



In support of Black Lives Matter and with recent, much needed, focus on improving diversity, equity and inclusion, we want to share that the UBC Dietetics Major has accelerated conversation and actions within the program. The UBC Dietetics team will actively engage in all UBC driven activities related to addressing the systemic racism that exists at UBC, including in the UBC Dietetics Major. We also support the recent statement released by the Faculty of Land and Food Systems on racial equity <https://www.landfood.ubc.ca/racial-equity-and-food-systems-resources/>. In addition, the program is undertaking several actions to address diversity, inclusiveness and equity. Some of these actions include:

- Enhanced integration of an Indigenous curriculum, which also focuses on decolonizing, into several, if not all, core dietetics courses (in progress).
- Initiating a year 5 student research project to explore the topic of equity and inclusiveness in the program's admissions process (Sept 2020 start).
- Revising membership recruitment approach to enhance diversity on UBC Dietetics Program subcommittees (in progress).
- Using UBC's Equity and Inclusion Office as a resource to educate our team on how to better address the topic of equity and inclusion in the program and profession (in progress).

We recognize that this is just the start and there is so much progress to be made over time. We encourage you to reach out to any of us if you have anything to share on this topic or want to participate in this conversation.

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