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News



Changes to CE credit requirements

In recognition of the economic reality facing the profession due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College's Quality Assurance (QA) Committee made an important change to continuing education (CE) reporting requirements. The QA Committee has reduced the number of required CE credits while ensuring that Members remain compliant with the QA Program. For the next three reporting cycles through 2022, Members will be required to submit only two thirds of the required number of credits for their cycle.

Find more information on our [CE Reporting Periods & Group web page](#).

Open for Consultation: Standard of Practice and new Guideline

We want your feedback!

[Visit our consultation web page](#) to read proposed updates to the Standard of Practice for Infection Control and to review the new Telepractice Guideline. Share your input with us by July 5, 2020.

The College consultation process includes notifying stakeholders—the public, Members, other health regulatory Colleges, professional associations and educators—to get valuable feedback. Comments we receive are reviewed by the appropriate Committee and by the Council as part of the decision-making process.

Reopening your practice

As of May 26, 2020, Ontario's Chief Medical Health Officer confirmed that naturopaths and other professionals under *the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* could begin to

1. provide non-essential services by telepractice, and
2. start providing in-person health services when the requirements outlined in *COVID-19 Operational Requirements: Health Sector Restart* are met.

As you begin to reopen your practice, we want to reinforce the importance of adhering to the rules and requirements in the Ministry of Health's *Health Sector Restart* guide and the College's guidelines and standards of practice.

- Read the Ontario Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Operational Requirements: Health Sector Restart](#) guide
- Access the [College's COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines](#), along with other standards and guidelines.
- Visit our [COVID-19 Information for NDs webpage](#).

If you have questions, or are unsure about practice-related expectations, our Manager of Professional Practice, Dr. Mary-Ellen McKenna, ND (Inactive), would be happy to hear from you. Reach her by e-mail at maryellen.mckenna@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

Claims about COVID-19

We know patients look to their NDs for advice about protecting their health and wellness. As a reminder, any statements by NDs about the prevention and/or treatment of COVID-19—beyond the information made available by public health authorities—are inappropriate, potentially harmful, and likely to violate the College's [Standard of Practice for Advertising](#). When brought to the attention of the College, such statements will be forwarded to the Inquiries, Complaints & Reports Committee for investigation.

The College's [Standard of Practice for Advertising](#) prohibits marketing and/or advertising that is false, inaccurate, reasonably capable of misleading the public, unverifiable, or contrary to the public interest in the practice of the profession.

Volunteers wanted

We are searching for public and ND volunteers who share a passion for regulating the profession and protecting the public.

We are actively recruiting for:

- exams-related work and committees including examiners, question writers, exam maintenance, and Prior Learning Assessment Program assessors; and
- IVIT Inspectors (note that Inspectors must have met the *Standard of Practice for IVIT*).

In turn we offer:

- options to participate in-person or remotely,
- complimentary onboarding and training,
- engaging experiences for you to learn new skills,
- flexible scheduling to compliment your existing commitments, and
- fostering new friendships while you make a difference.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

FAQ



Stay Up-to-Date with COVID-19 FAQs for NDs

Two new items were recently added, [read it here.](#)

- Can I use a cloth mask when seeing patients instead of a surgical mask?
- There was no date mentioned in the announcement as to when we are permitted to start seeing patients. Can we provide non-essential, as well as, essential services?

Deadlines & Reminders



- Reminder: the July 19, 2020 **Ontario Clinical (Practical) Examination** is cancelled due to COVID-19.
- **Registration Renewal:** Members have until **September 30, 2020** to pay their reduced renewal fees, complete the Advertising Self-Assessment, and renew their CPR certification.
- **Next Council meeting:** July 29, 2020. Council meetings are open to the public and Members. Please [register by e-mail](#) if you wish to participate.
- **Update your information:** Remember that Members need to keep their information current with the College, including any updates to your e-mail address, practice location, etc. Updates must be made in your account within 30 days of the change.

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