

**Possible Competency Assessment Paths to Registration  
In the TCM Doctor Class in Ontario  
(Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dr. TCM)**

**Path One: Possible Competency Assessment Path to Registration  
for TCM Practitioners who are Members of CTCMPO**

**Prerequisites:**

1. TCM Practitioner in good standing at the date of application to the Dr. Class.
2. Minimum of two years of undergraduate education or equivalent. This must be authenticated by a member of The Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada (ACESC) if earned outside of Canada.
3. Minimum of three years of full-time TCM clinical practice as a TCM Practitioner AND a minimum of 2,400 patient visits.
4. Candidates with a minimum of ten years of full-time TCM practice as a TCM Practitioner AND a minimum of 8,000 patient visits, are exempted from the written cognitive examination.

**Optional:** In preparation, a candidate may complete part or all of an Academic Bridging Program approved by CTCMPO, and offered by a government-approved academic institution.








**Doctor Class Registration Examination**

1. Written registration examination: Comprised of 80 – 100 questions on competencies unique to Dr.TCM Class; maximum 2.5 hours.

**AND**

2. Clinical registration examination: Comprised of two clinical simulations/cases (OSCE/CCS); maximum 2 hours.

## Path Two: Possible Competency Assessment Paths for Non-TCM Practitioners

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Option One</b> <b>Core Assessment Path to Registration in the Doctor Class</b></p> <p>Prerequisite entry requirement: Successful completion of a minimum of two years undergraduate education or equivalent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Option Two</b> <b>Assessment of International TCM Degree Program:</b></p> <p>Internationally educated applicants have completed post-secondary education, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prerequisite minimum of two years undergraduate education or equivalent, AND</li> <li>• a TCM degree, authenticated and assessed by a member of The Alliance of Credential Evaluation Services of Canada (ACESC) to determine the authenticity of the presented documents, the status of the awarding institutions, and equivalencies of the applicants' TCM degree program curriculum to the competencies.</li> </ul>		
			
	<p>May qualify for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Bridging Program if 75% of competencies are demonstrated.</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced standing in TCM educational program, at the discretion of the program provider.</li> </ul>		
		<b>OR</b>	
<p><b>Educational Program:</b></p> <p>Completion of a Traditional Chinese Medicine educational program approved by Council that leads to a Doctor of Traditional Chinese Medicine and that comprises the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A prerequisite entry requirement of successful completion of a minimum of two years undergraduate education or equivalent; and</li> <li>b) Five years of education in a Traditional Chinese Medicine educational program or equivalent, consisting of 4000 to 5000 hours which includes 1,200 supervised, structured and comprehensive clinical patient contact hours, in which the curriculum matches the competencies required by the Doctor Class.</li> </ol> <p><i>NOTE: It is proposed that after a transitional period of no longer than four years following proclamation of the Regulation defining the Doctor Class, the educational program requirement would comprise completion of a TCM degree program that has been authorized by the Government of Ontario under the Post- Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000, S.O. 2000, c. 36.</i></p>	<p><b>Academic Bridging Program:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete an <b>Academic Bridging Program</b> approved by CTCMPAO. and offered by a government-approved academic institution.</li> <li>2. Candidates are referred to this option by CTCMPAO.</li> </ol>		
			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Doctor Class Registration Examination</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cognitive registration written examination using multiple choice questions. (5 – 6 hours with 225 – 255 questions) on the complete set of competencies, including 80 – 100 questions unique to Doctor Class competencies, in two sitting, with a minimum two-hour break. Maximum 3 hours/sitting. May be conducted over two days.</li> </ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Clinical/psychomotor registration examination using objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) and/or clinical case study (CCS). (4 –5 hours with four clinical simulations / cases)</li> </ol>			