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Call for Applications to Fill Board Vacancy - Vancouver Coastal

The CDBC Board of Directors is conducting a search for a Registered Dietitian to fill a vacancy for the Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region. Applicants must be Full Registrants in good standing, understand the Board's [Vision, Mission and Values Statements](#) and have a willingness to work as a team member to meet the College's legislated mandate of public protection. Strong communication skills and experience in governance, financial management and strategic planning are considered assets. A background in different areas and practice settings of the profession and experience on other Boards, Councils or Committees are also preferred. Applicants must not be in a real or perceived conflict of interest with the Board's work by sitting on Boards, Councils or Committees of stakeholder groups or business partners, and must not be a paid CDBC consultant.



The Board of Directors meets in-person three times per year and as necessary via videoconference/teleconference. To review the Board's activities and initiatives, see copies of past [Board Minutes](#). Information about per diems and expense coverage is available in the [Board Policies](#).

If Vancouver Coastal is your Electoral Region and you're interested in applying for the vacant position on the Board, please send a letter of interest and current resume to jboucharde@collegeofdietitiansbc.org by **Friday, September 8th, 2017**. Applications will be reviewed by a working group and the successful applicant will be selected by the Board. The term will begin as soon as the appointment is approved by the Board and accepted by the applicant, and ends March 31, 2018. Nominations will then be accepted to fill the position by election for the next term, April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020.

Please contact the CDBC for more information about this opportunity. The CDBC Board looks forward to receiving your application!

New: Insulin Dose Adjustment - Questions & Answers

The CDBC Board of Directors recently approved an [Insulin Dose Adjustment Questions & Answers](#) document that complements the [Position Statement on Insulin Dose Adjustment](#). The Q&A was prepared in consultation with Clinical Practice Leaders and the Quality Assurance Committee. Please contact the CDBC if you have any questions on the Q&A.

Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination - November 2017 Application Available

The [application for the November 2017 Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination](#) (CDRE) is now available for download from the CDBC website.

The CDRE is the national competence examination for Dietitians in Canada. It is developed and administered by the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies. The CDRE is required by every Canadian province, except Quebec, for full registration privileges. The College of Dietitians of BC is responsible for the administration of the CDRE in BC. The CDRE is offered in May and November each year. The cost for each CDRE attempt is \$525.00 CAD. The maximum number of CDRE attempts permitted is three ([CDBC bylaws, section 47 \(3\)](#)).



The next CDRE session will be held from November 27 to December 2, 2017 (available over 6 days).

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".

All those interested in taking the CDRE must submit an application to the CDBC. The **application deadline** for the November 27 - December 2, 2017 CDRE is **November 3, 2017**.

Please submit your completed CDRE application, via email, to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. Feel free to contact the CDBC if you have any questions.

Please visit the [CDRE webpage](#) on the CDBC website for more information.

Reminder: Continuing Competence Program - 2018 Group

Are you part of the 2018 Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Group? This is a **reminder for Full Registrants in the 2018 Group only**. Your Professional Development Plan is **due** for submission on **October 31, 2017**.



To access the online CCP, please sign into your [CDBC account](#). Scroll down to "Online Services" and select "Continuing Competence Program".

Remember to report on learning goals and activities pursued **between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2018**; a minimum of three (3) learning plans should be marked "completed". You may want to review the [Assessment Criteria](#) before submitting it to the College. Please note you may submit your Plan **starting September 1**. Please [contact](#) the office if you have questions about the CCP.

Naloxone Administration

Did you know that all health professionals in BC are authorized to administer emergency use naloxone, including Dietitians?

Naloxone for emergency use (non-hospital) is an unscheduled drug in BC. Naloxone is a medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose (e.g., fentanyl, morphine, oxycodone, methadone and heroin) which can slow or stop breathing.

Dietitians who suspect an opioid overdose should call 911 right away and follow the [SAVE ME](#) protocol while waiting for first responders, and administer naloxone (also referred to as a NARCAN® Kit) if available. Dietitians who work with clients at risk for opioid overdose should consider completing the emergency use naloxone administration training recommended by the "Toward the Heart" campaign and the [College of Pharmacists of BC](#).

- [Board Meeting Minutes - June 26, 2017](#)
- [Insulin Dose Adjustment - Questions and Answers](#)
- [Policy Rc-04 - Temporary Registration](#)
- [Competencies for Dysphagia Assessment and Management in Dietetic Practice - revised June 2017](#)
- [November 2017 CDRE Application form](#)
- [CDRE Preparation Guide November 2017 \(English\)](#)
- [CDRE Preparation Guide November 2017 \(French\)](#)
- [CDRE Candidates Requiring Special Accommodations form](#)



You Asked About... The Restricted Activities Policy

Question: Can you explain the requirements for section 5 of the new Restricted Activities policy?

Answer: As a background, the BC government describes Restricted Activities (RAs) as a narrowly defined list of invasive, higher risk activities that may harm the public. For dietitians, RAs are specific to practicing enteral and parenteral nutrition. To ensure public protection, the CDBC requires registrants wishing to practice enteral or parenteral nutrition to apply for a license for each individual RA. All RA licenses expire on March 31 annually, regardless of the date of issue. Registrants must provide proof of competence to practice any RA and pay the corresponding licensing fee before a RA license is granted. Proof of competence is determined by the Registration Committee and approved by the CDBC Board of Directors. Acceptable forms of proof of competence are listed on [Form #10 - Application to Practice Restricted Activities](#) and includes specific courses that are approved by the CDBC. These approved courses are considered valid for a specific period of time after the course is completed successfully (see table below).

CDBC Approved Courses for Proof of Competence to Practice RAs:	RA Type:	Valid for:
National Board of Nutrition Support Certification (NBNSC) established by the American Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN)	A, B & C	up to 5 years
Dietitians of Canada, Learning on Demand, Critical Care Nutrition	A and B	up to 2 years
Basic Five Enteral Workshop	A	up to 2 years
Accredited Canadian Dietetic Internship completed within the past year	A	up to 1 year
Basic Five Parenteral Workshop	B	up to 2 years
Fraser Health Authority Parenteral Nutrition Training Course	B	up to 2 years

Section 5 of [Policy Rc-13 - Restricted Activities](#) states that "Approved courses used as proof of competence must be valid over the entire time period that the Restricted Activity license is active (i.e. April 1 to March 31 annually).

- Approved courses that expire on or before the first six months of the issued RA license are not accepted as proof of competence.
- Registrants with approved courses that expire after six months of the issued RA license must submit additional proof of competence to the CDBC, prior to the course expiry date."

If a RD wishes to use approved courses as proof of competence for RAs, the RD must ensure that the validity of those approved courses does not expire while the RA licenses are active.

For example if a dietitian successfully completes the Dietitians of Canada Critical Care Nutrition Course on October 15, 2017, the CDBC will accept this course as proof of competence for RA "A" or RA "B" until October 15, 2019. The RD may use this course to apply for RA licenses that are

valid from October 15, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Then, if the dietitian wishes to use that same Critical Care Nutrition Course to renew the RA "A" or RA "B" licence for the period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, the CDBC will not consider that Critical Care Nutrition Course valid beyond October 15, 2019. In this case, the RD would be required to provide the CDBC with a new proof of competence that will cover the licensing period until March 31, 2019.



As a second example, if a dietitian wishes to apply for a RA license that is active from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 and has completed an approved course that is scheduled to expire in July 2018 (i.e. on or before the first six months of the licence to be issued), the dietitian will need to find an alternate proof of competence. In this case, the RD may use a different approved course with a valid expiry date or a signed verification of proof of competence form instead.

Please contact the CDBC if you have questions about policy [Rc-13: Restricted Activities](#).

Questions? Comments?

Please contact the College if you have **questions** or **comments** 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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