

Subject: Dental Hygienists Quality Assurance Program Field Tester Recruitment

The BCCOHP is always recruiting dental hygienist registrants to act as Field Testers as part of the ongoing development of the Quality Assurance Program (QAP) Assessment Tool. The QAP is meant to assess registrants' currency, knowledge, and critical thinking as applied to foundational dental hygiene practice with a focus on safe and ethical practice.

Those who apply must meet the eligibility and follow the responsibilities. This includes committing to the time frames for each field testlet. The time frame involved is approximately 2 hours every month for 5 months each year. Field testers must read all information and training documents provided by BCCOHP to become oriented to the process. Field Testers will be required to use web-based technology and provide objective written feedback via an online survey related to experience with the technology and innovative item types, directions for item types as well as feedback on content.

Criteria for Field Testers are as follows.**Field Testers must:**

- Be a BCCOHP dental hygienist registrant in a practicing or non-practicing category (i.e., Registered Dental Hygienist RDH or Dental Hygiene Practitioner DHP).
- Have clinical dental hygiene experience within the previous 2 years.
- Not be a registrant completing the QAP Assessment Tool within the next two years (e.g., QAP cycle ending in December of 2024 so due to complete the Assessment Tool in 2025 etc.).
- Have access to a computer with secure internet connection in order to use the Cirrus assessment platform and feedback surveys (using Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or FireFox as the internet browser).
- Be familiar with basic computer technologies.
- Must only use a laptop or desktop computer to complete the field testlets. Do not use a tablet/iPad or smartphone as the technology is not compatible with those types of devices.
- Have the knowledge, skills, and ability to provide objective and clearly written feedback.
- Have the ability to carefully read all orientation materials and follow directions, including tutorials on item types, etc.
- Uphold confidentiality as outlined in the signed BCCOHP QAP Assessment Tool Field Tester Non-Disclosure form.
- Remain respectful with all interactions and feedback. Failure to do so will result in the College withdrawing the field tester from the process.

Field Testers responsibilities:

- Sign the QAP Assessment Tool Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) form and comply with the Field Tester NDA and associated policies.

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- Read and sign the *Field Tester Description & Agreement*.
- Work independently and in accordance with BCCOHP resources provided to complete each field testlet and accompanying survey.
- Complete a minimum of 5 field testlets within a designated time period provided by BCCOHP. Typically, there will be one field testlet per month between January and May and if needed one in June. Each field testlet contains approximately 25-30 questions.
- Become familiar with the QAP content subcategory expanded definitions.
- Complete each field testlet in the designated time window. Notes, field testlets are housed on the same Cirrus assessment platform that houses the QAP Assessment Tool for dental hygienists.
- Provide clear and objective written feedback for each field testlet regarding the applicability and currency of content as it applies to safety and ethical dental hygiene practice. Feedback is given via a survey (e.g., Microsoft Forms Survey).
 - Note that feedback is not anonymous, as BCCOHP staff may need further information in order to improve our processes.
- Provide clear and objective written feedback in the form of a survey that will accompany each testlet.
- Read Field Testers Information and Technical Guide.
- Watch the on-demand online video tutorial orienting field testers to the process, expectations and reference materials.
- Inform the BCCOHP in writing if no longer able to participate as a Field Tester.

Two continuing competency credits may be claimed for each field testlet and the accompanying Microsoft Forms feedback survey completed. Both must be completed to claim for two credits. This is in alignment with Box 13 of the QAP Continuing Competency Framework:

“Involvement in a BCCOHP organized initiative, project, calibration and/or training. Credits will be individually designated by the BCCOHP”

One continuing competency credit may be claimed for watching the mandatory pre-recorded information session. This is in alignment with Box 1 of the QAP Continuing Competency Framework:

“Courses, lectures, presentations, sessions, seminars-both online and in-person”

Responses will only be received via email on a first come basis for those who meet the criteria and submit the signed *Field Tester Description & Agreement* and signed *Non-Disclosure Agreement* forms.

If interested and meeting the eligibility requirements and willing to comply with the responsibility requirements, please email BCCOHP care of Shobnom Sultana at Shobnom.sultana@oralhealthbc.ca. Include in the subject line: Field Tester Recruitment.

Note: If emails of interest are received after the first field testing start date of the year (usually in March), names will be kept on file for the following year.