFOMPT accreditation.

It is important to note that accreditation is not given to a particular educational institution but to the member organization as a whole. If a member organization is able to reach IFOMPT accreditation, it indicates all educational institutions under their umbrella meet IFOMPT accreditation. However, if one educational institution does not meet accreditation, neither does the member organization or ANY of its educational institutions. We all fall under this framework.

## **Educational Programs under the CAMPT Title**

There are currently three IFOMPT accredited programs in Canada:

1. The Orthopaedic Division of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association's Diploma of Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy.
2. Western University's Masters of Clinical Science Degree in Manipulative Therapy
3. McMaster University's Advanced Orthopaedic Musculoskeletal-Manipulative Physiotherapy Specialization.

All three programs have their own syllabus, supervise their own clinical mentoring, organize and supervise their own examinations, and complete their own interim monitoring reports through an external assessor.

CAMPT stands apart from these educational institutions. It is CAMPT's responsibility to monitor these educational programs against IFOMPT standards. Once an educational institution has been accepted under the CAMPT title, successful graduates from those programs may apply for CAMPT Fellowship.

To be eligible for CAMPT Fellowship, a physiotherapist must:

- Be a Licensed Physiotherapist
- Successfully complete an IFOMPT accredited program recognized under the CAMPT title
- Possess a current membership with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association

- Possess a current membership with the Orthopaedic Division of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association

## **II. Instructions to Petition CAMPT for Recognition as a CAMPT-Certified Educational Program**

CAMPT is pleased to provide the following information to educational institutions interested in petitioning CAMPT. We strive to support the development and expansion of OMT physiotherapy in Canada. It is our commitment to provide as much assistance and support as possible to petitioners in order to assist them in preparing their petition.

### **A. Who May Petition CAMPT**

Any individual, organization, or institution may petition CAMPT with the objective of obtaining recognition as a CAMPT-Certified OMT educational program.

### **B. CAMPT-Certified Standards**

The IFOMPT standards document provides a clear and detailed description of the knowledge, skills, and attributes expected of a competent OMT physiotherapist in the contemporary healthcare environment. Demonstrating the presence of these standards is required for initial and ongoing membership in IFOMPT. CAMPT will determine a successful petition by comparing the petitioner's program against a predetermined set of criteria, which includes, but may not be limited to, IFOMPT program standards and Canada's current position on IFOMPT accreditation. For the complete IFOMPT standards document please see the IFOMPT website

<http://www.ifompt.org/STANDARD+COMPLIANCE++TRAINING/Standards+Document.html>

### **C. Procedure to Petitioning CAMPT**

1. The petitioning institution must declare its intent to petition CAMPT in writing to the CAMPT Secretary. This must include the name of the proposed educational program and the definition of the proposed educational program's credential.
2. The petitioner must identify an appropriate External Assessor (EA) as outlined in the IFOMPT Standards Document. IFOMPT has recommended the following with respect to EA selection:
  - a. Be a member of the Member Organization
  - b. Has an understanding of the requirements of IFOMPT and the Standards Document

- c. Hold a formal university degree of an equivalent level or higher to the program being assessed
- d. Have teaching and examining experience in OMT, ideally at the same level as the program.
- e. Have some experience in the area of program development, in committee work within an educational establishment, or as a program team member
- f. Have some experience as a clinical mentor or examiner of OMT

In addition the recommendations above, any selected EA must be independent of the program they are selected to assess, must have access to all materials used by the educational institute for the purposes of creating their CAMPT petition, and must be able to freely observe all required components of the educational program.

CAMPT further requires that all potential EAs make any professional declarations that may render them bias to monitoring the program for which they are chosen. Please have any potential EA fill out the professional declaration sheet attached as **Appendix A**. The petitioner may put forward a minimum of one and maximum of three EA candidates in order of preference.

3. The petitioning body must produce a report on the educational program seeking CAMPT status that is in alignment with the monitoring reports required by the IFOMPT Standards Committee for accreditation.

Samples of these reports can be viewed on the IFOMPT website (<http://www.ifompt.org/STANDARD+COMPLIANCE++TRAINING/Resources+for+MOs.html>). This report should include both an explanation and examples that clearly present how the program and its courses intend to address all components of IFOMPT monitoring. Course syllabus and other documents may be included with the report if appropriate.

If the petitioner is unable to meet a required criteria they are required to provide a detailed plan of action demonstrating the programs intention to complete the criteria in the near future. The submitted plan of action must include plans, interim goals, timelines, and methods that will be used to achieve the missing criteria. If a particular item is not appropriate to address at the time of petitioning it may be marked N/A. This report does not have to include the mapping guide that is required for IFOMPT regular interim monitoring.

4. The petitioner must send the report along with the suggested EA, the EA signed professional declarations, and the onetime non-refundable petitioning fee to the CAMPT secretary/treasurer.
5. CAMPT will review the guide and suggested EA(s). CAMPT will contact the petitioner for any petition clarification as needed or further information before arriving at a final decision.

6. CAMPT will contact the petitioner with their decision. If the decision of the CAMPT executive is *favourable*, the petitioning institution is immediately accepted under probation as a CAMPT-Certified OMT program, and is included under the CAMPT title for IFOMPT accreditation and monitoring. CAMPT will notify the petitioner of the chosen EA from the list provided. The petitioning program may then notify the first cohort of students that upon graduation they may apply for CAMPT Fellowship.

The newly recognized educational institution will be required to complete the regular interim monitoring reports and will be required to produce a full submission with mapping to CAMPT as per the schedule indicated on the CAMPT website. The petitioning institution remains under probation until they complete one cycle of the regular interim monitoring EA reports. Only after the EA report can be validated against the petitioning document and the legitimacy of the program is confirmed by an EA, the probation terms will be removed. Please note if the subsequent EA report discredits the claims made in the petitioning report, the CAMPT executive may determine the probationary institution is not appropriate to include under the CAMPT title and it may lose its CAMPT-Certified title. If the EA report is favourably compared to the petitioning guide all probationary terms will be removed after one successful EA submission. [manippt.org/about-us/](http://manippt.org/about-us/)

#### **D. Fees**

A one time, non-refundable fee of \$5,000.00 must accompany the submission of the petitioning document. All costs associated with the development of the petition document and payment schedule of the EA will be the responsibility of the petitioning educational institution. Any costs associated with producing and providing copies of the petition to CAMPT and other relevant parties will be the responsibility of the educational institution.

#### **E. Help Packet**

Please visit the following links for more information and useful resources.

IFOMPT OMT definition:

<http://www.ifompt.org/About+IFOMPT/OMT+Definition.html>

IFOMPT Standards Document:

<http://www.ifompt.org/STANDARD+COMPLIANCE++TRAINING/Standards+Document.html>

3. IFOMPT EA Template:

<http://www.ifompt.org/site/ifompt/files/pdf/Standards%20Committee/Standards%20Committee%20Documents//IFOMPT%20Guidance%20for%20EA%20Reports.pdf>



#### 4. CAMPT Petitioning and Monitoring Page:

Please contact the CAMPT executive with any questions regarding the petitioning and monitoring process at [info@manippt.org](mailto:info@manippt.org)



## **Appendix A**

### **Document of Professional Declarations**

I \_\_\_\_\_ herein declare the following conflicts of interest regarding the position of external assessor for \_\_\_\_\_ educational institution in their petitioning and monitoring of CAMPT.

I also declare that I am a Fellow in good standing with the Canadian Academy of Manipulative Physiotherapist.

Declarations:

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Signed

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Date

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Witness

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Date