

3) Quality Assurance Program

There are significant changes to the current Quality Assurance Program, specifically regarding the requirements for hours. The new program will no longer require registrants to complete a minimum number of course hours. Instead, a number of activities will be required in order to better meet personal and practice goals and objectives.

The new program will involve 3 different activities to be completed each year:

- The Checklist
- **One** Quality Assurance Communication Tool
- **One** Field Contribution Activity.

The changes to the program better correlate to the Health Professions Act and provide different methods of accomplishing high practice standards for each denturist.

Health Professions Act:

16 (1) It is the duty of a college at all times

- (a) To serve and protect the public, and**
- (b) To exercise its powers and discharge its responsibilities under all enactments in the public interest.**

16 (2) A college has the following objects:

- (d) to establish, monitor and enforce standards of practice to enhance the quality of practice and reduce incompetent, impaired or unethical practice amongst registrants;**
- (e) to establish and maintain a continuing competency program to promote high practice standards amongst registrants.**

OLD PROGRAM

The College's Bylaws, Section 45 Continuing Education, states:

- (1) An “approved course of continuing education” means a minimum number of hours of theoretical, practical or other instruction approved by the committee.
- (2) Registrants must complete a minimum of 30 hours of approved continuing education instruction within a three year period and must acquire at least 5 hours in each year of the cycle.
- (3) Any registrant who registers
 - (a) During the first 12 months of the 36 month cycle must complete a minimum of 30 hours of approved continuing education, or
 - (b) During the subsequent 12 month period and must complete a minimum of 20 hours of approved continuing education, or
 - (c) During the final 12 month period and must complete a minimum of 10 hours of approved continuing education

NEW PROGRAM

- (1) Quality Assurance Checklist
- (2) **One** Quality Assurance Tool
- (3) **One** Field Contribution Activity