

VOLUNTEER NEEDED PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE – REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The College of Dietitians of British Columbia (CDBC) is seeking a **Public Representative to participate in its Registration Committee**, for a two-year term (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2020).

The CDBC is the regulatory authority for Dietitians practicing in BC. Under the [Health Professions Act](#), the mandate of the CDBC is protection of British Columbians through regulating Dietitians to practice safely, ethically and competently, according to BC legislation. All CDBC committees assist the College in meeting its legislated mandate by supporting four key work areas: Registration, Quality Assurance, Inquiry (complaints) and Discipline.

The CDBC's Registration Committee establishes and oversees the conditions or requirements for registration of a person as a member of the College. This includes:

- Setting standards of academic or technical achievement and the qualifications required for registration;
- Granting registration, including reinstatement, to every person who satisfies the Registration Committee that he or she is qualified to be a registrant, and pays the required fee;
- Attaching terms and conditions to the granting of registration;
- Refusing to grant registration or set limits or conditions on the practice of an applicant.

The Public Representative of the Registration Committee provides public (i.e. non-Dietitian) perspective on all Committee decisions, as they apply to the protection of British Columbians.

Governance

All CDBC Committees and Board follow a policy-based, governance model – the Board and committees establish policies and guidelines; while actions are completed by College staff and consultants. The CDBC website includes past [meeting minutes](#), Registration Committee [Terms of Reference](#) and all Registration [policies](#). We encourage potential applicants to review this important information, to ensure they understand the legislated work of the CDBC.

Time Commitment

The Registration Committee meets in-person, in Vancouver, generally 3 times each year. Teleconferences may also occur throughout the year, as needed. Additional time is needed, prior to each meeting, to review all meeting materials. Committee members are expected to be prepared and informed, and to participate actively in meeting discussions and decision making.

Competencies and Skill Set

In order to work effectively and fulfill their roles, prospective Committee members are expected to have knowledge or experience in one or several of the following areas:

- Governance, orientation and/or operations of Committees
- Entry-to-practice requirements for Dietitians
- International worker/student experience
- Policy Making
- Higher education, administration and instruction
- Aware of current trends in healthcare and society
- [Right touch regulation](#)
- Communications
- Scope of practice / branches of dietetics
- Legal awareness/ [Health Professions Act](#)

Per diems, Honoraria and Expense

Reimbursement:

In accordance with CDBC policies, Committee members are paid an [annual honorarium](#) for their time and work and reimbursed for [travel expenses](#).

How to Apply:

Please send your resume detailing competencies and skills that contribute to the Public Representative role. Include a cover letter explaining why you are interested in joining the College of Dietitians of BC.

Submit your application to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org, no later than **November 30, 2018**. For more information, call the CDBC office at 604-736-2016 (1-877-736-2016 toll-free in BC); or visit www.collegeofdietitiansofbc.org

About Dietitians:

Dietitians are the only legally recognized, regulated health professional with a scope of practice in human food and nutrition. As highly qualified and trained nutrition experts, they provide medical nutrition therapy for the prevention, delay and management of disease.

Dietitians provide nutrition care along the entire continuum of health, from preconception to end of life. Dietitians offer care to well and active individuals, of all ages, looking to improve their eating habits, and to critically ill patients needing intensive medical nutrition therapy, and all stages in between. Dietitians assess nutritional needs of individuals and groups using a holistic approach. They design, implement and monitor nutritional care plans and therapeutic diets based on current and relevant scientific, medical and nutrition information. Dietitians also disseminate relevant scientific information about food and human nutrition to promote health and assist individuals, groups and communities to attain and maintain health, and manage quality food service operations in healthcare institutions.

Dietitians are regulated across the Canada. The title "Dietitian" is protected by law. Only qualified health professionals, who are registered with a Dietetic Regulatory College, can legally use this title

within the province(s) where they are registered. Dietitians must be part of a regulatory body to practice, just like Physicians, Pharmacists and Nurses, etc. There is a distinction between Dietitian and nutritionist in most provinces (exceptions are Alberta, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia). "Nutritionist" (and all variations on this term) is not a regulated nutrition provider in BC.

Registered Dietitians:

- have, at minimum, completed five years of recognized university level education in dietetics,
- have completed a one-year internship (~1300 hr) dietetic practicum in acute clinical nutrition care, population & public health nutrition and nutrition management,
- are regulated under the Health Professions Act and must be registered with the CDBC to practice in BC and use the reserved title "Dietitian",
- have passed a national competence examination (the Canadian Dietitian Registration Exam),
- are required through legislation to maintain their competence and meet government approved Standards of Practice and a Code of Ethics, and
- are required to practice in the best interest of the public – safely, competently and ethically.