

Leo Laroque, MAL (198 words):

I have been a physiotherapist for 33 years, a public servant with DND for 18 years and a PIPSC steward since 2008. I graduated from University of Manitoba with a Bachelors in Medical rehabilitation-PT as well, from University of Western with a Masters in Clinical Sciences-MT. I have experience in private practice that specialized in industry. I was a key player on an occupational health team in Northern Manitoba that dealt with a major mining company for 9 years prior to my recruitment to DND. I am committed to life-long learning and proud of my profession as group that follow best evidence practices. I feel continuous education is paramount in our evolving healthcare system. Professional development opportunities need to be recognized, encouraged & supported by the employer.

I have served, in the past, on the Standard's committee with the College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba and recognize how vital maintaining standards are within our practices that keep us "professional". This too, needs to be recognized & appreciated by the employer as operational requirement demands may pose challenges. We provide a vital service to our members & this needs to be maintained. It would be an honour to serve you.