

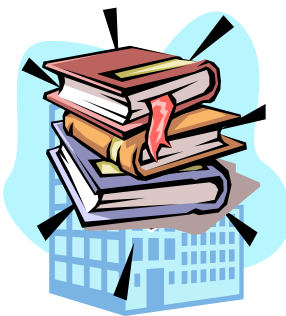
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Regulation...

One of the most important aspects of regulation is a professional college and for VRA, this is no exception. The College's primary duty is to serve and protect the public's interest while promoting high standards of practice for the profession. It ensures accountability and the continued competency of professional skills. At the same time, the College encourages a robust interactive relationship with members, stakeholders and the public.

This varies from the role of the Association, which acts as the advocate for the profession. In short, the Association promotes while the College validates and certifies credentials.

With our rich history as an established self-regulatory profession, the establishment of our College is an important and vital step on the road to becoming regulated. With that in mind, we look forward to announcing the launch of OUR COLLEGE this fall.



The Ontario College of Vocational
Rehabilitation Professionals

Members Respond



We thank all of the participants who recently responded to our online survey. Your input is important and we truly appreciate the time you took to answer our questions.

Members Said

80% favour regulation and the development of a college.

59% would financially support the college to secure certification.

65% of respondents feel say that quality education offers the biggest benefit.

23.2% want a better, higher level of educational training.

65.8% feel VRA Ontario meets their needs better than VRA Canada.

Advocacy

One of the most important functions of any association is advocacy. In the past month, VRA Ontario has been busy speaking up on your behalf and promoting the services and benefits our Ontario members provide to the citizens of Ontario.

Your representatives have written letters to Willie Handler, FSCO and Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, promoting the

importance of VRA members and the valuable role they play in the management of Accident Benefits.

We need to be **visible** and we need to have a **voice**. Without this, we cannot affect change or control our professional objectives. If we remain on the sidelines, we will do so alone, and this would be detrimental in helping us achieve professional recognition.



We have also initiated or renewed relationships with several key associations, service providers and government agencies and they are excited about VRA Ontario's recent initiatives. This will lead to many new opportunities for VRA Ontario.

Summit Oct. 1, '09

Plans are well underway for an exciting **VRA Summit Oct. 1, 2009**. The Panel Discussion is shaping up nicely, with industry experts representing all areas affecting VRA professionals. Included are: Employers, Educators, Doctors, Clients, Government, Legal, Service Agencies and others. Breakout sessions will provide cutting-edge insights into the future of vocational rehabilitation.

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