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The Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) is an unincorporated, collaborative, inter-organizational network formed to create opportunities where Partners' goals and achievements intersect. It undertakes projects in areas of common interest to benefit the safety and quality of dietetic services and the advancement of the dietetics profession in Canada.

The Partners represent 3 sectors:

- Dietitians of Canada
- The Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies representing the 10 provincial regulatory bodies
- The dietetic academic and practical education programs in Canada.

The PDEP Steering Committee facilitates a framework (structures, policies and authority) and provides resources to enable an autonomous accreditation program. The Steering Committee has an arms length reporting relationship with the Accreditation Council, an autonomous accreditation decision making body.

The Accreditation Council is responsible for effective and efficient management of the accreditation process and autonomous decision-making respecting and in accordance with the framework and policies established and resourced provided by the PDEP Steering Committee.

2021-2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A Time of Change

As we started 2021-22, PDEP continued to navigate through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and started important discussions on updating the PDEP Accreditation Standards and implementation of the Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice v3.0 (2020). However, both the Steering Committee (SC) and Accreditation Council (AC) had to adjust workplans for the second half of the year to focus on significant and difficult changes that had emerged for PDEP.

On September 28, 2021, Dietitians of Canada notified the SC that they would be ending their contract as service provider for PDEP accreditation and secretariat services effective March 31, 2022. On November 4, 2021, the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies (Alliance) announced that they were seeking a third-party provider for accreditation services to meet their statutory obligation for program approval for the purposes of registration. After considerable discussion with stakeholders, PDEP concluded that given the situation and the capacity of all parties involved, the program reviews scheduled for March 2022 could not proceed. In March 2022, the Alliance announced that they would be entering into a contract with Equal (Accreditation Canada) as a third-party accrediting agency, and that existing PDEP accreditation awards will continue to be recognized by Canadian dietetic regulatory bodies as approved programs for the purposes of registration while the transition timeline is being established.

Over the past year, the SC has spent considerable time and energy navigating these changes and the impact on the relationships among the sectors, making it increasingly difficult to reach consensus and for the SC to make decisions.

In order to move forward, the SC is seeking an external facilitator to assist in making decisions on time sensitive matters and to determine if the tripartite partnership and governance model of PDEP should continue. Sector representatives will be reaching out to leadership/organizations within their sector to seek input and feedback. The SC has made the decision not to hold the annual meeting of members in June as has typically been done in the past, but to wait until a future date when we will be able to have more information to share.

2021-2022 PDEP Steering Committee Members

Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies Representatives

Nicole Arsenault Bishop (Co-Chair), MSc, RD, Registrar and Executive Director,
New Brunswick Association of Dietitians

Cynthia Whalen, RD
Registrar and Executive Director,
College of Dietitians of Newfoundland and
Labrador

Lana Moore, MSc, RD,
Registrar, Saskatchewan Dietitians
Association

Dietetic Educator Representatives

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School of Nutrition and Dietetics,
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Angela Cuddy, MSc, MEd, RD, FDC
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University of Toronto

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Health

Dietitians of Canada Representatives

Jennifer Wojcik (Co-Chair), MSc, RD,
Acting Co-CEO, Senior Director,
Member and Stakeholder Engagement,
Dietitians of Canada

Debbie McLellan, PhD, FDC
University of Prince Edward Island

PDEP gratefully acknowledges the contributions of **Katherine Vandebussche** (2017-2021) and **Gord Zello** (2016-2021), both who served as PDEP Steering Committee co-chairs prior to their departures from the SC.

2021-2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accreditation

- The Accreditation Council (AC) awarded status to five (5) programs and held ten (10) meetings for the period from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Reviews were cancelled for four (4) programs.
- As no further program reviews will be conducted by PDEP, the AC had their last meeting on March 23, 2022 and completed their mandate on March 31, 2022.
- We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to **Suzanne Daneault**, Accreditation Program Manager as well past and present volunteer review team and Accreditation Council members for their commitment to quality dietetic education.

Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP)

- To support the full incorporation of ICDEP v3.0 into dietetic education programs by August 31, 2023, a working group was appointed to develop and conduct a survey to identify the need for new tools, resources and other supports and/or to facilitate the sharing of existing tools and resources amongst dietetic educators.
- Thank you to all of the educators who participated in the survey which was conducted in Fall 2021. With the assistance of Caroline Anderson, the working group has completed their analysis and the results will be shared with the PDEP SC and membership later this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The work of PDEP is funded by the contributions of all partner agencies.

PDEP Income Statement

Unaudited, based on March 31, 2022 financial statements

	STEERING COMMITTEE	ACCREDITATION
INCOME	\$120,014	\$150,665
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$14,401	\$120,233
Professional Fees	\$7,748	\$2,877
Travel	(\$775)	(\$1,037)
Total Expenses	\$21,374	\$122,073
NET	\$98,640	\$28,593

Retained earnings to March 31, 2022: \$208,589

Sector partners have been notified that no member fees will be collected for the 2022-23 fiscal year and expenses (eg. mediator, website, Zoom account) will be covered by funds in PDEPs reserve funds.

The PDEP Steering Committee would like to thank all of the following volunteers for their contributions this past year:

Accreditation Council

- ❖ **Co-Chair: Heidi Bates**, MSc, RD, Director, Integrated Dietetic Internship, University of Alberta
- ❖ **Co-Chair: Hugues Plourde**, Ph.D., RD, Senior Faculty Lecturer, School of Human Nutrition, McGill University
- ❖ **Cathy Paroschy Harris**, MBA, RD, Director of Prevention and Screening Services, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
- ❖ **Daphne Lordly**, DEd, MAHE, PDt, FDC, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Human Nutrition, Mount Saint Vincent University
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- ❖ **Christian Vulpe**, MEd, General Manager, Canadian Massage Therapy Council for Accreditation (CMTCA)
- ❖ **Helen Toews**, MSc, RD, Dietetic Education Coordinator with Brescia University College, Hamilton Health Sciences
- ❖ **Lorrie Cramb**, MEd, RD, Director, Allied Health Policy Secretariat, BC Ministry of Health
- ❖ **Elise Leong-Sit**, RD, Covenant Health
- ❖ **Pooja Mansukhani**, PHEc, RD and Food Safety Officer, University of Toronto

Program Reviewers (Accreditation)	ICDEP Survey Working Group
Isabelle Giroux	Caroline Anderson
Sophie Desroches	Jennifer Brady
Hugues Plourde	Pierette Buklis
Louise St-Denis	Jessica Lieffers
Melanie Journoud	Lana Moore
Kathy Gottschall-Pass	Helen Toews
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Connie Foote	
Martina Richmond	
Jill Pikul	

Thank you to past PDEP Accreditation Council and Review Team members.

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2019 - 2020

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