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Submissions from the 2018 Continuing Competence Program Group - Due October 31

To ensure the provision of safe, ethical and competent dietetic care, all full registrants of the CDBC must participate in the College's Continuing Competence Program (CCP). The [CDBC bylaws](#) require registrants to provide proof of compliance with the CCP on a three year cycle.



If you are in the 2018 CCP reporting group, the CDBC sent you a reminder on September 25/17 to **submit your CCP Professional Development Plan by October 31, 2017**. If you're not sure what CCP group you're in, you can look this up by [logging in to your CDBC on-line account](#) (note: choose "Continuing Competence Program" and click "Launch Plan" under "Professional Development Plan").

When completing the Professional Development Plan, be sure to **update your Self-Assessment section first**. This is where you will identify the standards/indicators for which you will develop learning goals. These goals will populate the Professional Development Plan section of your CCP. Remember, **your Professional Development Plan is a summary of learning you've completed between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2018**.

Once submitted, all Professional Development Plans are reviewed by the CDBC. Ten percent are randomly selected for an audit in keeping with the [CDBC bylaws](#) (section 57). These selected registrants will receive detailed feedback by email and have until March 31, 2018 to complete any inconsistencies or deficiencies. All registrants will receive a confirmation notice by email once their submission has been reviewed and accepted. Please ensure the contact information in your on-line profile is up to date. **Note:** Keeping your contact information current is a requirement in the [Health Professions Act \(HPA\)](#).

Are you **wondering if your CCP was successfully submitted?** Login to the CCP area of [your online profile](#); go to the "Professional Development Plan" section and click "Launch Plan". If you submitted your CCP correctly, you should see "Submitted" at the top of the page, as well as the date/time you submitted your Professional Development Plan.

Please [email](#) Mélanie Journoud, Deputy Registrar - Quality Assurance, if you have any questions about the CCP.

Election Nominations are Open for Three Positions on the Board of Directors

Three terms on the CDBC Board of Directors end March 31, 2018. **Nominations are open in the following Electoral Regions for Board Director positions for the April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020 term:**

- Interior/North Electoral Region (currently held by Jacqueline Parsons, who is completing her first two-year term);
- Vancouver Island Electoral Region (currently held by Sophia Baker-French, who is completing her first one-year term);
- Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region (currently held by Theresa Cividin, who was appointed to the Board on September 13, 2017. Theresa is eligible for a first 2-year term).

Prior to accepting a nomination, interested registrants need to review the [2018 Notice of Election](#) to familiarize themselves with Board responsibilities and time commitments. **CDBC Directors must act in the public's interest at all times, and not with the goal of promoting dietitians, addressing employment or union issues, or pursuing personal practice issues.**



Any Full Registrant may nominate a maximum of two Full Registrants in good standing for each vacant Director position in his/her Electoral Region.

Nominations must be received via email, by **December 15, 2017**. Full registrants nominating a candidate for election must also include the nominee's short biography or notify the nominee to forward his/her bio to the College. The [2018 Nomination Form](#) is available on the CDBC website. **All Full Registrants will receive a formal Notice of Election, very soon via a separate College email!**

Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination Applications - Due November 3

The **application deadline is November 3, 2017** for the November 27 - December 2, 2017 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination (CDRE).

As per the [CDBC bylaws, section 43 \(3\)](#), "a Temporary Registrant must write the [Canadian Dietetic Registration] examination at the first scheduled sitting following his or her registration".



The CDRE is the national competence examination for Dietitians across Canada. It is developed and administered by the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies. The CDRE is required by every Canadian province, except Quebec, to practice as a dietitian with full registration privileges. The CDBC is responsible for the administration of the CDRE in BC. The cost for each CDRE attempt is \$525.00 CAD. The maximum number of CDRE attempts permitted is three.

If you have not already done so, please submit your [application for the November 2017 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination](#) by the deadline. Submit your completed CDRE application via email to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. Please contact the CDBC if you have any questions.

Survey Invitation - UBC Dietetics

The UBC Dietetics program is looking to expand and is seeking input from Dietitians. As part of its public protection mandate, the CDBC is circulating UBC's survey to support efforts to increase access to safe, ethical and competent dietetic services.

"Hello dietitians,

We need to train more dietitians in BC and are seeking your input.

Please [complete this survey](#) to help us determine our profession's capacity to grow the UBC Dietetics Major. This survey will take up to 10 minutes of your time and you can choose to be entered to win 1 of 2 \$25 gift certificates. The survey will remain open until Nov 10 2017.

Who should participate? You work in BC and you are a:

- Dietitian
- Non-dietitian who does work related to food, nutrition and health
- Preceptor
- Non preceptor, whether or not you think you can host an intern"

The UBC Dietetics team looks forward to hearing from you!

Website Updates

Website updates for October 2017 include:

- [Board of Director Terms 2017-2018](#)
- [Board Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2017](#)
- [Registration Committee Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2017](#)
- [Quality Assurance Committee Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2017](#)
- [2018 Notice of Election](#)
- [2018 Nomination Form](#)



You Asked About...Dietitians using the title "Specialist"

Q: May I use the word "Specialist" in my professional title? I've just earned my Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) credential and work only in diabetes management. I'd like to include "Diabetes Specialist" on my business cards.

A: The use of the term "specialist" is **not permitted** in BC, under the [CDBC bylaws](#). Although some Health Professions in BC have bylaws that support the use of this title (e.g. Physicians, Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists), other BC health professions, including Dietitians, have bylaws that prohibit the use of the title "specialist".

According to the CDBC bylaws, section 74(7)(a) - Marketing: "Unless otherwise authorized by the [Health Professions] Act, the Regulation, these bylaws or the board, the registrant... must not use the title "specialist" on any letterhead or business card or in any other marketing..."

Q: If the CDBC bylaws don't allow me use the title "Specialist", what alternative titles are acceptable?

A: Section 74(7)(b) &(c) of the [CDBC bylaws](#) provide information on what titles may be used - "Unless otherwise authorized by the [Health Professions] Act, the Regulation, these bylaws or the board, the registrant:...

- b) may limit the focus of his or her practice on certain branches or areas of dietetic practice and may state in any marketing, the branch or area on which practice is focused; and
- c) may use titles, abbreviations or initials of education degrees, diplomas or certificates to advertise the attainment of formal education credentials."



For example, in the case where you have expertise and advanced training in diabetes, you may add your academic degree, Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) certificate and a descriptor about your area of focus to your signature (e.g. Jane Smith, B.Sc., R.D., CDE, Diabetes focus). Similarly, if you have expertise in nutrition support, you may indicate this in your signature by adding "Nutrition Support focus", your academic degree and any advanced training certifications (e.g. Jane Smith, M.Sc., R.D., CNSC®, Nutrition Support focus).



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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