



Continuing Competency Program (CCP) Q&A

Why is the CCP changing?

Over the past several years, the NSCDN received valuable auditor feedback identifying areas for improvement based on CCP learning log submissions. In response, an environmental scan and literature review of continuing competency programs highlighted the benefits of self-assessment, developing relevant learning goals, engaging in learning activities, and reflecting on their application in practice. These updates aim to promote ongoing learning, comply with legislative requirements, and maintain public trust in the dietetics profession.

Additionally, the NSCDN is planning a database update for the 2024/25 fiscal year. Aligning the CCP with the database transfer will bring financial and process efficiencies.

I am not a clinical dietitian and don't have clients, how do the Standards of Practice apply to me? Can I use Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP) instead?

The Standards of Practice apply to the various professional roles of dietitians, encompassing all dietitians regardless of their roles, responsibilities, and practice context. The term "client" includes individuals, families, substitute decision-makers, team members, groups, populations, agencies, governments, employers, employees, businesses, organizations, or communities who receive the dietitian's expertise. A new Code of Ethics (CoE) is expected later this year. Upon implementation, relevant CoE components will be added to the self-assessment. Dietitians may use the ICDEP to further define their learning goals.

What is the same?

The new program is the same as the previous program in the following ways:

- Two learning goals based on increasing dietetic knowledge and competency
- Learning activities to achieve each goal
- Reflection that focuses on how new learning has impacted dietetic practice
- 15% of submissions audited each year
- Annual 12-question Jurisprudence quiz

What is changing?

The new program is different from the previous program in the following ways:

- Addition of a mandatory self-assessment
- Goals must relate to Standards of Practice indicators
- Registrants must select the anticipated benefit to practice for each goal
- Specific learning activity categories
- 'Other' learning activities are no longer required
- Reflection is required per goal versus per activity
- If a CCP is unsuccessful and the registrant decides not to re-submit, the registrant must submit all supporting documents for their learning plan in the subsequent year. This information will be used by the College to complete a document audit.

When will this change take place?

Registrants will submit their CCP in the new format starting with the 2025 renewal. Due to a database transition expected in the summer, the new CCP is not currently reflected in the registrant portal. Dietitians should keep documentation of their goals and learning activities outside the current NSCDN learning log. If you have already entered information for 2024/25, it is suggested to copy and paste it into an external document at your earliest convenience to avoid losing your CCP information. The NSCDN has created a Learning Plan Worksheet for tracking goals and activities that registrants can use to organize their information until the new database is live. Once the updated CCP is available, the NSCDN will inform registrants and provide a pre-recorded webinar to assist with the new system. Registrants can expect this communication in the fall of 2024.