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Briefings

Fall 2020 Edition

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College Office

The College of Dietitians of Alberta (CDA) re-opened the physical office through a phased approach starting in June. The College will continue to follow guidance from the Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health orders therefore, limitations will be in place for the health and safety of any visitors and the College staff.

- The College will remain accessible by phone or email each weekday (Monday-Friday) from 9:00am to 4:00pm, as it has throughout the pandemic. If we are unable to assist you when you call the main office number 780-448-0059, please leave a message or send an email. We will address all questions or requests as soon as we can.
- The College office location in downtown Edmonton will be open **by appointment only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until further notice.
- Should you require assistance in person, please call the College office at 780-448-0059 to schedule an appointment. All visitors will be pre-screened over the phone when scheduling an appointment and again when they have arrived for the appointment. Other limitations in place will be discussed at the time of scheduling an appointment.
- Please contact Lisa Omerzu to discuss options for mail/delivery.

For General Inquiries & Registration Questions, please contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator at execasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca

For Practice Questions & Continuing Competence Questions, please contact Shannon Mackenzie, Director of Professional Practice at ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca

For Complaints & Concerns, please contact Doug Cook, Executive Director & Registrar at registrar@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca

Reminder: Bill 21: An Act to Protect Patients Mandatory Training

Within the *Bill 21: An Act to Protect Patients* amendments to the *Health Professions Act (HPA)*, all colleges were required to establish a patient relations program that included measures for preventing and addressing sexual abuse of and sexual misconduct towards patients by regulated members through education, training and public information.

Regulated members were notified by email on June 4, 2020 that the online training program “Protecting Patients from Sexual Abuse and Misconduct” is available and that **all regulated members must complete by December 31, 2020**. The training program consists of 3 modules:

1. An Introduction to An Act to Protect Patients
2. Preventing Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct
3. When Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Has Occurred

Further information on the training program is available on the College website under [For Dietitians – Bill 21 Mandatory Training](#).

If you have any questions regarding Bill 21, please contact Doug Cook, Registrar & Executive Director by email registrar@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca.

If you have any questions regarding the online training program, please contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator by phone at 780-448-0059 or by email execasst@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca

Reminder: Jurisprudence Learning Module

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.

For College regulated members who are required to complete the Jurisprudence Learning Module, when you login to the registrant database (<https://cdav6.alinityapp.com>) on the Home Page under My Exams, you should see a Jurisprudence Learning Module exam with “Available” beside it. It is the responsibility of each regulated member to ensure that you are completing the requirement when available; you will not receive an individual notification for completion. If you do not see an available exam record, you may not be required to complete the learning module at this time.

Further information on the Jurisprudence Learning Module can be found on the College website under the [For Dietitians section](#).

Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Update 2020/2021

At this point in the year, six months after completing the CCP self-assessment and setting learning goals, it is time to review the learning goals set, and evaluate where you are at in the continuing competence process.

Since March 2020 many things have changed, including some regulated members' jobs and/or roles. It is especially important that you check back in with those original learning goals to see if they are still meeting your needs and/or if you should re-evaluate and adjust.

Modifying learning goals part way through the CCP year is a completely acceptable part of the learning process, particularly when circumstances have changed. The College understands this. Remember that if you set learning goals in March that you have achieved, you may consider completing the CCP workbook now, including drafting your reflection, if you feel you have met your goal. This gives you the chance to finish up early.

If your goals have changed as a result of job or task changes, please review the self-assessment and make an adjustment as necessary to the indicator(s) online, in [Login For Regulated Members](#) under My Learning. If you have undertaken learning activities that you didn't expect you would, but you feel your learning is complete, again you may be able to reflect on the achievement of the new learning goal.

If your learning is still ongoing, this is also acceptable. Take a moment to document the learning activities you have undertaken to this point, ensure you have the verification to support the learning in the case of an audit, and determine what else you still need to learn or work on to complete your goal.

If you have any questions about CCP, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Mackenzie, Director of Professional Practice by email at ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca or by phone at 403-669-7435.

Resources and Information for the College's CCP can be found on the College website under [For Dietitians – Registration Renewal – Continuing Competence Program](#).

College Council for 2020/2021

The College of Dietitians of Alberta is pleased to introduce the 2020/2021 Council. Council biographies can be viewed on the College website under [Regulated Member Resources](#), Important Regulated Member Resources.

Jillyan Jay, Chair
Kathryn Taxbock, Chair-Elect
Anna Farmer, Past-Chair
Robin Anderson, Councillor
Kenton Delisle, Councillor
Raelyn Baker, Councillor
Shannon Rendall, Councillor
Kelly Anne Erdman, Councillor
Julie Davis, Public Member
Geoff Rabbie, Public Member

Update to Council Make-up

In July 2020, the Alberta Government introduced *Bill 30: Health Statutes Amendment Act* to update health legislation in order to strengthen the role of Albertans in our health system. Specifically of note, changes in Bill 30 will increase the number of public members appointed to regulatory college councils, complaint review committees and hearing tribunals to give Albertans a stronger voice and greater role in professional oversight. The minimum number of

public members will increase to 50%, up from 25%. Once Bill 30 is proclaimed, these changes will come into force April 1, 2021.

Current Council make-up consists of 9 regulated members and 3 public members (25%). In order to accommodate the changes in the make-up of the College's Council for 2021, moving to an equal number of regulated and public members, the Council of the College of Dietitians of Alberta will not be filling the vacant regulated member position in September 2020.

Annual Report 2019

The College has posted the Annual Report for 2019/2020 online. [Click here](#) to access the report (under About Us – Annual Reports).

Recognition Award for 2020

The Preceptor Recognition Award was created to recognize the excellence and dedication of preceptors in Alberta. The College is pleased to present the Preceptor Recognition Award for 2020 to Harrison Blizzard, RD from the Red Deer area.

November 2020 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE)

This is a reminder for all Temporary regulated members, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies, the body that administers the national Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE), will be offering the November 2020 through online, remote proctoring with ProctorU.

The exam will be accessible from a candidate's personal computer in a quiet setting. A webcam, speakers and stable live Internet connection are required. Please read the Communique from the Alliance, as posted on the [College website under CDRE](#), for more information. **Candidates should review ProctorU's technology requirements here (<https://www.proctoru.com/proctoru-live-resource-center#what>). Once scheduled for the CDRE, candidates will be able to log-on to an account with ProctorU to test their technology's ability to connect with the online remote proctor system.**

All candidates received further information via email from the College office on scheduling the exam on August 31, 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the CDRE, please check out our [website here](#) or contact Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator at the [College office](#).

Opportunities for Dietitians

The College has posted Fall 2020 events and Job Opportunities on the website, under [News & Events](#). Please check back often for new postings and any updates.

- Diabetes Canada's Virtual Diabetes Frontline Forum (November 7)
- Dietitian regular part time (0.70 FTE) AgeCare SkyPointe NE, Calgary, AB

Ensuring your Profile is Current

The College reminds all Dietitians that as regulated professionals, you have a duty to update your profile within 30 days of any change in the information required for the College's Register. This includes changes to your legal name, contact information (phone and email), mailing address, and employment information. You may update your profile information online by logging onto the [Login for Regulated Members](#) to complete a Profile Update.

If any information found on the [Public Register](#) is inaccurate or incomplete, please [contact the College office](#) to request a correction.

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The College of Dietitians of Alberta office is located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.