



Dual Licensure Position Statement

Introduction

Dual licensure occurs when an individual holds a license with a regulatory body in more than one profession. Dual licensure can lead to role confusion and blurred accountability, which can negatively impact patient care.

Key Considerations

Separation of Roles

To ensure clarity and maintain trust, services provided by a dual-licensed professional must be clearly defined for each role. Clients must be fully informed about the specific capacity in which the professional is acting during each interaction or in each employment role. This separation of roles is critical to avoiding confusion and ensuring that each profession's standards are upheld.

Scope of Practice

Individuals holding dual licensure must be mindful of the distinct practice scope, boundaries and responsibilities associated with each role. A dietitian who is also licensed in another profession must distinguish clearly between their responsibilities in each role and avoid situations where their duties overlap in ways that could confuse or mislead clients.

Conflict of Interest

Dietitians must have appropriate safeguards in place to avoid or manage any real, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest that could arise from their dual roles. This includes being transparent with clients and colleagues about their dual licensure and taking proactive steps to prevent conflicts from affecting the quality of care provided.

Position Statement

The College hold the position that dietitians with dual licensure are expected to adhere to the highest standards of ethics and accountability in each profession for which they are licensed. Dietitians with dual licensure must meet all licensing requirements in accordance with College policies and standards. Hours spent practising in a non-dietetic role cannot be considered for dietetic active practice hours.

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