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Subject: **Student Designation – Change to Standardized Terminology**

Effective immediately, standardized terminology used to reference University students completing practicum placements within WRHA Nutrition and Food Services (NFS)/Shared Health NFS will change to “Student Dietitian” rather than the previously communicated term “Nutrition Student” followed by their University program designation when documenting in health records. For example, when students from the University of Manitoba, Master of Applied Human Nutrition (MAHN) program are making entries into health records within WRHA NFS/Shared Health NFS the following should be documented:

Student Name, Student Dietitian

The change in this standardized terminology is occurring due to the recent College of Dietitians of Manitoba bylaw amendment to Article 2.0 (Definitions). The amended bylaw allows the use of the “Student Dietitian” title which aligns with WRHA Regional and Shared Health policies which include guidance for health record entries for students: [WRHA Policy 75.00.060 - Entries into Health Records](#) and [Shared Health Policy 350.115.111 - HSC Entries into Health Records](#).

Please ensure students completing all types of placements within WRHA NFS/Shared Health NFS are using the same designation that is required as above with entries into health records.

If you require further information please feel free to contact me at 204-471-3806.