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The College is always looking for 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 be willing to meet the eligibility and responsibilities, as well as committing to the time frames to complete each field testlet. A field testlet is a short test form that houses approximately 25-30 questions. The time commitment involved is approximately 2 hours every month for 5 months per year. Field Testers must read all information and training documents provided by the College 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 within the next two years (e.g., QAP cycle ending in December of 2023 so due to complete the Assessment Tool in 2024 etc.);
- Have the knowledge, skills, and ability to provide objective and clearly written feedback;
- Have access to a secure computer with internet connection 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 and sign the Field Tester Agreement;
- 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 within a designated time period given by the College (usually between March and July);
- 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 QAP Continuing Competency Framework:

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

The field-testing process usually begins in March of each year. **If interested and meeting the eligibility and responsibility requirements, please email CDHBC your full name, registration number and email address.** Please send emails to cdhbc@cdhbc.com and include in the subject line: Field Tester Recruitment.

Note: If emails of interest are received after the field testing start date in March, names will be kept on file for the following year.