

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS –DIETETIC PRACTICUM PROGRAM (DPP)

Approval Authority: DPP Committee, Manager, Dietetics

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Category: Health Sciences

1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The standards of the dietetic profession in Ontario are set out in a variety of documents. These include the Professional Standards for Dietitians in Canada, College regulations made under the Dietetics Act, 1991, the Regulated Health Professionals Act, 1991, and other relevant legislation. Together, they set a level of practice that ensures client safety. Learners are required to read and familiarize themselves with:
 - 1.1.1 Professional Standards and Ethics, Policies and Guidelines, and Legislation governing dietetic practice in Ontario (College of Dietitians of Ontario) <https://www.collegeofdietitians.org/employers/standards-and-ethics.aspx>
 - 1.1.2 Scope of Practice and Controlled Acts <https://www.collegeofdietitians.org/employers/dietetic-scope-of-practice.aspx>
 - 1.1.3 NOSM University's Dietetic Practicum Program's Policies
 - 1.1.4 NOSM University's Mission and Values
- 1.2 Dietetic Learners are required to become Qualifying Members of Dietitians of Canada (DC) prior to the start of the practicum program.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to dietetic learners in the DPP.

3.0 PROCEDURE

- 3.1 At orientation, the Manager, Dietetics reviews the list of professional standards, policies, guidelines and regulations that the learners will utilize to guide their actions throughout the practicum.
- 3.2 Learners will be evaluated by preceptors on their achievement of Professional Practice Competencies and compliance to ethical practice as part of the Performance Evaluation process.
- 3.3 The Manager, Dietetics/Dietetic Practicum Lead will monitor the learner's progress towards achievement of the Professional Practice Competencies.

- 3.4 A learner may be terminated from the program for continued failure to achieve Professional Practice competence or for gross misconduct, as per DPP Policy, Dismissal from the Program.
- 3.5 Learners are informed that they must become Qualifying Members of Dietitians of Canada (DC) in a mailing sent in the registration package. Learners are required to submit proof of DC membership prior to starting the internship.

4.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The DPP Committee is responsible for the review and approval of this policy. The Manager, Dietetics is responsible for the oversight, execution, and revision of this policy and its procedures.

5.0 INTERPRETATION

Questions of interpretation or application of this policy or its procedures will be referred to the Manager, Dietetics.

6.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- DPP Policy: Evaluation of Dietetic Learners' Performance
- DPP Policy: Dismissal from the DPP
- [Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice](#)

AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS

The following is a list of authorities and officers for this policy:

- a. Approving Authority: DPP Committee
- b. Responsible Officer: Manager, Dietetics
- c. Procedural Authority: DPP Committee
- d. Procedural Officer: Manager, Dietetics

Review and Revision History

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2007 09 04	First Version
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