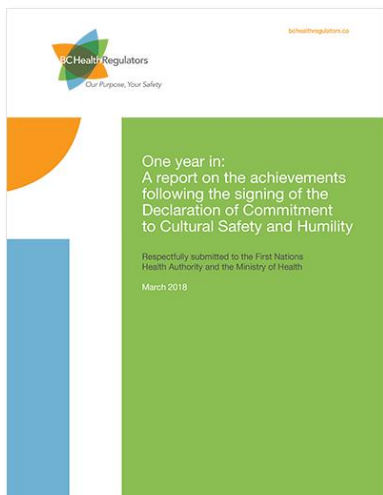




# Formal Commitments: Indigenous Cultural Safety, Humility and Anti-Racism

## Declaration of Commitment

On March 1, 2017, B.C.'s health regulatory colleges signed the [Declaration of Commitment](#) – Cultural Safety and Humility in the Regulation of Health Professionals serving First Nations and Aboriginal people in British Columbia.



[One year in: A report on the achievements following the signing of the Declaration of Commitment to Cultural Safety and Humility](#) (PDF)



[Three years in: A report on the achievements since signing the Declaration of Commitment to Cultural Safety and Humility](#) (PDF)



# Joint Statement of Apology and Commitment to Action

On **July 27, 2021**, 11 health regulatory colleges in B.C., signed a Joint Statement of Apology and Commitment to Action which states, in part:

As the leaders of health regulatory colleges in British Columbia that govern more than 21,000 health professionals, we respectfully and humbly apologize to Indigenous peoples (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit), communities and registrants of our respective Colleges who have experienced and suffered from racism while engaging with our organizations or with the health professionals we regulate.

– [Apology and Commitment to Action \(PDF\), 2021](#)



Nine B.C. health profession regulatory colleges jointly released a comprehensive progress report outlining Indigenous cultural safety, humility, and anti-racism activities in the two years since signing a Statement of Apology and Commitment to Action.

The release of this [Joint Apology and Commitment to Action 2021-2023 Report](#) (PDF) on September 30, 2023, coincided with and recognized [Orange Shirt Day](#) and [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). This day also marked the one-year anniversary of the ceremony held with 11 B.C. health profession regulatory colleges to launch the Indigenous Cultural Safety, Humility, and Anti-Racism Standard of Practice.



As an amalgamated college, CHCPBC honours and upholds the commitments made by the legacy colleges prior to amalgamation to eradicate Indigenous-specific racism and improve the health and safety of Indigenous peoples in B.C.

## **Commitment to Reconciliation and Decolonization through Coast Salish Blanketing Ceremony**

On August 7, 2024, the Board of the CHCPBC gathered with a First Nations leader, Knowledge Keeper, witnesses, and guests for a Coast Salish blanketing ceremony to mark the formation of our new College and to acknowledge our commitments to reconciliation and decolonization.

CHCPBC's reconciliation actions will be guided by Indigenous leaders, Knowledge Keepers and partners. These commitments to reconciliation, decolonization and anti-racism are a continuation of the declarations and promises made by our legacy colleges.

CHCPBC is committed to offering ongoing cultural safety and humility training to staff, Board and committee members. We encourage registrants to continually renew their efforts on their learning journey of cultural humility in the pursuit of providing culturally safe care. This effort requires a committed and intentional learning journey that spans the length of one's time in practice. CHCPBC is dedicated to supporting registrants on this long and meaningful learning and self-reflection journey.