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 1st 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
✓ Job search websites
✓ Employment opportunities at practicum site
✓ Employer websites

FIRST PRIMARY DIETITIAN POSITION

Top Employers
✓ Hospital
✓ Province
✓ Publicly funded health facility

Top Roles
✓ Acute care hospital/in-patient
✓ Long-term care
✓ Health care team
✓ Hospital clinic

Average time in 1st position 14 Months
Held a secondary dietitian position with a different employer 26%

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% 26-35 hours

Training Satisfaction
71%
Satisfied or Very Satisfied with academic coursework & practicum