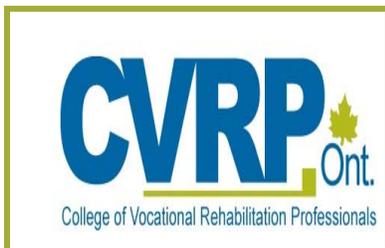


Our College is Complete!

CVRP (The College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals) is just about complete! We are currently working towards accepting applications for certification this June. Please visit our brand new website for more details and information. The website address is www.cvrp.ca.

The mandate of the CVRP is to ensure that **all** members practice in accordance with the standards of the profession, and that members not only remain current, but also remain competent throughout their careers.



The College will also continually develop, establish and maintain quality standards of knowledge, skills and programs that promote continuing evaluation, competency and improvement among the members. It will also evolve the practice in a manner that provides our clients with the very best services possible.

In addition to grandfathering opportunities, CVRP will offer prior learning assessment for new members who may be applying for certification. CVRP is also pleased to offer laddering and career planning assistance for all members.



Initially, members who hold a current designation will be able to grandfather into the college without application for accreditation. This unique “grandfathering” offer will be limited in time so it is highly recommended that you take full advantage of this opportunity as quickly as possible. **Don't let time run out!**



Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some commonly asked questions (and their answers) about the College and how it will operate:

Q: Why do I need to be a member of the College if I am currently a member of the Association?

A: They serve two very different roles. One of the biggest complaints stakeholders have is that current designations are not validated by a third party and that there is no perceived consistency in the competency of the profession. The College will help to put these types of issues to rest. The Association not only advocates for the profession, but provides educational seminars, conferences, networking opportunities, and shares information and best practices through vehicles such as **Rehab Matters**.

Q: What happens if the vocational rehabilitation profession becomes regulated?

A: If the profession becomes regulated, it must have a professional college. With **CVRP** up and running it should make the case for regulatory status that much easier.



New Relationships



From the start, **University of British Columbia** has remained extremely interested in Ontario's quest for regulation and our determination to achieve regulatory status. **Dr. Izabela Schultz**, Program Director of UBC's Faculty of Education has been extremely helpful in guiding us towards research that substantiates the need for and benefits of Vocational Rehabilitation.

In addition to the help from Dr. Schultz, **Dr. Louise Hartley** of **York University** is also extremely interested in learning more about Ontario's need for ongoing professional development and the role we play in the rehabilitation process.

Christine Elliott, an MPP who has represented the ridings of Whitby-Ajax and currently represents the communities of Whitby-Oshawa in the Ontario Legislature, has not only been diligent in helping us with our quest for regulation, but has also agreed to speak at this June's Annual Conference.

In addition to her work as an MPP, Ms. Elliott is the co-founder and director of the Abilities Centre, a director and past chair of Grandview Children's Centre, and a director of the Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation.

National Conference Comes to Ontario



Our National Conference will be held from **June 8-11, 2010, at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario**. This year's conference is particularly special for VRA Canada as we celebrate our 40th anniversary of providing outstanding and unprecedented vocational services to our clients.

This year's conference will highlight **Purpose, Passion, and Progress** of the Vocational Professional, our services, and the future needs of our clients and collaborative partners. We will focus on the initiatives required to carry us forward into the future while at the same time reflecting on our numerous past accomplishments.

We have an outstanding roster of diverse speakers who will be attending this very special conference. They will provide personal insights and observations about the vocational rehabilitation industry, and will be answering all your questions. Some of these speakers will include:

Bryan Hayday, President, Change-Ability, Lecturer, Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto, Ontario

Vicki Keith, C.M. O. Ont., Founder/Coordinator, Y Knot Abilities Programs

Jenna Lambert, First female with a physical disability to cross Lake Ontario

Hon. Jean Augustine, Fairness Commissioner of the Province of Ontario

...And many, many more!

If you haven't already registered, it's not too late! Go to www.vracanada.com and fill out the registration form to attend our most memorable conference yet. We look forward to seeing you there.



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