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# CPA's Clinical Specialty Program

## What is the Clinical Specialty Program?

The CPA Clinical Specialty Program is a self-directed certification program to recognize physiotherapists who have demonstrated advanced clinical competence, leadership, continuing professional development and involvement in research.

A candidate has three years to complete Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the program.

### Stage 1: Candidate submission

- Documentation of advanced clinical competence, leadership, continuing professional development and involvement in research
- Completed multi-source feedback (MSF) questionnaire
- Two clinical reflections

### Stage 2: Case-based discussions

- Presentation of three clinical cases
- 90-minute discussion of cases with a 3-person panel of experts

The program is targeted to candidates who have a minimum of five years of full-time applied clinical experience and a minimum of 300 clinical contact hours per year for the past five years in the clinical specialty area. The specialist designation is valid for 10 years.

Areas of specialization:

Cardiorespiratory  
Musculoskeletal  
Oncology

Neurosciences  
Pain Sciences  
Paediatrics

Seniors' Health  
Sport  
Women's Health



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## Why should I become a Clinical Specialist?

### Professional growth

Improve your clinical skills and advanced clinical reasoning in a chosen practice area.

### Recognition

Promote your expertise to professional peers and the public.

### Patient care

Enhance patient care through better pattern recognition, self-monitoring and reflective skills.

## Who can apply?

Anyone with a valid registration with a provincial physiotherapy regulator college in Canada!

## How do I apply?

- Download and complete the Clinical Specialty Program application form and review the Candidate Handbook by visiting [www.physiotherapy.ca/specialty](http://www.physiotherapy.ca/specialty).
- Submit your application form along with a \$500 (+HST/GST) application fee.