

COLLEGE

Briefings

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Jurisprudence Learning Module

The jurisprudence learning module is now available! To ensure every member of the College has an understanding of jurisprudence (the science or philosophy of law) as it pertains to dietetics, the College has developed an online learning module based on the content found within the College's *Professional Practice Handbook for Dietitians in Alberta*.

The College requires all current members to successfully complete the jurisprudence learning module within one year, by March 31, 2014. Thereafter, every member on the General Register will be required to complete the learning module every five years to maintain registration with the College.

Information on the jurisprudence learning module and resources can be found on the Jurisprudence page on the members section of the College website. To access the learning module, please click on the link found on the members section of the College website. If you have any questions about the module, please contact the College office.

New Resources on Member Website

The College has posted the following new resources on the members section of the College website:

Social Media Practice Guidelines: College recommendations for members to minimize the inherent risks involved when the professional uses social media for personal or professional communication.

Electronic Practice in Alberta: College's position for Registered Dietitians in Alberta with respect to electronic dietetic practice outside of the province where the dietitian is registered.

Learning Centre: links for the College's most recent webinar on Jurisprudence

Awareness

Dietitians and Physiotherapists Partner for the Special Olympics

The College is pleased to collaborate with Physiotherapy Alberta in providing health awareness and advice to Special Olympics Alberta. Our two groups recently collaborated on two joint interactive sessions at April's Special Olympics event held in Red Deer. The sessions focused on healthy athletes and included the importance of warming up and stretching, combined with healthy and cost effective beverage and snacking choices for Special Olympics athletes. The awareness of dietitians and the importance of nutrition alongside fitness are enhanced through this partnership.

The event was deemed a success, and the College looks forward to working with the Special Olympics and Physiotherapy Alberta again at the upcoming games being held in Devon in June 2013.

Registration Update

The College thanks all members for submitting their registration and CCP on time, bringing to a close our fourth year with online registration renewal.

As of April 1, 2013, the College of Dietitians of Alberta had 1,051 members complete their registration renewal. The College also had 30 members on the Temporary Register for a total of 1,081 registered members.

The College reminds members that as regulated professionals, RDs have a duty to update their profile within 30 days of any change in the information required for the College's Register. This includes changes to your address, employment information or name changes. You may update your contact information online by logging onto the [Online Profile, Continuing Competence Program & Jurisprudence](#) link. Please contact the College office for information on changing your name.

Not receiving correspondence from the College because your contact information has not been updated is not an acceptable excuse for missing a deadline or for not complying with College requirements such as registration renewal.

All important notices are sent to members in several formats well ahead of deadlines and critical information is communicated in email blasts and on our website. It is important to pay attention to College communications and members should visit the website regularly to be informed of changes to College requirements affecting your practice.

CCP Review and Audit

Now that renewal is behind us, it's time for the annual Continuing Competence Program review and audit process to begin. Remember that every member should expect to have their CCP submissions reviewed a minimum of once every three years and that a portion of those members reviewed will be asked to submit documentation as part of an audit.

The CCP audit involves submitting supporting evidence of your participation in the Continuing Competence Program including verification of activities completed. The audit also includes a mandatory review of liability insurance coverage, confirmation of which must be submitted as part of the audit documentation. Those members selected for CCP audit have been contacted by mail outlining audit submission requirements.

Please note all members are eligible for random selection at any time.

Recognition Awards

The College currently has two award programs accepting nominations with June 1 the deadline for submission.

The **Dietetic Intern Bursary Program** was introduced to support current dietetic interns who have demonstrated exceptional professional practice while studying dietetics at the University of Alberta with the intention of becoming a Registered Dietitian. Up to three bursaries of \$1,000 may be awarded to successful applicants each year. To request more information or to apply for the bursary, the College encourages applicants to contact the College office by email to request the application form. Deadline for applications is June 1 each year. The bursary recipients are announced in September each year.

The **Preceptor Recognition Award** was created to recognize excellence and dedication in preceptoring and mentoring in Alberta. The award is presented to selected preceptors in September each year. To request more information or to nominate a deserving recipient for this award the College encourages members to contact the College office by email as soon as possible to request the nomination form. Deadline for nominations is June 1 each year.

In Memorium



The Council and staff of the College were deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death on May 2 of a dear colleague and council member, Debra Buffum. Deb served on Council from September 2010 until her passing. Deb was a passionate dietitian who found her calling in Public Health and dedicated 29 years to her profession. Highlights of her career included presentations at national conferences, developing teaching resources that sold across Canada and beyond, chairing provincial committees and local workgroups, and being honoured with a region-wide staff recognition award as a "Champion of Public Health". Deb's passion and enthusiasm will be greatly missed by her colleagues at the College and across the province.

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