



CDBC Update
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Dear Registrant,

Continuing Competence Sparks High Level of Interest

More than 150 dietitians have volunteered to take part in focus groups to review draft program tools for the Continuing Competence Program.

Interest in these focus groups so strong CDBC added two additional sessions to the eight originally planned. To date Dr. Catherine Morley, PhD, RD, FDC, who helped develop the program tools, has facilitated groups in Kelowna, Kamloops, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. Upcoming groups are in Burnaby, Surrey, Nanaimo, Prince George and Prince Rupert.

"We're delighted at this high level of interest and the wide range of practice represented," says Registrar Fern Hubbard. To date participants have experience in long term clinical care, acute care, diabetes, food services, nutritional counselling, consulting, management and many other types of dietetic practice.

Here are some of their comments:

- "The Self Assessment is a good tool to let me know where I am and to guide me to where I want to be."
- "I like it that the program respects all types of knowledge, not just conferences and events. This makes it better for dietitians in remote areas."
- "This program is about helping us protect the public. It's flexible, reflects real life and respects our professionalism."
- "With this system you look for and gain the knowledge you need."
- "It made me think critically about what I do and what I want to develop. It's a good thought process."

Standards of Practice

The Continuing Competence Program is only one component in a larger quality assurance program that includes the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, Interpretive Guidelines and investigations. "This is all part of ensuring quality practice, in the public's interest," says Fern.

Along with every dietitian in Canada, you will soon receive a survey validating

essential competencies for Registered Dietitians. "We encourage every BC dietitian to provide their input into this national regulatory project" says Fern. "As well as establishing new competencies for entry-level dietitians, the results of this survey will form the basis for developing our own College-based Standards of Practice. In turn, the CDBC Standards of Practice will form the foundation of our Continuing Competence Program."

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Forgot to renew?

There's still time to renew your registration. Deadline for late registration is September 30, 2006. It's easy to register online. Go to the [CDBC website home page](#) and link to the [renewal form](#). You will be charged a \$250 late fee in addition to your annual \$500 registration fee.

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Questions?

CDBC staff welcome all your questions. You can now call the College office at no cost, from anywhere in the province, by dialing our **new toll-free** number:

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