



2010-2011 CPLED Program

Alberta Information Circular



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Students seeking admission to the Alberta Bar, must apply for admission, complete the required articling term, and successfully complete all of the requirements of Alberta’s CPLED Program (Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education). The CPLED Program is a regional professional licensing program that blends new and traditional forms of pre-call education. Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are the participating provinces.

The Law Society of Alberta administers applications for admission as a student-at-law and sets articling requirements. In Alberta, the Legal Education Society of Alberta delivers the CPLED Program on behalf of the Law Society of Alberta.

The CPLED Program is based on a Competency Profile – the skills or competencies which define a competent, newly called lawyer. The CPLED Program uses competency-based learning to aid the student in developing these skills or competencies. It is these competencies upon which the student is evaluated throughout the CPLED Program. The approach of competency-based education differs significantly from the traditional process that is based on a list of items a student must know in order to “pass” a course.

CPLED Program

CPLED Alberta’s Program has two parts with each part offered twice per year. Each student is required to complete both parts within one CPLED year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). The order in which the two parts are completed is within your discretion. Each Part consists of:

PART I	PART II
Interviewing and Advising (oral)	Drafting (wills)
Legal Research and Writing	Drafting (contracts)
Advising (written) and Writing	Negotiation
Drafting (litigation pleadings)	Practice Management
Oral Advocacy	
Professional Responsibility and Ethics	

Dates

Part I – July 26 to October 7, 2010

Part II – October 7 to December 23, 2010

Part II – November 11, 2010 to February 10, 2011

Part I – February 14 to April 29, 2011

Options for Registration

- A. July 26 to October 7, 2010 (Part I) and October 7 to December 23, 2010 (Part II)
- B. July 26 to October 7, 2010 (Part I) and November 11, 2010 to February 10, 2011 (Part II)
- C. October 7 to December 23, 2010 (Part II) and February 14 to April 29, 2011 (Part I)
- D. November 11, 2010 to February 10, 2011 (Part II) and February 14 to April 29, 2011 (Part I)

Mandatory Attendance and Participation

Full-time attendance at, and participation in, all parts of the CPLED Program, is one of the requirements of successful completion of the CPLED Program.

Conduct During the CPLED Program

Students participating in the CPLED Program are expected to conduct themselves with professional and academic integrity. A breach or suspected breach of CPLED's Professional Integrity Policy or the CPLED Program Agreement will be taken very seriously and may result in suspension or expulsion from the CPLED Program and the involvement of the Law Society of Alberta.

Assignments and Competency Evaluations

The Program consists of a series of voluntary assignments and ten mandatory competency evaluations. You will be required to successfully complete all ten competency evaluations. You must achieve a grade of "Competency Demonstrated" on each of the competency evaluations. Although the assignments are voluntary, it is strongly recommended that you attempt the assignments as doing so will increase the likelihood of receiving a grade of Competency Demonstrated on the Competency Evaluations.

The rules governing the requirements for successful completion of the CPLED Program, supplementals and appeals are in the Rules of the Law Society. They are also included in the Law Society Articling Handbook.

Application for Admission

To enroll in the CPLED Program, you must complete, sign and submit an Application for Admission to CPLED's Alberta office at 2610, 10104 - 103 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 0H8. Applications can be obtained directly from <http://www.cpled.ca/>. You may apply prior to having all Admission requirements completed.

On the Application for Admission, you will be asked to indicate which option you would prefer to attend. If you already have articles for the 2010 - 2011 year, it is recommended that you contact your principal or law firm before completing and submitting the Application. This will help ensure that the date preference indicated on the Application has taken into consideration the interest of your principal, your law firm and you.

Registration in each option will be limited. Registration is determined by the date an Application is received at CPLED's Alberta office. A spot will be granted on a first come first serve basis. A confirmation letter will be sent confirming receipt and will provide the deadline to have all other requirements completed.

Admission to the CPLED Program

You must complete the following requirements in order to be granted admission and commence the CPLED Program:

1. Students with a common law degree from a Canadian law school are eligible to apply for admission to the CPLED Program. Students with either a civil law degree from a Canadian law school, or a law degree from a non-Canadian law school, are required to have their academic credentials evaluated by the Federation of Law Societies National Committee on Accreditation.
2. You must have commenced your articles or be under the jurisdiction of the Law Society of Alberta to participate in the CPLED Program.
3. You must attend one CPLED informational session prior to commencing the CPLED Program. Cities, locations and dates will be announced on <http://www.cpled.ca/>.

4. You must have submitted all other required documentation by the deadline stated on your confirmation letter.

Other Documentation

You will be required to provide the following to CPLED:

- Passport-sized photo
- Tuition fee
- Signed copy of the 2010 - 2011 CPLED Program Agreement

Tuition

The Law Society of Alberta sets the tuition fee for the CPLED Program. The 2010 – 2011 tuition fee will not be set until April 2010.

Privacy

Your personal information may be exchanged between the Law Society of Alberta and CPLED (including those persons who administer the CPLED Program in Alberta). The exchange of that information is made for the purpose of monitoring your performance, assisting in the operation of the CPLED Program or governing the articling process. In addition, the Law Society of Alberta and your principal will be advised of your grades.

Accommodation

The Law Society of Alberta and CPLED are committed to ensuring that students with disabilities receive accommodation to assist them during the Program while maintaining the integrity of the CPLED Program and materials. Any accommodation requested must not compromise the public interest in ensuring that lawyers are qualified to provide competent legal services.

Admission to the Law Society of Alberta

The Law Society of Alberta administers the rules, regulations and procedures for articling students and principals. Students who want to article in Alberta must seek admission to the Law Society of Alberta as a student-at-law. This is a separate requirement from the requirement to register for the CPLED Program.

Additional Information

Additional information about the CPLED Program will be posted at <http://www.cpled.ca/> as it becomes available. Please refer to the Contact Information document located on the website to contact the CPLED office if you have any further questions.

All required documentation must be submitted and received by the CPLED office by the deadline, failing which your registration will be cancelled.