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Subject: Quality Assurance Program Field Tester Recruitment

The College is recruiting 100-150 CDHBC registrants to act as Field Testers as part of the ongoing development of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Assessment Tool. The QAP is meant to assess registrants' currency, knowledge and critical thinking as applied to foundational dental hygiene practice with a focus on safe and ethical practice.

As the QAP continues to evolve, the College is recruiting BC dental hygienists who hold a practicing or non-practicing registration to assist us in piloting new QAP technologies and content. Those who apply must initially be willing to commit 1-hour every 2-4 weeks between July and November 2021. Field testers must read all information and training documents provided by the CDHBC to become oriented to the process. Field Testers will be required to use web-based technology and provide objective written feedback via an online survey related to experience with the technology and innovative item types, directions for item types as well as feedback on content.

Criteria for Field Testers is as follows.

Field Testers must:

- Be registered with the CDHBC in a practicing or non-practicing category;
- Have clinical dental hygiene experience within the previous 2 years;
- Not be a registrant completing the QAP Assessment Tool in the 2022 or 2023 QAP Cohort (i.e., QAP cycle ending December of 2021 or December of 2022);
- Have the knowledge, skills and ability to provide objective and clearly written feedback;
- Have access to a secure computer with internet connection in order to access the testlet platform and feedback surveys (using Google Chrome or FireFox as the internet browser);
- Be familiar with computer technologies;
- Have an ability to carefully read all orientation materials and follow directions, including tutorials on item types, etc.; and,
- Ensure confidentiality of all materials shared.

Field Testers responsibilities:

- Sign the *QAP Assessment Tool Non-Disclosure and Confidentiality* form and comply with the Field Tester confidentiality and associated policies;
- Read all training materials supplied by CDHBC to become familiar with all required tasks and expectations;
- Complete the tutorial for navigation of innovative item types via a link provided;
- Complete a minimum of 5 testlets between July 2021 and November 2021;
- Subsequent testlets will follow as required;
- Individually answer all items on each testlet;
- Become familiar with the QAP content subcategory expanded definitions;
- Provide objective, written feedback via a web-based survey;
- Complete each testlet and accompanying survey within 1 week of receiving the link via email;
- Inform the CDHBC in writing if no longer able to participate as a Field Tester: and,
- Attend a 1-hour virtual information session prior to the first field testlet being administered.

Compensation for involvement in the project is in the form of Continuing Competency Credits. **Two continuing competency credits** may be claimed for each testlet and accompanying feedback survey completed. This is in alignment with Box 13 of the 2020 updated QAP Continuing Competency Framework:

“Involvement in a CDHBC organized initiative, project, calibration and/or training. Credits will be individually designated by the CDHBC”

If interested in this process, please read sign and return the attached QAP Field Testers Description & Contract. Please respond no later than **4pm on May 28, 2021**. Responses will be received via written email response (not via phone) to Ms. Jacqueline Guyader, Senior Dental Hygiene Advisor, at the CDHBC office: cdhbc@cdhbc.com. Include in the subject line: Field Tester Recruitment.