



Call for Preceptors in Dietetic Education

ADD CHALLENGE AND INTEREST TO YOUR DAILY WORK

Preceptorship is mutually beneficial for both students and professionals. Consider sharing your experience and wisdom with dietetic interns and nutrition students. In addition to increasing productivity and visibility in your workplace, you will experience professional growth and satisfaction as your students bring new ideas while developing needed competencies.

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR PROFESSION

The *Code of Ethics for the Dietetic Profession in Canada* pledges that RDs “promote excellence in the dietetic profession to support the training and education of future members of the profession.” Dietitians of Canada and the College of Dietitians of Ontario are committed to the education & training of interns and students so that they can become competent and compassionate professionals that will best serve the public. It is through continuous learning and mentorship that RDs help shape the future of the profession to bring innovative ideas and attract competent employees to their workplace.

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AS A PRECEPTOR

There are a number of free resources available to help foster effective teaching skills in novice preceptors as well as to enhance skills of those more experienced. For example, Conestoga College offers a free 4-hour workshop for professionals on the essential principles of teaching.

If you're not able to commit to a workshop, there are many on-line educational training modules that may be better suited to your busy schedule (see list of resources on the right). University and internship programs may also offer their own resources and workshops to help you in your role as a preceptor in dietetic education.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Visit the DC website to contact internship/practicum program directors at:

<http://www.dietitians.ca/Career/Internships-Practicum-Programs/DC-Internship-Selection-Process/Internship-Program-Descriptions.aspx>

RESOURCES

NOTE: Access the website links easily from the electronic copy of *résumé* at www.cdo.on.ca > Resources.

- Conestoga — Interprofessional Preceptor Workshop: <https://portal.conestogac.on.ca/StudentPortal/Default.aspx?mgid=0&smid=5&ssmid=0&Key=COLB0050&CRSID=25095>
- Western — On-line Preceptor: <http://www.ipe.uwo.ca/preceptor/index.html>
- BC Preceptor Development Initiative: <http://www.practiceeducation.ca>
- University of Manitoba Preceptor Handbook: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/nursing/media/Preceptor_Handbook.pdf
- Vancouver Coastal Health — Preceptor Resource Guide: http://dieteticsinternship.landfood.ubc.ca/dietetics_internship_docs/Preceptor_Resources/preceptorship%20guide.pdf
- Public Health Ontario — Preceptor Resource for Public Health Units: <http://www.oahpp.ca/resources/projects/srke/student-education-and-preceptor-support/resources.html>
- Western Preceptor Education Program: <http://www.preceptor.ca/register.html>
- CNFS University of Ottawa: <http://www.cnfs.ca/formation/lart-de-superviser-des-stagiaires> (French).
- McGill — Supervision Modules: <http://www.mcgill.ca/spot/clinicaleducation/supervision/>