



Welcome to the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC!

June 28, 2024

Amalgamation day has arrived, and it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the new College!

Today, the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC was officially formed through the amalgamation of the following colleges:

- College of Dietitians of BC
- College of Occupational Therapists of BC
- College of Optometrists of BC
- College of Opticians of BC
- College of Physical Therapists of BC
- College of Psychologists of BC
- College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC.

We're looking forward to having all audiologists, dietitians, hearing instrument practitioners, occupational therapists, opticians, optometrists, psychologists, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists who practise in B.C. together under one regulatory college.

Dianne Millette
Registrar and CEO

What's changed:

- **Our name and brand**
- **The Registrar/CEO, Board and Committees**
- **We now have a set of Board-approved, centralized bylaws**
- **Our website, emails, phone numbers, and social media accounts**
- **Our location**
- **One public register**

What's stayed the same:

- **The mandate to regulate in the public interest**
- **Standards of practice**
- **Codes of conduct/ethics**
- **Registration/renewal requirements**
- **Health corporation permits**
- **The complaint process**
- **Your login for registrant portals**
- **The information shared about you on the public register**

TERRITORIAL Acknowledgement

The offices of the College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia are located on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples — specifically, the x^wmə θ k^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk^wx wú7mesh (Squamish) and səilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations — the lək^wəŋən (Lekwungen) Peoples — represented today by the Songhees and x^wsepsəm (Esquimalt) Nations — and the WSÁNEĆ (Saanich) Peoples — including the BOKKÉĆEN (Pauquachin), STÁ,UTW (Tsawout), WJŌŁŁP (Tsartlip), and WŚÍKEM (Tseycum) Nations.

As the College regulates the practice of multiple health-care professions across what is now commonly referred to as British Columbia, we acknowledge and honour all First Nations territories across these lands. We recognize that the public we serve includes more than 200 distinct First Nations and 39 Métis Chartered Communities.

We are conscious of the privilege we hold that allows us to carry out our important work on these territories, where the First Peoples have maintained a special relationship with the lands and waters for thousands of years — since time immemorial — and where this relationship continues today.



Your **REGISTRATION** renewal

Your registration with your former college has been transferred over automatically.

You do not need to re-register with us.

Your next registration renewal date remains the same; it has been carried over to the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC.

The Public Register

A single **public register** has been created for all health professionals regulated by the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC. This public register is now active and accessible via [our new website](#), where it is referred to as “Licence Verification.”

The information about you in this public register is the same as it was on your previous college’s register. You may see some new fields, but they will be blank if that information was not previously displayed for your record in the register.

NEWS UPDATES:

From the College’s first Board meeting:

- One role of the Board is to appoint the registrar for the College. **Dianne Millette**, who has been serving as CEO for the College, has been appointed Registrar.
- In addition, **Cameron Cowper** has been appointed Deputy Registrar.
- The Board has approved the College’s [bylaws](#).

Want more information about how the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC is governed, including information about the Board and Committees?

Visit the [About the College](#) page on the website.

Superintendent of HPOA Oversight appointed

The Government of BC has announced that Sherri Young will lead the new Office of the Superintendent of the Health Professions and Occupations Oversight. More information is available online from the BC Ministry of Health:

- Read the media release: [Superintendent chosen to advance new health legislation](#) (June 7, 2024)
- Learn more about the new Office of the Superintendent on page 9 of the Ministry of Health’s [Health Professions and Occupations Act Q&A document](#) (PDF).



Where to get the **INFORMATION** you need

The website:

The [For Professionals](#) page of the College's website provides information you need as a health professional, including information about:

- Standards of Practice
- Code of Conduct/Ethics
- Health Professions Act
- Other legislation and acts
- Policies
- Criminal Records Checks
- Health Profession Corporations (HPCs)

In addition, each profession has a section devoted to it:



Social media:

Be sure to follow our social media accounts for the latest updates and reminders:



LinkedIn



Facebook



Instagram



X (formerly Twitter)

NOTE: For privacy and confidentiality reasons, we cannot respond to questions via social media.

Watch your inbox:

Keep an eye out for emails from us for important announcements. Be sure to update us if your email address or other contact details should change. Also, to ensure you do not miss any important updates from the College, be sure to allow emails ending with @chcpbc.org through any firewalls or spam filters you have.

Have a question?

- Use the [contact us form](#) on the College's website
- Call us at:
 - Main number: 604-742-6715
 - Toll-free: 1-877-742-6715
- Write to us at: 900-200 Granville St., Vancouver BC V6C 1S4



Common **QUESTIONS** about amalgamation

- **Will I get a physical certificate of registration from the new College?**
No, the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC will not provide any physical certificates of registration upon renewal or initial registration. However, if your previous college provided digital certificates, that process will continue.
- **If I was registered with two of the former colleges, will I need to pay two fees and complete two renewal processes?**
Yes, it is likely that in at least the short term you will be required to pay two fees and complete two renewal forms — one for each profession — much like you were doing while holding registration with two separate former colleges.
- **If I was registered with two of the colleges that amalgamated, do I need to complete quality assurance requirements for both professions?**
Yes, you are required to complete quality assurance requirements for both professions.
- **Do I need to update my practice liability insurance or protection due to the amalgamation?**
No, the requirements for registrant liability insurance or protection remain unchanged.
- **Have reinstatement requirements changed after amalgamation?**
Reinstatement requirements of your former college are expected to remain in place in 2024. As a reminder, registration requirements are prescribed in bylaws and determined by the Board. A former registrant who wants to reinstate must comply with the requirements set by the College at the time they want to reinstate.
- **Will continuing competence program requirements and cycle dates change after amalgamation?**
Continuing competence program requirements and cycle dates of your former college are expected to remain in place in 2024.

Once the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC has conducted a fulsome review of all programs, it will be able to make decisions about program requirements in the future.

The introduction of the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* may also impact requirements once it is enacted at some point after amalgamation. As a reminder, professional requirements such as continuing competency are prescribed in bylaws and determined by the Board.