

Position Available: PEN: Practice-based Evidence in Nutrition® Evidence Analyst

Closing Date for Applications: Friday, October 1, 2021

Dietitians of Canada

Dietitians are driven by a curiosity to understand the science behind food and its connection to health. Dietitians of Canada (DC) is the national professional association for Canadian Dietitians. We represent a passionate community of thought leaders, who are sought after for their expertise across all areas of food, nutrition and health. As an association, our focus is on advocacy, professional practice, leadership development and building a diverse and inclusive professional community. Our purpose is to connect and support members, while increasing awareness of the role and value of dietitians. After more than 80 years, we remain an innovative organization with strong member leadership and a desire to embrace the future.

DC is committed to being a mutually supportive, engaged, diverse and inclusive professional community. To that end, we encourage applications from First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, racialized persons and those who identify as 2SLGBTQ+.

Background

PEN: [Practice-based Evidence in Nutrition®](#) is a dynamic knowledge translation subscription service developed by DC with input from thought leaders in dietetic practice, knowledge translation and technology. The PEN System is governed by a collaborative partnership comprised of the British Dietetic Association, Dietitians Australia and DC. Its powerful search tools and “Knowledge Pathway” format deliver evidence-based answers to practice-based questions related to dietetics and human health easily and efficiently.

Position: PEN Evidence Analyst 1.0 FTE

DC is seeking a team player with a strong sense of integrity and personal accountability to author content for the PEN System following established standards and processes to ensure content is high quality and evidence based. As a member of the PEN Team, the PEN Evidence Analyst will refine practice questions, conduct quasi-systematic searches, synthesize and critically appraise the literature and write content with consideration for accuracy, professional integrity and ethics. The PEN Evidence Analyst will also act as a content reviewer, a mentor to other PEN authors and a contributor to strategies designed to help meet PEN Team objectives. The PEN Evidence Analyst will work from a home-based office situated anywhere in Canada and will report to the Senior Evidence Analyst.

Main Responsibilities

Content Development

- Write PEN content following the PEN Author’s Guide and using an established scientific review process, making revisions based on expert review and submitting content for posting via the PEN Content Management System. This process includes:
 - writing and refining practice questions,
 - conducting quasi-systematic searches to locate current, high quality research and practice guidelines,
 - critically appraising, synthesizing and grading the literature to address practice questions,
 - writing evidence statements and practice recommendations with consideration for accuracy, professional integrity, ethics and respect for others’ intellectual property,
 - citing work as outlined in PEN processes,

- assessing and incorporating feedback from peer-reviewers and other PEN Team members.
- Review PEN Content prepared by other team members, volunteer/external authors and student contributors for rigour and congruency with the PEN System as requested.
- Mentor volunteer/external authors and student contributors for developing and updating content according to PEN processes as requested.
- Review DC content as requested.

Strategy

- Contribute to author guidelines and training modules to support PEN authors, international collaborators, and the profession at large.
- Contribute to the development of standards that determine acceptable PEN content.
- Make recommendations for improving the processes used to update and create PEN content.
- In collaboration with the PEN Team, contribute to the planning and fulfillment of Team goals.

Education and Experience

- Education to be eligible for membership in DC and a Master's degree in nutrition, public health, adult education, communication or related program.
- Registration with a provincial dietetic regulatory body.
- At least four years of experience in critical appraisal, research design, statistics, scientific writing, knowledge translation and transfer.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative team from a remote office in a highly technical, computer-based workplace.
- Fluency in English (written and oral); French bilingualism is an asset.
- Familiarity with the GRADE system of evidence appraisal and Cochrane handbook of core research methods is an asset.

To Apply

To apply, send the following documents to jobsearch@dietitians.ca by Friday, October 1, 2021:

- Resume
- A cover letter linking your knowledge, experience and achievements to the position requirements and outlining your salary expectations
- A short writing sample that demonstrates the skills desired for the position.

Please indicate "PEN Evidence Analyst" in the email subject line.

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We thank all the applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.