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Continuing Competence Program: 2017 Group - PDP due October 31

If you're in the 2017 CCP group, your Professional Development Plan (PDP) is **due for submission** on **October 31, 2016**. You'll need your CDBC username and password to access [your own online Continuing Competence Program](#) through the CDBC website. If you are uncertain of your reporting group year, you'll find the date in the Registration Information section of [your online CDBC Profile](#). Information about the [Continuing Competence Program](#) is available on the CDBC website. Please contact the office if you have trouble accessing your profile, or have questions about the CCP.



Remember to update your Self-assessment and your Professional Development Plan. These are a summary of the learning goals you completed since the beginning of your CCP cycle on April 1, 2014. They also include learning goals you plan to continue working on until March 31, 2017.

Subject Matter Experts Needed

In the interest of public safety, the CDBC has been working collaboratively with the BC Ministry of Health (the Office of the Provincial Dietitian) and Dietitians of Canada to understand and address the issue of **unregulated nutrition providers in BC**.

In April 2014, the BC Government announced that the Ministry of Advanced Education would assume direct responsibility for the regulation of private career training institutions (including those that train unregulated nutrition providers). The Private Training Act (PTA) came into force on September 1, 2016. At that time, the Ministry of Advanced Education Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB) replaced the Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA).

As part of the collaborative action plan to address public safety and quality of nutrition care, the CDBC, Office of the Provincial Dietitian and Dietitians of Canada have collectively reached out to the BC Ministry of Advanced Education to request that Dietitians be included as Subject Matter Experts in reviewing the curriculums of private nutrition credentialing programs that train unregulated nutrition providers.

Recently, the Ministry of Advanced Education posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Subject Matter Experts to assist the Private Training Institutions Branch. Subject Matter Experts will require education and experience necessary to conduct an inspection and provide evaluation of compliance to required standards. **Specific skills/attributes include:**

- Experience in career related occupations, educational administration or language training.

- Relevant education, licenses and professional designations.
- Membership in relevant industry association or organizations.
- Excellent English written skills.
- Availability. The majority of certified institutions are located in the Lower Mainland. However, Respondents must confirm they are available to travel outside the Lower Mainland. Respondent must also be available to work outside business hours.

To view the RFQ posting, please follow these instructions:

1. Visit www.bcbid.ca
2. Click on 'Browse for Bid Opportunities or Bid Results'
3. Click on 'Browse opportunities by organization'
4. Select 'Ministry of Advanced Education'
5. Select 'PTIB-SME-002'
6. Click on the link to 'Supplier Attachments Exist' near the top right corner
7. Click on the Microsoft Word icon to download the attachment which contains details on the RFQ



Closing time for RFQ responses is **2:00 PST on November 30, 2016.**

We encourage all qualified Dietitians to consider and apply to the Ministry of Advanced Education's Request for Qualifications.

CDBC Registrar Liaison Sessions with Provincial Dietitians

Fern continues liaison sessions around the province to relay information on CDBC initiatives and hear about registrants' dietetic practice issues. On September 21, she met with Northern Health Dietitians in **Prince George**. Fern will be in Victoria on October 24 to meet with Dietitians in Island Health and with Dietitians working in Long Term Care (LTC). She and Melanie Journoud, Deputy Registrar - Quality Assurance, will also meet with LTC Dietitians in Surrey on October 28. More sessions are being planned in various BC locations during 2016-2017. Please call or [email the office](#) to schedule a liaison session with Fern in your area, community or workplace!

Website Updates

Recent website updates include:

- Article - "[Let's Clear Up the Confusion Between Dietitians and Nutritionists](#)"



You Asked About ... Private Practice

Q: I would like to start my own private practice in dietetics. Does the CDBC have any information about setting up a private practice?

A: As per CDBC policy Qac-03: [Privacy Legislation for Private Practitioners](#), Dietitians working in private practice must meet privacy requirements outlined in the BC Government's [Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act](#) (PIPEDA or PIPED Act). This legislation dictates the type of personal information that may be collected, used and disclosed in a manner that recognizes an individual's rights to privacy. For more information, please review the CDBC's [Interpretive Guideline: Privacy Legislation for Private Practitioners](#)

Private practice Dietitians should familiarize themselves with the legislation related to the storage of client records. According to section 35 of the [Personal Information Protection Act](#), information used to make decisions that directly affect individuals must be kept for at least one year after using the information. This gives individuals the opportunity to access their information.

The internet increases the potential for Dietitians to provide nutrition services on-line. It is important to note that the use of technology does not alter the ethical, professional and legal requirements around the provision of appropriate nutrition care. Dietitians who chose to make their services available on-line should also acquaint themselves with the CDBC's policy on electronic practice: [Qac-10 Electronic Dietetic Practice](#).



Additionally, with on-line practice, there is the potential to provide care to clients living in any jurisdiction nationally and internationally. As a registrant of the College of Dietitians of BC, you are licensed to practice dietetics in BC and provide services to residents of British Columbia only. If you choose to provide services to clients who are not BC residents, you must contact the dietetic regulatory body of the client's jurisdiction to determine if there are any restrictions or limitations on your ability to practice. In Canada, permission to practice dietetics inter-provincially varies from one provincial regulatory college to another. In order to practice as a Registered Dietitian in the United States of America, you must be registered with the Commission on Dietetic Regulation of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Additionally, the CDBC strongly recommends that you contact your insurance provider and seek legal advice to determine your liability coverage for clients who do not reside in BC or Canada.



Questions? Comments?

Please contact the College staff if you have **questions** about items in this Monthly Update. Call 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC to 1.877.736.2016, or email us at info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

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