# What does the early career look like for Canadian educated new dietetic grads?

#### **2020 NATIONAL NEW GRAD SURVEY**

Dietitians of Canada commissioned researchers at the University of Waterloo and the University of Saskatchewan to conduct a national workforce survey of 2015-2020 dietetic program grads.

#### **OBTAINING A POSITION AS A DIETITIAN**

### 75%

Obtained 1<sup>st</sup> dietitian position within 12 months of program completion

# Of those who obtained a position

- ✓ 32% before program completion
- ✓ **35%** within first 3 months
- ✓ 20% within 3-6 months

#### Most successful job search strategies

French Language

Survey 57

✓ Job search websites

Qualified

**Respondents 624** 

**English Language** 

Survey 567

- Employment opportunities at practicum site
- Employer websites

#### **FIRST PRIMARY DIETITIAN POSITION**

#### **Top Employers**

- ✓ Hospital
- ✓ Province
- Publicly funded health facility

#### **Top Roles**

- Acute care hospital/inpatient
- ✓ Long-term care
- ✓ Health care team
- ✓ Hospital clinic

## Average time in 1<sup>st</sup> position

#### 14 Months

Held a secondarydietitian position with a different employer

#### EARNINGS

63%

Held Full-time dietitian positions

Their earnings

\$55-\$65,000 22% \$65-\$75,000 31% \$75-\$85,000 21%

#### **HOURS WORKING**

**44%** 36+ hours

19% 20

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26-35 hours

#### **Training Satisfaction**

71%

Satisfied or Very Satisfied with academic coursework & practicum





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