

## Standard 7. Competence

### Standard

Registered Dietitians are responsible and accountable for their continuing competence in order to provide safe, ethical, **professional services**.

To demonstrate this standard, Registered Dietitians will:

- a) Provide professional services within the limits of their qualifications and personal level of competence.
- b) Evaluate their own practice and participate in continuing professional development to identify and address learning needs.
- c) Identify practice situations beyond their personal level of competence and consult, refer, and/or obtain further knowledge and skills to provide professional services.
- d) Maintain competence in present area(s) of practice, incorporating evidence into professional services.
- e) Acquire the knowledge and skills to practice competently in emerging practice areas as required.
- f) Comply with the SCD continuing competence program, adhering to all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.
- g) Voluntarily withdraw from practice if they self-identify that they are no longer able to provide safe, competent, ethical services (e.g., illness, substance abuse).

### Practice Outcome

**Clients** can expect Registered Dietitians to be competent to provide safe, ethical, professional services.

### Related Standards

- Assessment and Interventions
- Evidence-Informed Practice
- Professional Practice Obligations

### Resources

- Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice v.3 Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Integrated-Competencies-For-Dietetic-Education-And-Practice-ICDEPV-3-August-4-2020.pdf>

### Saskatchewan Resources

- Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2005). *Code of Ethics*. Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SCD-Code-of-Ethics-2005.pdf>
- Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2018). *Continuing Competence Program Member Workbook*. Available at: <https://www.saskdietitians.org/scd-standards-for-safe-competent-ethical-conduct/>