

Hospital pharmacy technicians in France and Quebec : Differences in training and practice

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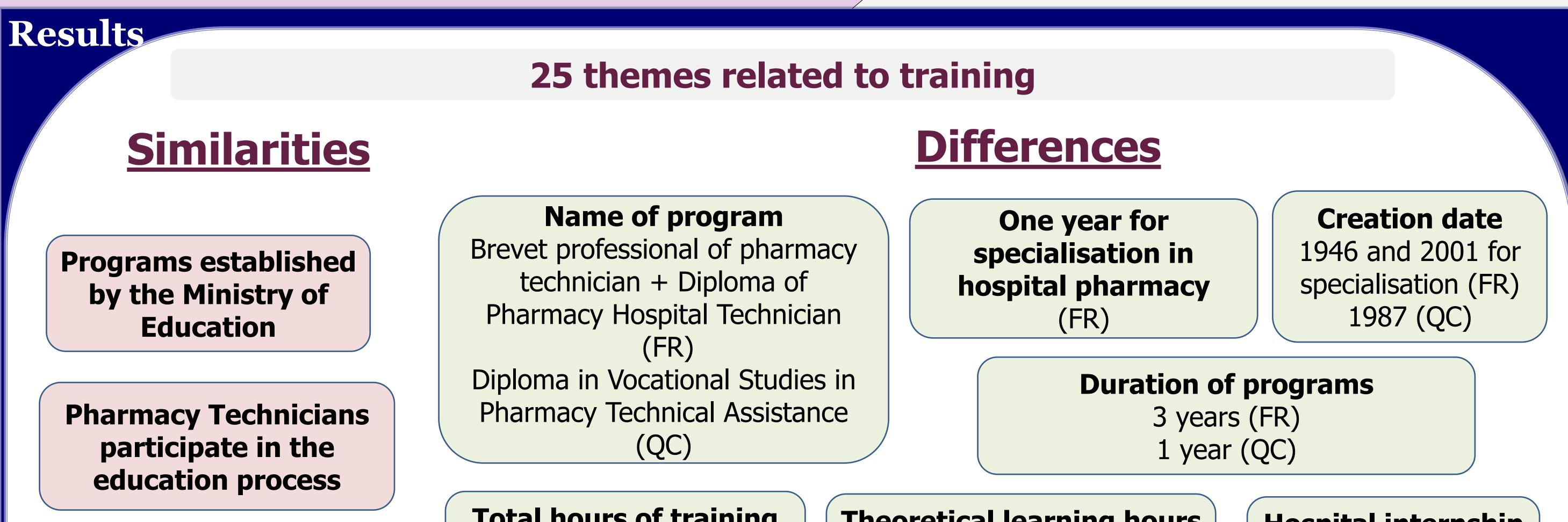
Background

Different studies conclude that pharmaceutical care and clinical pharmacy are more advanced in Quebec than in France. Are there any differences between the training and the practice of hospital pharmacy technicians in France and in Quebec?

Purpose

The main objective was to describe and compare the training of hospital pharmacy technicians in France and Quebec. The secondary objective was to describe and compare the activity of hospital pharmacy technicians in France and Quebec.

This is a descriptive comparative study. A list of relevant themes was established by consensus after a review of key websites and literature. A panel of a French hospital pharmacy resident, a French hospital pharmacist, a French pharmacy technician and one Quebec teaching hospital pharmacist was organized. Similarities and differences for each theme were identified and discussed.



	Total hours of training 4660 yours (FR) 1230 yours (QC)		Theoretical learning hours 1460 hours (FR) 1020 hours (QC)		Hospital internship 700 hours (FR) 210 hours (QC)	
Validation of the diploma Instructions at national level (FR) School dependant (QC)		Continuous training Obligatory (FR) Non-obligatory (QC)		Evolution Senior health manager (FR)	Annual scholar fees 0€ / years (FR) 195€ /years (QC)	
10 tł	nemes related	to hosp	oital pharma	acy practice		
Diploma require to work in hospitals		Médical	Devices, Steriliz	consabilities zation, Blood produ	cts, Advice to	

Responsabilities

Pharmacy technicians contribute to the drug supply chain activities from the procurement to the compounding and dispensation Iédical Devices, Sterilization, Blood products, Advice to patients (FR)
Drug prescription seizure, medication reconciliation, Support for the decentralized clinical pharmacist in health services (QC)

Delegation

Staffs per department

No regulatory framework (FR)



Professional title in the legislation Pharmacy Hospital technician (FR) No title reserved (QC)

Conclusion

This comparative descriptive study highlights more differences regarding training and more similarities regarding the activities of hospital pharmacy technicians between France and Quebec. A better understanding of theses similitudes and differences may contribute to reciprocal improvement of these programs and favour exchanges between both countries.

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