



## **REGISTRAR POLICY**

### **Dual Registration for Physician Assistants and Clinical Assistants Enrolled in Medical School**

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In general, CPSM does not permit concurrent registration in more than one class. However, pursuant to this policy, an exemption to this rule is available to allow medical students to also register as a clinical or physician assistant. To qualify for this exemption, the following requirements must be met:

1. The candidate must meet the requirements for registration as a regulated associate registrant in the educational (medical student) class and the clinical assistant (full) or the physician assistant (full) class, whichever applies.
2. A certificate of registration will be issued for both classes of registration. Separate certificates of practice for each class will be issued in accordance with Part 4 of the *CPSM General Regulation*, as applicable. The registrant will be responsible for renewing and paying the certificate of practice fees for both classes of registration.
3. The following conditions will be placed on each certificate of practice:
  - a. While registered in two classes, the registrant is not authorized to practice on more than one certificate of practice simultaneously.
  - b. The registrant must take reasonable steps to ensure that patients and colleagues are notified and understand their role and responsibilities, including which certificate of practice they are practicing under (i.e., medical student vs. clinical or physician assistant, as the case may be).
4. Registrants who hold dual registration pursuant to this policy must:
  - a. acknowledge potential issues, including volume of work and risks associated with miscommunication or misunderstandings surrounding roles,
  - b. commit to avoid blurring boundaries between the two distinct scopes of professional practice,
  - c. be mindful of their academic and professional responsibilities as a medical student, and prioritize their education and training, and
  - d. agree that their registration as a clinical or physician assistant is subject to review and, if necessary, in the public interest, cancellation by the Registrar.

For internal purposes, individuals registered in accordance with this policy will be considered to have dual membership as a regulated associate registrant. This will be recorded in the computer system as 'Regulated Associate Member - Dual Registration – Physician/Clinical Assistant and Medical Student'. If the registrant ceases to practice as a physician or clinical assistant during their enrollment in medical school, their class of registration will be amended to 'Regulated Associate Member – Educational – Medical Student'.