



Co-signing Dietetics Students' Records Policy

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Authority

Health Professions Act, section 16(2)(d); CHCPBC Dietetic Code of Ethics, Standard 5c.

Background

The College is required to “*establish, monitor and enforce standards of practice to enhance the quality of practice and reduce incompetent, impaired or unethical practice amongst registrants.*”

In addition, Standard 5c of the CHCPBC Dietetics Code of Ethics states “*Assume responsibility for services provided by those under your supervision*”.

Dietetic students are not registrants of the CHCPBC. Registrants who agree to supervise dietetic students are therefore accountable to the client and responsible for the care the dietetic students provide. These supervisory actions enhance the dietetic student’s practice and protect the public from harm.

Policy

The supervising Registered Dietitian (RD, RD(T)) reviews the dietetic student’s care and entry in the client’s record (after client care is provided) and co-signs the entry with explanatory notes or corrective actions, as necessary. Co-signing is required whether or not client care is observed.

References

- CHCPBC Co-signing Dietetic Students’ Records Guideline. <https://chcpbc.org/for-professions/Dietitians/resources/>.
- CHCPBC Code of Ethics. <https://chcpbc.org/about/#bylaws>.
- CHCPBC. Dietitians Resources. <https://chcpbc.org/for-professions/Dietitians/resources/>.
 - Dietetic Code of Ethics
 - Dietetic Standards of Practice