

## Comparison of College versus Association (Generic)

### College

- Regulatory
- Operates in the “public interest”
- Sets Standards
- Evaluates Applicants Credentials
- Issues licensing to qualified members
- License may be required to practice within jurisdiction
- Deals with public / client complaints about conduct
- Ensures practitioners continue to meet standards

### Range

Government Regulated ←-----→ Completely Self-Regulated

Members of profession on governing board generally selected through an electoral process

Public members may be appointed by government or selected and appointed by the governing body

Many have 2/3 members and 1/3 public representatives on Governing Board

### Association

- Member advocacy
- Operates in the “interest of members”
- Advocates for members collectively
- Advocates for profession with government and industry bodies
- Practitioners generally have choice as to whether to belong
- May provide various kinds of support to individual members
- May include legal support, access to insurance programs
- May undertake and deliver continuing education programs and conferences.
- Provides members with networking opportunities