CVRP Credential Transitioning FAQs

Why is the College doing this?

The mandate of The College is to protect the public by setting and enforcing a code of conduct and guidelines for the Standards of Practice for all Registrants – Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) professionals. The College defines a VR professional as one who assesses, evaluates and identifies persons who are experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) a vocational disability. A VR professional seeks to develop and execute Vocational Rehabilitation and Return-to-Work (RTW) plans designed to achieve or restore optimum outcomes. These outcomes are achieved through the application of knowledge, skills, interventions and strategies that are unique to the discipline and the VR profession. As such, the College has determined that the ‘Certified Vocational Professional (CVP)’ will be renamed to the ‘Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Professional (CVRP)’ to more accurately reflect the primary role of the registrants. In recognition of the fact that expertise within the field is not solely defined by the level of education that a VR Professional achieves, but by a number of factors associated with the work that we do, the College has developed the Fellowship and Diplomate classifications which recognize education, prior certification with a recognized organization, experience within the field as well as contributions to ongoing development of VR practice in Canada.

How does this credentialing change better serve the public interest?

The College credentials were initially based on educational level alone. The new system supports and encourages professional advancement through practice and skills honing as well as contribution to the profession as a whole. The College deems this system a better measure of professional standing.

When will the change come into effect?

The policy has been approved by the Board of Directors effective October 1, 2015 and individual credential transitions will be finalized over the coming year as Registrants renew their registration.

Do I have to do anything?

If you are a Registrant with the College in good standing, there is nothing that you have to do. Anyone with a Certified Vocational Professional (CVP) credential will be referred to as a Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Professional (CVRP) and anyone with a Master’s Certified
Vocational Professional (MCVP) credential will be referred to as Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Professional – Fellow (CVRP(F)). Registrants who are eligible for the Diplomate classification can apply to be re-classified upon submission of all appropriate documentation. Please refer to the Policy for CVRP Credential Re-Classification for further information (click here).

Do I have to change my signature, business cards and other documents in which I use my credentials right away?

The sooner you make this change the better, but you can plan to do so as it fits with your practice over the next year (by November 30, 2016).

When can I start using the new credential?

If you are a member in good standing with a CVP or MCVP, you may start using CVRP or CVRP(F) as appropriate at any time after 1 December 2015. Certificates will be updated and the CVRP Database will be updated in January to February 2016 to reflect the new credentials in the registry and your profiles.

How can I apply for Fellowship or Diplomate Status?

We encourage you to review the requirements for these two credential classifications. Click here for the Policy for CVRP Credential Re-Classification. If you feel that you would qualify for either of these, we would encourage you to let us know. The formal application forms are currently being developed and we will be notifying registrants as soon as they become available.

Will my updated CVRP Status affect other professional credentials I have?

No, the recent changes to the College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals (CVRP) credentials will not affect other professional credentials that you may already have. This is because the CVRP credentialing process is not associated with other credentials. For example, if a CVRP Registrant from the College is a certified Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Registered Nurse or Registered Rehabilitation Professional, the credentials of PT, OT, RN and RRP will remain the same. In the same way, a Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Professional – Fellow (CVRP(F)) from the College would not automatically qualify for a Fellowship status within other credentialing bodies. This is because the requirements for a Fellowship with the College differs from the requirements of other credentialing bodies.
Will I get a new Certificate?

The College will be issuing electronic certificates as individual’s transition upon their annual renewal immediately and as time allows in the winter months of 2016. If you wish to have a hard copy, these will be provided on an individual basis for a fee of $15.00 plus tax during the transition period to cover production and mailing costs.

Will I have to write the exam?

Anyone who has written the CVRP exam will not be required to write it again as long as they maintain their registration in good standing. If you have currently a CVA or CVS that was granted through Grandfathering and have not written the exam, you will be required to write if you choose to apply for the Provisional CVRP(P) status. All New Applicants are required to write and pass the exam.

I am a Registered Rehabilitation Professional and wish to apply for a CVRP credential, what do I have to do?

If you hold a Bachelor’s Degree or higher level of Education, we encourage you to refer to the New Applicant Policy (click here) for details on the steps to Certification with the College.

If you do not hold an undergraduate degree, but possess a Certificate or Diploma in relevant VR area and at least 15 years of VR experience, you may wish to pursue the Provisional CVRP(P) certification process outlined on pages 3 & 4 of the Policy for CVRP Credential Re-Classification:

Will I be charged any additional fees during this transfer process?

Fees will be charged for a review to "ladder up". Otherwise no fees will apply. For example, if you are attributed CVRP status through transfer and you request a CVRP - F review, a fee will be charged.

Do the CEU standards change?

No. Continuing Education Unit standards for ongoing registration remain as they are today.

I have been taking courses for professional upgrading as a CVP. Will this count towards my new CVRP designation?

Provided the College approves the training, yes, recently acquired and ongoing training efforts as a CVP will apply to your CVRP designation.