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Recognizing 20 years of Regulation as a College

Dietitians have been part of the healthcare system for decades but this year, the College of Dietitians of Alberta recognized 20 years of regulating the dietetic profession. Over the past few months, the College has been running a campaign aimed at sharing the important role dietitians play in the everyday lives of Albertans.

You may have seen our online, TV, and billboard ads or heard our radio ads. The aim of the campaign was to highlight Registered Dietitians as...



 <p>Your Registered Solution Seekers</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians help prevent & treat diabetes & heart disease.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>	 <p>Your Registered Science Interpreters</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians translate nutrition science into practical solutions.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>
 <p>Your Registered Quality Keepers</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians are regulated & adhere to the highest of quality standards.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>	 <p>Your Registered Problem Solvers</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians provide expert nutrition assessments & intervention strategies.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>
 <p>Your Registered Diversity Champions</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians recognize the diverse needs of different groups.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>	 <p>Your Registered Health Promoters</p> <p>Alberta's Registered Dietitians practice in many settings – hospitals, clinics, food companies, sports teams & more.</p> <p>Learn More</p> <p> COLLEGE OF DIETITIANS OF ALBERTA</p>

You can listen to the radio ads on our YouTube channel [here](#), and the landing page for the campaign can be found at <https://registereddietitians.ca/>.

Call for Applications: Working Group for Reconciliation *Standard of Practice*

Reconciliation is a priority action area of the College of Dietitians of Alberta Council. There is a strong connection between food and Indigenous reconciliation in Canada. Over the past couple of years, the College Council has developed a Reconciliation Action Plan. As part of this

work, the College will begin development of a Reconciliation *Standard of Practice*. Reconciliation is about working with Indigenous people in taking action to positively influence the health and well-being of Indigenous people in this province.

In the spirit of reconciliation, the College is reaching out to our Indigenous colleagues to participate on a working group to assist with the development of this standard. You will work with College staff and our Indigenous consultant in developing this standard. Working group members will gain skills, knowledge, and experience in policy development and contribute to the reconciliation efforts of the College and profession.

If you are an Indigenous Registered Dietitian and would like to contribute to developing a Reconciliation *Standard of Practice*, we invite you to join the working group.

We ask that Indigenous RDs provide a letter of interest which includes the following:

1. How your life experience informs your perspective.
2. Why do you want to be on the working group.
3. What can you bring to the working group on:
 - a. Leadership
 - b. Teamwork and Relationship Building
 - c. Strategic Thinking
4. Current or past work in reconciliation.

A CV/resume should also be submitted with your letter of interest.

The deadline for submissions has been extended to January 16, 2023. Please provide your application to the College office by email at office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca.

If you have any questions, please contact Doug Cook, Registrar at 780-448-0059 or by email to registrar@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca.

Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Updates for 2023 Renewal

Webinar

On November 21, 2022, the College hosted a webinar “Updates to CCP and the Impact on 2023 Renewal”. The webinar featured information Registered Dietitians need to know in order to prepare for and complete CCP requirements for the March 2023 renewal period. In 2022, the Continuing Competence Program underwent substantial updates that affect where and how regulated members track their CCP progress and outcomes. The updated program is now 100% online (including review and document audits), all contained within the Registrant Portal.

A recording of the webinar is available at <https://app.webinar.net/6oxDbwvz9YN> and the webinar slides and a Follow-up College Communication are available on the College website under [For Dietitians – Registration Renewal – Important Resources for Renewal and CCP](#). This communication is a summary of the questions submitted during the Webinar; answers are compiled by topic, with the CCP Manual and additional resources linked for your reference.

Completing CCP

Currently, all General members are encouraged to update their Learning Plans online by adding learning goals, updating benefit to practice and input learning activity records, in preparation for renewal 2023. You can access your online CCP by clicking on [Login for Regulated Members](#) and going to My Learning.

Beginning January 1, 2023, all General members will have access to the online CCP Self-Assessment within the Registrant Portal. Each member will be required to complete the CCP Self-Assessment in advance of creating your learning plans for the upcoming year (as part of renewal).

CCP Manual

The College has developed a Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Manual which contains comprehensive information on the following:

- What is the Continuing Competence Program
- Legislation and Regulatory Documents
- Continuing Competence Requirements
- How to Meet CCP Requirements
- Resources Available to Regulated Members

It is the responsibility of all regulated members to ensure they have read the CCP Manual and are meeting all requirements of the program each year of registration. The CCP Manual (updated December 2022) can be found on the College website under [For Dietitians – Registration Renewal – Continuing Competence Program](#).

If you have any questions about CCP, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Eklund, Director of Professional Practice by email at ppc@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca or by phone at the College office.

College Council effective September 8, 2022

The College of Dietitians of Alberta is pleased to introduce the 2022/2023 Council which consists of regulated members and public members. Council photos can be viewed on the College website under [Regulated Member Resources](#), Important Regulated Member Resources.

Geoff Rabbie, Public Member, Chair
Kathryn Taxbock, Councillor, Past-Chair
Allison Fielding, Councillor, Chair-Elect
Kally Cheung, Councillor
Kenton Delisle, Councillor
Laura White, Councillor
Julie Davis, Public Member
Alexander Phung, Public Member

RE-PRINT: Professional Practice: Legal Name with the College

The following article was included in the Summer 2022 College Briefings but is being re-printed due to an increase in questions with a recent launch of Connect Care.

The College of Dietitians of Alberta has received some questions from regulated members regarding how their name is captured with the College and how it is displayed within ConnectCare.

Under provincial health legislation, the College is required to have a registrant's full legal name within the database (including middle names) which is also reported on practice permits and on the Public Register. The registrant information provided to Alberta Health is also specified in legislation (full names). Connect Care gets their information from government therefore, we cannot alter the name displayed to remove middle names.

You can request a name change with the College by completing a Profile Update at [Login for Regulated Members](#); however, it is mandatory to upload a copy of government issued photo ID with the name change reflected (for example, drivers license, passport). The name change request and supporting document is subject to review and approval by the College. Your legal name (including middle names) must match the name on your profile and practice permit.

November 2022 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE) Results

For all Temporary regulated members who recently wrote the November 2022 sitting of the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE), the College notified all candidates by email on November 29, 2022, that their results are available.

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

Contacting the College Office

Holiday Hours: The College office will be closed from Noon on December 23, 2022 to January 2, 2023. The College office will re-open Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

The College office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. College staff are available by phone or email during regular business hours. If we are unable to assist you when you call the office, please leave a message, or send an email. We will address all questions or requests as soon as possible.

The College office is open by appointment only. Please call the College office at 780-448-0059 to schedule an appointment. The College may have limitations in place for the health and safety of any visitors and the College staff.

Doug Cook, Registrar & Executive Director
Lisa Omerzu, Executive Assistant & Registration Coordinator
Shannon Eklund, Director of Professional Practice

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](#) or [Find a Dietitian Directory](#) is inaccurate or incomplete, please [contact the College office](#) to request a correction.

Making sure you receive CDA emails

The College office primarily communicates with regulated members through email and through information provided on the College website. To ensure that you are receiving all important communications from the College office in a timely manner, please ensure that you have added **CDA Administration** (office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca) to your safe sender list or address book.

Adding our sending domain (collegeofdietitians.ab.ca) to your list of accepted email senders (often referred to as a "whitelist", "safe list", or "list of privileged senders") will ensure that you receive College communications from all College email addresses.

Failure to receive emails from the College does not excuse missed deadlines or requirements for maintaining your registration.

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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.