

Practice Standard

STANDARD 7

COMPETENCE



Saskatchewan
College of Dietitians

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Standard

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

Indicators

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

Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice. (2020). The Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP). Available [here](#).

Saskatchewan Resources

Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2005). Saskatchewan College of Dietitians Code of Ethics for Registered Dietitians. Available at: <http://www.saskdietitians.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Code-of-Ethics-SCD.pdf>

Saskatchewan College of Dietitians. (2026). Saskatchewan College of Dietitians Continuing Competence Program Member Workbook. Available [here](#).