

COLLEGE

Briefings

Winter 2010

Continuing Competence Program is going online!

The College is pleased to announce that the Continuing Competence Program will go online this year.

Following the implementation of online registration renewal introduced last March, the online Continuing Competence Program (CCP) will be made available in conjunction with registration renewal, in February, 2011. At that time members will be required to identify the goals they set for the past year, the activities achieved, and the reflection on impact to practice, similar to what has been previously completed on the paper forms. Members will also be required to identify performance indicators / goals for the 2011-2012 year.

Additional instructions / materials on the online CCP process will be sent to members mid January, 2011.

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HOLIDAY HOURS



The Council and staff of the College of Dietitians of Alberta wishes all members and their families a safe and happy holiday season

The College office will be closed from December 25, 2010 to January 3, 2011. The office will reopen on January 4, 2011.

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Online Registration Renewal 2011 & Updating Your Profile

The College is once again preparing for annual Registration Renewal. As with last year, Registration Renewal for 2011 must be completed online by all members prior to the deadline of March 31, 2011. Members will be able to complete the Registration Renewal forms, the Continuing Competence Program (CCP) and payment of fees all online.

Updating Your Profile

The College encourages all members to access the Online Registration Renewal & Profile page to update their Profile prior to renewal. It is every member's responsibility to ensure that the College has the most current contact and employment information. Therefore, members must ensure that their personal information, employment information and practice details are all correct and complete. By completing your Profile prior to renewal, you will ensure that all the information is accurate and completed ahead of time to speed up the renewal process.

Completing Online Registration Renewal

In January 2011, the College will be issuing an email to all members with important information regarding Registration Renewal. For members who completed online registration renewal this past year, the process will be similar but will have new features. For new members who have not completed online registration renewal yet, you will be required to complete online pages encompassing your profile, registration status, Continuing Competence Program, declarations and payment of fees. Additional information will be provided in January 2011.

Login information for the Registration Renewal & Profile page will be issued to members in the New Year, prior to renewal. If you have any questions or require assistance with any phase of online registration renewal, please contact the College office.

Continuing Competence Program 2010-2011: Evaluation: Reflection on learning and competence enhancement

At this point in the year, members are wrapping up the last of the activities in meeting their Continuing Competence Plan goals set this past Spring. Members are also starting to reflect on the impact of their learning goals and activities to the enhancement of their practice as professionals.

When reflecting on your continuing competence plans and the enhancement of your own professional competence over this past year, consider the following tips in preparation for your online reflection submission along with registration renewal by March 31, 2011:

1. Write the impact of your learning plan on your practice in ***the past tense***. Do not write how you plan to use the information learned in the future, or what you anticipate being able to do with the information in the future - these statements do not demonstrate that you have incorporated your learning into your current practice, thus enhancing competence.

Because you were specific in setting your goals, and because your activities will be completed early enough in the competence year * to have time to reflect on the impact to your practice, you will easily be able to identify how you know your goal has been achieved during this year.

2. Ask yourself these questions, and use this information in your online reflection:

- What did I learn and how did I apply it in my practice?
- How do I know my competence has been enhanced as a result of completing this learning plan? Or, more simply, How do I know I'm more competent? How do I know I have increased my skills or knowledge this year?

3. Do not list "what you learned" but rather explain how your competence has been enhanced as a result of what you have learned.

*Ensure your activities are between April 2010 and February 29, 2011. This is important because you want to have time to reflect on the impact of your activities to your current practice.

When completing CCP online for the first time this coming March, you will transfer your Workbook content and/or other documentation directly into the fields provided. Please note that the Continuing Competence Program Workbook continues to be a valuable resource to members as they plan goals and activities for the 2011-2012 year. You should be keeping all supporting documentation including the Workbook for your CCP as the College may request you submit this as part of the CCP audit process.

Introducing Your Council for 2010 / 2011

The College of Dietitians of Alberta held an electronic vote for Councilors for the 2010 / 2011 Council. The ballots were distributed electronically to members on August 20, 2010 and the vote closed on Sunday, September 19, 2010. There were 961 ballots distributed. The College received 168 responses (ballots), 2 had no ballot attached and 2 were spoiled.

The College is pleased to announce the successful candidates were Debra Buffum, Michael Seibel and Monica Storey.

Council biographies can be found on the Member's side of the College Website.

Joanne Penson-Boucher, President
Annette Li, President-Elect
Robin Anderson, Past-President
Julie Lacasse, Councilor
Karen Villetard, Councilor
Diana Mager, Councilor

Debra Buffum, Councilor
Michael Seibel, Councilor
Monica Storey, Councilor
Gerri Nakonechny, Public Member
Craig Hrynychuk, Public Member

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

The College is pleased to inform members that our new website will launch in late December. The new look website will feature an expanded members’ only section and additional information for public visitors.

New Features will include...

Registrant Directory listing all Registered Dietitians / Registered Nutritionists. The College is offering Private Practice Dietitians the option to have their contact information published on the Registrant Directory for public access.

If you would like to have your contact information published, please confirm in writing either by email at office@collegeofdietitians.ab.ca or by letter that you authorize the College of Dietitians of Alberta to publish your contact information on the Registrant Directory. Please be advised that the information published will be your employment record as it appears on your profile with the College and will include:

- Organization name
- Mailing address
- Phone number / Fax number
- Email address

We encourage everyone to visit the new site at www.collegeofdietitians.ab.ca

2010 College workshop update:

The College would like to thank members for their participation at our first web-based workshop entitled “Professional Practice and Social Networking: Same Rules, New Game” held November 1, 2010. The College has received numerous email comments indicating that the online format was a success and that the topic met member needs.

The session will be archived for members who were unable to attend, or who wish to view it again, until October 31, 2011. To obtain access to the archived presentation, please find the link on the members’ side of the College website.

The College welcomes your input, therefore please do not hesitate to email your comments regarding the recent webinar or for ideas on future topics to the College office.

PDEP Media Release November 2010



The Federal Government Supports The Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) Integrated Practice Competencies Project

On Friday November 5, 2010, Senator Linda Frum, on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, announced Labour Mobility funding to the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) of over \$360,000 to support the Integrated Practice Competencies Project. The grant was effective September 23, 2010. The funding PDEP will receive will support the creation of a standardized assessment process across Canada for dietitians at entry to practice.

Doug Cook, Registrar of the College of Dietitians of Alberta and PDEP Co-Chair suggested that “This work will set clear examples for regulators across Canada which will be used to determine safe, effective and ethical dietetic practice. Through this project regulators will continue to ensure that Canadians receive dietetic services from competent professionals.”

Melanie Morris, Associate Director of the Masters of Public Health program in Community Nutrition at the University of Toronto, and PDEP Co-Chair stated that this project will help educators across the country design and implement academic and practical training programs that support both learners and educators.

Marlene Wyatt, Director of Professional Standards for Dietitians of Canada, and PDEP Co-Chair said, “This project will help Canadians understand the breadth and depth of dietitians’ preparation for practice. Dietitians work in a variety of practice settings and roles spanning nutrition care, health promotion and management. Our goal is to provide better access for Canadians to qualified professionals”.

This project represents a unique collaboration between dietetic regulatory bodies, educators and the professional association to address issues of common concern to dietetic education and practice. Senator Frum noted that by harmonizing entry-to practice competency requirements across the country, dietitians can access job opportunities from coast to coast without the need for re-certification, which will go a long way to making full labour mobility a reality for dietitians. “It benefits workers and employers alike,” Senator Frum remarked. “Workers have a wider range of opportunities and employers have a larger and richer pool of qualified candidates.”

In her speech, Senator Frum noted our government is taking concrete action to make full labour mobility a reality for professions and stated that “Labour mobility will help ensure that Canada has a prosperous and competitive economy and improve the standard of living of all Canadians.”

For more information about this exciting funding award, see www.pdep.ca