



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Who created the PCN Board Competency Training program?**

The PCN Board Competency Training program was collaboratively designed by Alberta Medical Association (AMA) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) with involvement from PCN physician board members, executive directors and AHS Board/Joint Governance committee representatives.

### **Why was PCN Board Competency Training program created?**

The PCN Board Competency Training was created to help PCN board members develop knowledge and skills in the principles and application of good governance. The selection of course content provide best practice in areas such as finance, conflict of interest, risk management, and the physician and AHS joint venture agreement.

### **Who should attend PCN Board Competency Training?**

The PCN Board Competency Training program is open to all PCN executive directors, PCN physician board members, and AHS PCN board committee representatives\*. In addition, any PCN physician members or AHS staff interested in joining a PCN board or in advancing of good governance skills are welcome to attend.

\*AHS PCN board members sit on either the PCN NPC Joint Boards (Legal Model 2) or PCN Joint Governance Committee (Legal Model 1).

### **What are the benefits of taking PCN Board Competency Training?**

The roles and responsibilities of PCN board members and Joint Governance members have become increasingly complex within today's dynamic health care system. This means board members must be knowledgeable about advanced governance matters in order to best contribute to and influence the performance of their boards. In addition, Alberta Health now requires that all PCN boards complete a board self-assessment tool annually and the PCN Board Competency Training is one way to help address gaps that may be identified.

### **What are the learning objectives of the PCN Board Competency Training series?**

Learning objectives have been created for all of the various streams of the PCN Board Competency Training program. To read the complete course learnings view the PDF here:

### **Are PCN Board Competency Training sessions eligible for CME credits?**

Physicians who complete the training sessions are eligible for CME credits.

**Essentials Certificate:** This Group Learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 18 Mainpro+ credits.

**Advanced Certificate:** This Group Learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 21 Mainpro+ credits.

**Expert Series: Finance:** This Group Learning program has been certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 12 Mainpro+ credits.



**Will there be some form of compensation for physician attendees, such as what was available for AIM?**

Physician may be able to receive compensation through the Alberta Medical Association's [Continuing Medical Education program](#). The program reimburses eligible physicians for costs incurred with regard to the maintenance and enhancement of knowledge, skills and competency. In addition, some PCNs have an education budget which may cover the cost of attending. Contact your PCN for more information.

**When are the next sessions taking place?**

The Essentials Certificate and Advance Certificate Series begin in September and the Expert Series begins in October. To find an upcoming session near you, please visit <https://www.pcnpmo.ca/board-competency-training>.

Please note that a session may be cancelled if the minimum class size is not reached. We will inform attendees of this possibility in advance to ask them to encourage others to come to reach the minimum size.

**How do I register to attend a session?**

To find a session near you and to register, please visit please visit <https://www.pcnpmo.ca/board-competency-training>.

For more information please contact us by email at [pcnboardtraining@albertadoctors.org](mailto:pcnboardtraining@albertadoctors.org) or by phone at 1.800.272.9680 ext 5142.

**Who will be delivering the PCN Board Competency Training?**

The PCN Board Competency Training program is delivered by a group of experienced facilitators with expertise in governance. Facilitators may include Alberta Medical Association program staff, PCN executive directors and PCN physician board members.

**Will the PCN Board Competency Training be available online or by teleconference?**

All sessions must be attended in person at this time. However, other training modes (e.g., podcasts, online) are being explored. Stay tuned for more information.

**How will the PCN Board Competency Training sessions be delivered?**

The training for Essentials Certificate is one full-day session, as is the Advanced Certificate. Currently the training for Expert Finance is accomplished in a 4-hour session. Further Expert and Emerging Topics series are currently under development. To view upcoming sessions visit please visit <https://www.pcnpmo.ca/board-competency-training>.

**Who do I call for more information?**

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