



Appendix D: What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is an ongoing process of assessing health care organizations against standards of excellence to identify what is being done well and what needs to be improved. Health education accreditation is a quality improvement process that supports health education programs in ensuring that graduates are ready to deliver quality care at entry to practice. In the context of dietetic education, accreditation has two primary purposes, to:

- Assess program compliance with national standards, and
- Encourage programs to strive for quality improvement.

Accreditation Canada, under the EQual program, accredits the dietetic education programs in Canada. Existing Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice accreditation awards will continue to be recognized by Canadian dietetic regulatory bodies as approved programs for the purposes of registration until August 2023.

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