

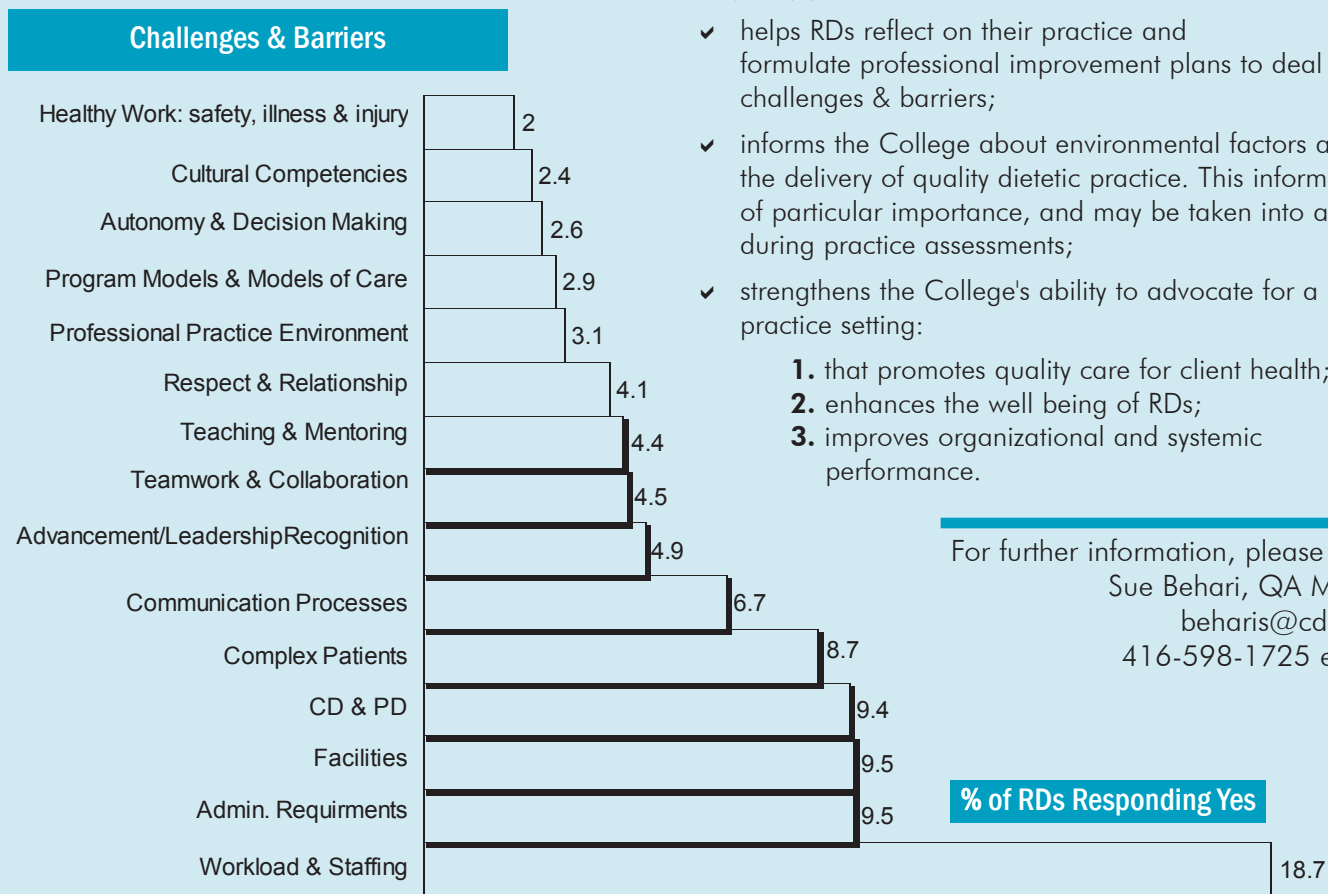
Work environment has an impact on quality practice.

A recent review of data in the 2005 *Self-Directed Learning (SDL) Tool* provided a critical snapshot about conditions faced by Registered Dietitians in today's work place. Findings show that work-related barriers and challenges have an impact on the quality of dietetic services delivered to clients. They also reveal that to

promote ideal practice, attention must be given to the environment in which RDs work. Some challenges can be handled on a personal level but many are systemic and might be better handled through collaboration between employers & staff. These findings are consistent with reports published by other organizations.

This information is valuable for all stakeholders interested in quality practice because it:

- ✓ helps RDs reflect on their practice and formulate professional improvement plans to deal with challenges & barriers;
- ✓ informs the College about environmental factors affecting the delivery of quality dietetic practice. This information is of particular importance, and may be taken into account, during practice assessments;
- ✓ strengthens the College's ability to advocate for a practice setting:
 1. that promotes quality care for client health;
 2. enhances the well being of RDs;
 3. improves organizational and systemic performance.



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