



**COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS
OF ALBERTA**

Jurisprudence Module Information

Jurisprudence is defined as the science or philosophy of law. In the context of dietetics, it is the provincial legislation in combination with the College of Dietitians of Alberta's regulations and standards of practice that govern practice in Alberta. To ensure every registered member of the College has an understanding of jurisprudence, the College has developed an online learning module based on the content found within the College's *Professional Practice Handbook for Dietitians in Alberta*.

Why are you required to complete the jurisprudence module?

As part of your continuing competence requirements under Regulation, the Council of the College of Dietitians of Alberta has determined that all members will be required to successfully complete an online jurisprudence learning module. Completion of the module will ensure every registered member is aware of and has an understanding of jurisprudence, the science or philosophy of law, and how it pertains to professional practice and the relevant practice documents for dietetics in Alberta. You will have the option of using the learning module as an activity for your Continuing Competence Program during the year the module is completed.

College members are well aware of the *Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and the Essential Competencies*. However, not every member may be as familiar with other practice documents. Completing the learning module is an opportunity for members to review relevant legislative documents, think about them and then test yourself to see which areas might need more attention from you.

Who will be required to complete the jurisprudence module?

The following individuals will be required to complete the College's jurisprudence e-module:

- All new registrants to the College including standard applicants, applicants transferring from out-of-province and return-to-practice applicants will be required to successfully complete the module within their first year of registration, prior to registration renewal.
- All General members will be required to successfully complete the module within their first year of registration, prior to registration renewal.
- All Temporary members will be required to successfully complete the module within their first year of registration.

Thereafter, every member on the General Register will be required to complete the learning module every five years to maintain registration with the College.

For those members who have completed the jurisprudence learning module at the University of Alberta, you will be required to complete the College's jurisprudence learning module every five years to maintain registration with the College.

How do I know if I will be required to complete the jurisprudence module?

The College office will notify all members who are required to complete the jurisprudence module either by notice or email. If you are required to complete the module, you will be prompted to do so under the Jurisprudence tab in the top bar once you have logged onto the Member Login (link found on the Jurisprudence page on the For Dietitians section of the College website).

What will the jurisprudence module look like?

The jurisprudence learning module is an online open-book module comprised of 25 multiple choice questions randomly selected from a bank of questions.

The content of the jurisprudence module covers the chapters found in the College's *Professional Practice Handbook for Dietitians in Alberta*. Each question will have resources provided to assist you in answering each question.

Members will have three attempts to correctly answer each question.

Successful completion of the module constitutes answering at least 22 of the 25 questions correctly. If you unsuccessfully answer three or more questions, you will be able to complete the module but the College office will contact you for follow-up.

The module may be completed in more than one sitting and the time that you need to complete the module is not limited. Completion of the module can be postponed at any time and accessed at a later time at your convenience. The previously submitted answers and number of attempts for each question will be saved.

Following submission of the module, you will have the ability to print the results for your records.

What is required to complete the jurisprudence module?

The module is accessed by computer and an internet connection. All applicable resources (legislation, regulations and standards of practice) required for completing the module will be provided within the module as PDF attachments.

In order to print the module results, you will require access to a printer.

Can the jurisprudence module be used for CCP?

College members who set continuing competence learning goals related to performance indicators found in Standard 1: Professional Practice (or other relevant performance indicators, as they pertain to jurisprudence concepts) will have the option of using the learning module as an activity for completing one of their continuing competence program goals upon successful completion of the jurisprudence module.

It is the responsibility of the member to determine how/if the jurisprudence module applies as a learning activity toward completion of his/her specific continuing competence program goal.

Webinar on jurisprudence module

The College hosted a webinar to provide information on the jurisprudence learning module as well as how to use the module towards CCP. Slides of the webinar can be accessed on the Jurisprudence page of the For Dietitians section of the College website.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the jurisprudence learning module, please contact the College office at (780) 448-0059 or by email at office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca