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The College is looking for dedicated members passionate about their profession to volunteer for the following committees:

Hearing Tribunal – The Hearing Tribunal Committee hears evidence, determines findings and appropriate sanctions when a complaint is referred to a Hearing Tribunal. Commitment is for minimum one year.

Complaints Review Committee – The Complaints Review Committee reviews and ratifies settlements resulting from complaints.

If you have been a member of the College for 3 or more years, and are interested in serving on one of the above mentioned committees, please send an email of interest to the College office at office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca and candidates will be contacted. Deadline for submission is July 16th.

University of Alberta Integrated Dietetic Internship - Web-Based Preceptor Training

In the coming months, the Integrated Internship will be releasing its web-based preceptor training program. All College members are invited to participate in this self-paced program. For more information, please contact: Heidi Bates, MSc, RD, Director, Integrated Dietetic Internship, E-mail: hbates@ualberta.ca

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Continuing Competence Program 2010-2011

As we move into June, some of you will have already begun thinking about your learning needs and have set your two (or more) continuing competence goals. Now is the time to identify and undertake activities to meet your goals. If you haven't already started the process, follow these suggestions to ensure you are successful with your competence plan this year:

1. The first step is to complete your self-assessment to determine which performance indicators you would like to work on. Many members complete activities first and then determine which performance indicator the activities fit after the fact. The purpose of the CCP is to support and develop your learning in specific areas of need so that your competence as an RD is enhanced.

The self-assessment exercise helps you reflect on your practice, evaluate strengths and identify practice challenges where increased skill, knowledge or level of comfort would enhance your practice. These challenges should be considered learning goals and priorities for professional development.

2. Choose only one performance indicator to base each goal around. More than one performance indicator can lead to a broad goal which makes it difficult to write a focused evaluation/reflection later in the year. Tie your goal to that specific indicator and explain what knowledge/skill you are developing related to the performance indicator. You will then undertake activities that relate to and enhance your knowledge/skill in the areas described.
3. Ensure your goal is a *learning goal*. Because the purpose of the Continuing Competence Program is to enhance your competence (i.e. your knowledge, skill, attitude or judgment) identify a goal thinking about what you would like to learn (based on your self-assessment).

Do not identify a goal that is a project or a task. Projects can, however, be used as activities that meet your learning goal.

4. Write a goal with SMART characteristics in mind. SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely) goals make it easier to evaluate whether or not you have met the goal.

The 2010-2011 Continuing Competence Program Workbook is now available for download and printing on the members' side of the College website at <http://www.collegeofdietitians.ab.ca/member/index.aspx>.

If you have any questions regarding the Continuing Competence Program, please contact the College office.



Phase 1 Draft of the Integrated Competencies

The Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) Working Group has released a draft of the Practice Competencies that are part of the Integrated Competencies project that PDEP has been working on over the past year. The first phase in development of the Integrated Competencies was intended to define the minimum competencies expected of entry-level dietitians. These competencies have been provided to PDEP partners and their memberships for feedback through the validation phase. Once these Competencies have been finalized, the second phase of development will consist of creating the performance indicators that will comprise how and where competency is assessed and the foundational knowledge required in attaining these competencies. This final product will comprise the Integrated Competencies, which will then go to Regulatory Councils for approval.

The draft competencies are available now on the PDEP website (www.pdep.ca). A formal process of member review and feedback is scheduled between June to December 2010, which will consist primarily of an online survey available mid-September to mid-October in both English and French.

Additional information will be provided to members in the near future. If you have any questions regarding PDEP and the Integrated Competencies project, please contact the College office at office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca.

The College Website – What’s New (www.collegeofdietitians.ab.ca)

Watch for our new Website!

The college has started work on a dynamic new website. Our new site will have an expanded Members’ Only section as well as more information for the public. The new site is expected to be launched in August or September and we will let members know when it is ready.

Updating Your Profile with the College

Just a reminder, it is every member’s responsibility to ensure that the College has the most current contact and employment information. This can be done by updating your profile online.

- Log-on to the Registration Renewal & Profile page (using the login information provided at renewal) and click on the View Your Profile tab. Members have access to the Profile page year-round, so you may edit contact or employment information as it changes.

OR

- Send an email or fax to the College office with the updated information (be sure to include your name and registration number)

A Look Back at ARDA

For those members that have been with us prior to the establishment of the College and are interested in the history of the Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), members can now access archived documents from ARDA online at the Glenbow Museum:

<http://www.glenbow.org/collections/search/findingAids/archhtm/arda.cfm>

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The upcoming Annual General Meeting of the College will be on Friday October 1, 2010 in Edmonton, Alberta. Additional information to follow.

