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CDHBC/TRU PLAR Assessor Appointment and Training

The College is currently seeking qualified applicants who are interested in becoming a PLAR Assessor for a two-year appointment.

As you may be aware, in March of 2013, the Minister of Health announced the implementation of the Full Registration (365-Day Rule Exempt) category. This new registration category came into effect on June 3rd 2012. The College of Dental Hygienists of BC (CDHBC) currently has three active pathways for registrants to access this registration category; Pathway 3 is the **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Portfolio** process that was developed by CDHBC and is offered through Thompson River University (TRU).

To qualify as a PLAR Assessor, you must meet the PLAR Assessor criterion below:

- ◆ Hold full registration, in good standing, with the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia (CDHBC)
- ◆ Hold 365-Day Rule Exempt registration
- ◆ Have practiced in a clinical dental hygiene setting
- ◆ Have formal or informal experience in assessment and evaluation of dental hygiene practice at a degree-level
- ◆ Hold a Baccalaureate degree in Dental Hygiene and/or a Master's level degree or greater level of education with a preference given to those holding educational credentials with a dental hygiene or related focus
- ◆ Be familiar with the National Dental Hygiene competency model, Practice Standards, Scope of Practice and Code of Ethics for BC dental hygienists
- ◆ Possess excellent interpersonal skills and/or conflict management skills
- ◆ Provide written documentation outlining experience

Requirements for the PLAR Assessor Training include:

- ◆ Sign confidentiality and conflict of interest statements;
- ◆ Attend a 2-day Assessor training session [date and location TBA];
- ◆ Prior to the Assessor training, review the PLAR portfolio and complete the recommended assessor calibration exercises as directed (**approx 5-10 hours to complete**);
- ◆ Meet requirements set out by TRU (e.g., [Hardware and Software Requirements](#)); and
- ◆ Work within the [Blackboard 9.1](#) online learning system.

The CDHBC PLAR Assessor Training Session and Calibration workshop will be scheduled at a later date. Participants may wish to note that they will receive an honorarium of \$275 for

completion of a calibration assignment [1 day], attending the training/ workshop [2 days], and that all travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed.

Consideration for an Assessor contract with TRU is conditional and will depend on the demand for the **CDHBC Competency-based Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Portfolio** by registrants. Responsibilities of a PLAR Assessor may include the following:

- ◆ Liaise with PLAR candidates via telephone and/or electronic/written correspondence
- ◆ Advise candidates regarding learning outcomes, performance indicators, directions and assessment rubrics
- ◆ Assess the candidate's PLAR portfolio submission against CDHBC requirements
- ◆ Interview candidates about their knowledge, skills and abilities documented in the portfolio submission
- ◆ Provide candidates with objective and constructive feedback
- ◆ Provide support and guidance, when required, by suggesting strategies to meet the registrant's learning needs
- ◆ Provide recommendations and reports to the Registration Committee
- ◆ Participate in the ongoing review and development of the PLAR process, as required

If you feel that you meet the PLAR assessor criteria above, please forward a current CV and cover letter that outlines how you meet the PLAR assessor criteria to the College a by mail or facsimile or email to: careers@cdhbc.com

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the College at (800) 778-8277.

Thank you for your interest.
