



Policy Title:	Student Accidents and Injuries - Graduate	No.: 2.03
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Preamble

The UBC Dietetics Program is committed to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion for the Program and dietetics profession, as it relates to the Program’s vision of inspiring learners to advance dietetic practice and food systems. Our core values of justice, integrity, inclusion, collaboration, and community-focus drive our approaches to Program planning, delivery, evaluation, and community engagement.

The Program is located on UBC’s Point Grey Campus, which is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam). Practice education placements take place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of many Indigenous peoples, in locations throughout present day British Columbia. The Program recognizes the original stewards of these lands, and engages in ongoing efforts towards decolonization of the Program and the dietetics profession.

Due to the applied nature of the Program, students are exposed to risks that are greater than in a standard classroom. The Program aims to ensure that students are safe through orientation, training, and provision of adequate insurance coverage for the various learning environments that students will participate in.

Abbreviations

BC	British Columbia
MND	Masters of Nutrition and Dietetics
The Program	UBC Dietetics Program – Graduate (MND)
UBC	University of British Columbia



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Insurance Requirements

Students are required to have medical and accident/injury insurance in all years of the Program, with sufficient coverage for on-campus and off-campus Program activities.

BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), or its equivalent from another province, is required for all students in the Program. All UBC students are automatically enrolled in [extended health insurance](#) each year, when they register for UBC courses. Students can choose to opt-out of the UBC extended health insurance if they are covered by another extended health plan.

All registered UBC students are eligible for accident insurance. Some coverage is automatic for all UBC students and some coverage is optional. Students in the Program are required to purchase the optional [UBC Student Accident Insurance](#) for all Program years to ensure they have sufficient protection for all on-campus and off-campus Program activities. The UBC Student Accident Insurance provides world-wide coverage for accidents and injuries sustained while engaging in Program activities.

WorkSafeBC Coverage

UBC students completing “practicum/clinical placements” (i.e. practice education) as part of their studies are eligible for [WorkSafeBC insurance coverage](#), while in their placements. There is no student fee associated with WorkSafeBC coverage and pre-registration for coverage is not required.

Students should utilize their WorkSafeBC coverage first, in the event of an injury or illness that occurs during their practice education placements. The UBC Student Accident Insurance can be used for any accident/injury costs not covered by WorkSafeBC.

Placements Outside BC

Practice education placements in other Canadian provinces and countries are not covered by WorkSafeBC. Students are responsible for ensuring they have sufficient medical and accident/injury insurance for out-of-province or out-of-country placements. Students are responsible for any additional insurance costs for placements in other provinces or countries. Placements in other provinces and countries are very rare; it is not expected that most students will need to obtain and pay for out-of-province or out-of-country insurance coverage.

[UBC Safety & Risk Services](#) has information on insurance options for placements in other selected Canadian provinces. Students are advised to research options and obtain their own medical and accident/injury insurance for any out-of-country placements.

Work Refusal

In accordance with WorkSafeBC legislation, students in the Program have the right to refuse to perform practice education placement activities they perceive to be unsafe or that they are not adequately oriented to. Students should consult with the UBC Dietetics Team if these situations arise during their placements.



Accident and Injury Reporting

Students are required to promptly report any accident or injury resulting from participation in Program activities, and comply with any documentation requirements.

Procedure

Action	Who	When
I. Student Accident Insurance Coverage		
1. Inform students of the Program’s insurance requirements and fees. Refer students to UBC Safety & Risk Services for Student Accident Insurance policy coverage information and claim reporting procedures.	UBC MND Team	On admission to the Program
2. Arrange student accident insurance for newly admitted students for all Program years.	Dietetics Program Assistant	On admission to the Program
II. WorkSafeBC Coverage		
1. Inform students of their eligibility for WorkSafeBC coverage while completing practice education placements in BC. Refer students to UBC Safety & Risk Services for WorkSafeBC coverage information and claim reporting procedures.	UBC MND Team	As part of practice education courses
III. Work Refusal		
1. Identify placement activities that appear to be unsafe or require additional orientation/training.	Student	As situation arises
2. Decline to participate in any unsafe placement activities and communicate issue to preceptor/direct supervisor and UBC Dietetics Team.	Student	As situation arises
3. Determine appropriate solution, e.g., assignment of alternate placement activities to meet learning outcomes, provision of additional orientation/training.	Student, Preceptor(s), and UBC MND Team	As situation arises
IV. Accident Reporting & Insurance Claims		



<p>1. Report any accident that occurs while participating in Program activities to the applicable direct supervisor(s):</p> <p>Campus courses: course instructor(s)</p> <p>Practice education placements: preceptor(s) and course instructor(s)</p>	<p>Student</p>	<p>Immediately following an accident or injury</p>
<p>2. Complete and submit a report through the UBC Central Accident Incident Reporting System (CAIRS).</p>	<p>Student and Supervisor: course instructor or preceptor (as applicable)</p>	<p>Within 24 hours of accident or injury</p>
<p>3. Complete any accident/injury reports for placement organization, in accordance with organizational policy.</p>	<p>Student and relevant others</p>	<p>As applicable during practice education placements</p>
<p>4. If a practice education injury/illness results in needing medical care or missing time from placements, submit a claim by calling WorkSafeBC Teleclaim at 1.888.WORKERS (1.888.967.5377).</p>	<p>Student</p>	<p>As applicable during practice education placements</p>
<p>5. If a Student Accident Insurance claim is required to cover health care costs, follow the instructions from UBC Safety & Risk Services to submit a claim.</p> <p>Note: for practice education injuries/illness, a WorkSafeBC claim should be made first.</p>	<p>Student</p>	<p>As soon as possible, when a claim is required for campus courses or practice education placements</p>
<p>6. Investigate accident or injury scenario; identify and document (and as feasible, implement) corrective actions and preventative measures as needed.</p>	<p>Campus Courses: Instructor(s) or Delegate</p>	<p>Following an accident or injury</p>
	<p>Practice Education: UBC MND Team, with relevant others (e.g.</p>	



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preceptor(s),
UBC Safety &
Risk Services)

7. As needed, advise student about available [UBC services.](#)

Campus Courses:
Instructor(s) or Delegate

Following an accident or injury

Practice Education:
UBC Dietetics Team

Reviewed by:

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