



COSMETIC PHYSICIANS
COLLEGE
OF AUSTRALASIA



Certificate
Of Competency,
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of Cosmetic Injectables

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Introduction

CPCA members are encouraged to study and achieve the nationally accredited (AQF, Lvl8) **52900WA Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Medicine**. However, the CPCA Board understands members may have undergone external training and gained extensive experience throughout the preceding years enabling them to reach the skill levels and standards of practice applicable to CPCA Full Membership level (or Fellowship). For this reason, the College offers its members the opportunity to undergo peer assessment in order to gain the **Certificate of Competency, Theory & Application, of Cosmetic Injectables**.

Upon obtaining this certificate, members may then apply for a membership upgrade. If granted, the members would be entitled, according to College Policy, to promote their membership of the College via their various digital platforms and stationery. The Certificate may be displayed in their treatment rooms and referenced in all promotional material. This will serve to demonstrate to their patients they are skilled in this area and have had those skills assessed by their peers. However, please note, only a Fellow can use a CPCA post nominal.

It is important that the applicants who successfully achieve this certificate and are approved for an upgrade, are aware of the compulsory requirements that members must meet to maintain their new membership level. These include the annual and triennial **Continuing Professional Development** requirements. Contact cPCA@cPCA.net.au for further information.

This certificate will be gained in two stages.

NB: Full Membership must be obtained before a member can apply for upgrade to CPCA Fellowship.



Stage 1 Theory Examination

Pre-requisite:	CPCA Membership
When:	Date to be advised—please submit an expression of interest (see page 5)
Duration:	1 hour, approximately
Where:	Online
College to Supply:	All materials and supplies.
Candidate to Supply:	-
Cost:	\$1200.00 (incl. GST) which covers both Stage 1 & Stage 2
Notification of Results:	Stage 1— within one week

Only Stage 1 successful candidates will progress to Stage 2. No fee reduction /refunds given.

Stage 2 Practical Examination

Pre-requisite:	CPCA Corresponding Membership, & “Pass” result for stage 1 exam
When:	Date to be arranged, with adequate notice for the candidate (registration forms, etc., on page 5)
Duration:	2 hours approximately
Where:	Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Perth (pending numbers)
College to Supply:	Consumables.
Candidate to supply:	• Injectable Products of their choice. Nb: Candidates will be given a CPCA letter to pass onto their sales rep as most suppliers will be provide products free of charge for examinations. • Model/s suitable for both fillers and muscle relaxants (more information below). • Your usual consent form and medical record-keeping paperwork. • Your camera (if portable), “special” needles/cannulae or gloves (if needed/preferred).
Cost:	Paid already (at Stage 1)
Notification of Results:	Within two weeks, at most.

About Stage 1

A 40-question multiple-choice examination in cosmetic injectables will be targeted at a level that a competent injector should know without needing to check references. Candidates will be expected to have significant understanding of anatomical positions and the actions of musculature of the face, including the effects of treating these muscles.

Understanding of biochemical formulations of the various substances and mechanism of action of injectable products at cellular level is also expected. Included in aspects of anatomy; it is essential to have a high degree of knowledge of the vasculature of the face.

Candidates should be able to describe the variances between formulations of the various injectable substances, on and off-label applications, side effects and the management of complications.

In summary, knowledge in areas such as the below is required;

- facial anatomy,
- how products vary,
- product reconstitution,
- product placement, and
- similar day to day knowledge.

As the questions are relatively fundamental, the pass mark will be high at around 85%, depending on the evaluation of the exam results by the College Education Committee after the first tranche of candidates has sat the exam.

Those Corresponding Members who are successful in the MCQ examination will then move on to sit stage two-competency assessment which will be held in all five state capital cities, depending on candidate numbers.

About Stage 2

This stage is made up of two components.

Component 1

Members will need to supply a model/s that is/are suitable for both fillers and botulinum toxin. Injectable products will be supplied.

So you are comfortable, please bring your own consent forms, medical record paperwork and camera (if portable) with which you will be familiar. Your use of these may then also be assessed. If you require special gloves due to skin sensitivities, or wish to use your own needles/cannulae, please also bring these.

Candidates will be expected to nominate what they expect to achieve and then achieve that outcome. If one model does not have all the indications to be examined, then two may be supplied by the candidate.

It will be assumed that the examinee has examinable skills in the following areas:

Fillers:

Lips - volume and lines, malar augmentation, marionettes, naso-labial folds, tear troughs, fine lines - i.e. deep and superficial placement plus local anaesthetic blocking technique. Hyaluronic acid-based fillers only will be used for the examination.

Relaxants (BTXA):

Upper face 3 areas, mentalis, DAO, top lip, bunny lines, gummy smile, masseter.

Component 2

The second component of this stage (2) examination will consist of two half-hour sessions. Each session will have two Fellows as examiners, with different examiners per session. Each session will be using a Case Based Discussion (CBD) format. This will typically involve using photographs as discussion points and will be designed to elucidate candidate's knowledge of injectable treatments, their use, complications and limitations. Again, the knowledge level being examined is competency and safety that the examinees would be reasonably expected to know. The examiners will be sourced both locally and, where possible, from other states so there can be no concerns about personal bias.

After completion of the examination process, candidates will be advised if they have been successful, within two weeks, depending on the numbers to be processed. Those members who were found to need additional training and education in this area, will be contacted by the Education Officer to discuss the examiners observations and to suggest how the candidate can obtain further training.

Successful candidates may apply to the Membership Committee for an upgrade to Full Membership.



While dates are to be advised:

**To submit an Expression of Interest -
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan**

You will be directed to a Smartsheet Digital Form
(then we will contact you)

Where dates are offered in above information:

To Register - [CLICK HERE](#) or scan

You will be directed to a Smartsheet Digital Form



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