

Comparison of PCE Blueprints: Areas of Practice

PCE Blueprint 2018 ¹		PCE Blueprint 2009	
Areas of Practice	% of exam	Areas of Practice	% of exam
Musculoskeletal	50% ± 5%	Neuromusculoskeletal	50% ± 5%
Neurological	20% ± 5%	Neurological	20% ± 5%
Cardiovascular-respiratory	15% ± 5%	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	15% ± 5%
Other	15% ± 5%	Multisystem	15% ± 5%

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Area of Practice	Conditions	Area of Practice	Conditions
Musculoskeletal	01.01.01 Muscle contusions/strains/tears/weakness	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.01 Muscle contusions/strains/tears/weakness
Musculoskeletal	01.01.02 Pelvic floor dysfunction	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.02 Pelvic floor dysfunction
Musculoskeletal	01.01.03 Ligament sprains/tears	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.03 Ligament sprains/tears
Musculoskeletal	01.01.04 Tendinopathy, tendon ruptures/tears	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.04 Tendonopathy, tendon ruptures/tears, tendonosis
Musculoskeletal	01.01.05 Fasciitis, fascial tearing, myofascial restriction	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.05 Fasciitis, fascial tearing, myofascial restriction
Musculoskeletal	01.01.06 Joint derangements/dysfunction (e.g., haemarthrosis/effusion, hyper/hypomobility)	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.06 Joint derangements/dysfunction (e.g., loose bodies, hypermobility, hypomobility)
Musculoskeletal	01.01.07 Fractures, dislocations, subluxations	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.07 Fractures, dislocations, subluxations
Musculoskeletal	01.01.08 Osteoporosis/osteopenia	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.08 Osteoporosis/osteopenia
Musculoskeletal	01.01.09 Meniscal injuries		
Musculoskeletal	01.01.10 Degenerative joint disease/arthritis conditions	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.10 Degenerative joint disease
Musculoskeletal	01.01.11 Mechanical spinal abnormalities (e.g., low back pain, scoliosis)	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.11 Mechanical spinal abnormalities (e.g., low back pain, scoliosis, postural dysfunction)
Musculoskeletal	01.01.12 Inflammatory/infectious conditions of the musculoskeletal system (e.g., osteomyelitis)	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.12 Inflammatory/infectious conditions of the neuromusculoskeletal system (e.g., osteomyelitis)
Musculoskeletal	01.01.13 Amputations	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.13 Amputations

¹ The PCE Blueprint 2018 is based on the [Competency Profile for Physiotherapists in Canada \(2017\)](#) and the current [National Physiotherapy Entry-to-Practice Curriculum Guidelines](#).

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Musculoskeletal	01.01.14 Congenital malformations (e.g., talipes equinovarus, hip dysplasia)	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.14 Congenital malformations (e.g., talipes equinovarus, hip dysplasia)
Musculoskeletal	01.01.15 Scars	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.18 Scars
Musculoskeletal	01.01.16 Chronic pain/fibromyalgia	Multisystem	01.04.03 Chronic pain/fibromyalgia
Musculoskeletal	01.01.17 Rheumatic diseases	Multisystem	01.04.01 Episodic disease (e.g., oncology, HIV/AIDS, autoimmune disorders, rheumatic diseases, haemophilia)
Neurological	01.02.01 Cerebral vascular accident/transient ischemic attack	Neurological	01.02.01 Cerebral Vascular Accident/transient ischemic attack
Neurological	01.02.02 Acquired brain injury	Neurological	01.02.02 Acquired brain injury
Neurological	01.02.03 Spinal cord injury	Neurological	01.02.03 Spinal cord injury
Neurological	01.02.04 Degenerative neurological/neuromuscular disorders (e.g., muscular dystrophies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis)	Neurological	01.02.05 Degenerative Neurological/Neuromuscular disorders (e.g., muscular dystrophies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson disease)
Neurological	01.02.05 Demyelinating disorders (e.g., multiple sclerosis)	Neurological	01.02.06 Demyelinating disorders (e.g., multiple sclerosis)
Neurological	01.02.06 Inflammatory/infectious conditions of nervous system (e.g., meningitis, Guillain-Barre syndrome)	Neurological	01.02.07 Inflammatory/infectious conditions of nervous system (e.g., meningitis, Lyme disease)
Neurological	01.02.07 Post-polio syndrome	Neurological	01.02.08 Post-polio syndrome
Neurological	01.02.08 Cerebellar disorders	Neurological	01.02.09 Cerebellar disorders
Neurological	01.02.09 Vestibular disorders	Neurological	01.02.10 Vestibular disorders
Neurological	01.02.10 Neuropathies (e.g., peripheral neuropathies, complex regional pain syndrome)	Neurological	01.02.11 Neuropathies (e.g., peripheral Neuropathies, complex regional pain syndrome)
		Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.15 Nerve compression (e.g., Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, radiculopathy, neuro-dynamic dysfunction)
			01.01.16 Peripheral nerve injuries
Neurological	01.02.11 Developmental/birth injuries (e.g., cerebral palsy, myelomeningocele)	Neurological	01.02.12 Developmental/birth injuries (e.g., cerebral palsy, myelomeningocele, Erb's palsy)
Neurological	01.02.12 Mental health disorders (e.g., dementia/delirium/depression, affective and cognitive disorders)	Neurological	01.02.13 Dementia, affective and cognitive disorders

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Neurological	01.02.13 Altered level of consciousness (e.g., coma, seizures)	Neurological	01.02.14 Altered level of consciousness (e.g., coma, seizures)
Neurological	01.02.14 Neural tissue dysfunction/Neurological-dynamic dysfunction	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.17 Neural tissue dysfunction/Neurological-dynamic dysfunction
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.01 Heart disease/malformation/injury (e.g., arteriosclerosis, blunt trauma)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.01 Heart disease/malformation/injury (e.g., arteriosclerosis, blunt trauma, tamponade, aortic aneurysm)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.02 Myocardial ischaemia and infarction	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.02 Myocardial ischaemia and infarction (including surgical interventions)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.03 Heart failure, Cor pulmonale	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.03 Heart failure, cor pulmonale
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.04 Pneumonia (primary or post-operative/preventive)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.05 Pneumonia (primary or post-operative/preventive)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.05 Atelectasis (primary or post-operative/preventive)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.06 Atelectasis (primary or post-operative/preventive)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.06 Acute lung injury (e.g., adult/infant respiratory distress syndrome, pneumothorax)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.07 Adult/infant respiratory distress syndrome (e.g., acute lung injury)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.07 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (e.g., emphysema, bronchiectasis)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.09 Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (e.g., emphysema, bronchitis, bronchiectasis)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.08 Restrictive pulmonary disease (e.g., fibrosis, asthma)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.08 Asthma
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.09 Tuberculosis	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.10 Restrictive pulmonary disease (e.g., fibrosis)
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.10 Pleural effusion	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.11 Tuberculosis
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.11 Pulmonary edema	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.12 Pleural effusion
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.12 Cystic fibrosis	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.13 Pulmonary edema
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.13 Disorders of the blood vessels (e.g., aneurysm, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral arterial disease)	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.14 Cystic fibrosis
Cardiovascular-Respiratory	01.03.14 Hematologic disorders	Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.15 Peripheral arterial disease
Other	01.04.01 Episodic disease (e.g., Haemophilia, autoimmune disease not mentioned elsewhere)	Multisystem	01.03.16 Venous disorders
Other	01.04.02 Oncology	Multisystem	01.04.01 Episodic disease (e.g., oncology, HIV/AIDS, autoimmune disorders, rheumatic diseases, haemophilia)
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Other	01.04.03 Metabolic disorders/conditions (e.g., diabetes)	Multisystem	01.04.02 Metabolic disorders/conditions (e.g., diabetes)
Other	01.04.04 Lymphedema	Multisystem	01.04.04 Lymphedema
Other	01.04.05 Sepsis/infection	Multisystem	01.04.05 Sepsis
Other	01.04.06 Obesity	Multisystem	01.04.06 Obesity
Other	01.04.07 Pregnancy and post-partum conditions	Multisystem	01.04.07 Pregnancy and post partum conditions
Other	01.04.08 Integumentary disorders (e.g., burns, wounds, skin conditions)	Multisystem	01.04.08 Burns
		Multisystem	01.04.09 Wounds/ulcers
		Multisystem	01.04.10 Skin conditions (e.g., dermatitis, psoriasis)
Other	01.04.09 Tumours	Neuromusculoskeletal	01.01.09 Tumour/pathological fractures
		Neurological	01.02.04 Tumour
		Cardiopulmonary-vascular	01.03.04 Tumour
		Multisystem	01.04.11 Tumours (not covered elsewhere)
Other	01.04.10 Complex conditions (Multiple systems/diagnoses)	Multisystem	01.04.12 Competing diagnoses
Other	01.04.11 HIV/AIDS	Multisystem	01.04.01 Episodic disease (e.g., oncology, HIV/AIDS, autoimmune disorders, rheumatic diseases, haemophilia)
Other	01.04.12 Healthy populations (e.g., health promotion, education)		
Other	01.04.13 Gastrointestinal disorders		