

Roles & Goals

CCHPBC | Professional Associations



The College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC (CCHPBC) and professional associations each support health care professionals, the public, and the health care system in important ways. Our responsibilities may sometimes complement each other, but our mandates are distinct.

WHO DOES WHAT?

CCHPBC

MANDATE

Protects the Public

Regulatory body established under BC legislation to licence and oversee complementary health care professionals.

Licensing
Standards
Investigations
Public registry

Professional Associations

MANDATE

Advocates for Members

Voluntary organizations that support and promote the interests of health care professionals and advance their professions.

Advocacy
Career support
Education
Member benefits

COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

	CCHPBC	PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
PURPOSE	Protects the public through regulation of health care professionals.	Advocates for the profession and its members.
FUNCTION	Maintains public trust in regulated health care professionals by ensuring compliance with bylaws, establishing professional standards, enforcing licensing requirements, and conducting investigations on public complaints.	Supports health care professionals with professional development opportunities, networking, member benefits, continuing education, advocacy, business management advice, and career support.
LICENSING & MEMBERSHIP	Mandatory licensing is required for regulated health care professionals to practice.	Optional membership is available for health care professionals.
GOVERNANCE	Appointed board members act in the public interest and are accountable to the BC Ministry of Health.	Elected board members act to represent the interests of the profession and are accountable to members.



ABOUT CCHPBC

The College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC

CCHPBC regulates chiropractors, massage therapists, naturopathic physicians, and traditional Chinese medicine practitioners and acupuncturists to ensure they have the competencies needed to practice and that they adhere to the standards needed for safe and ethical care.

✓ CCHPBC DOES
✓ Licence qualified health care professionals
✓ Maintain professional standards
✓ Investigate complaints made by the public
✓ Manage a public registry
✓ Enforce legislation through ensuring compliance with bylaws

✗ CCHPBC DOES NOT
✗ Advocate for health care professionals
✗ Provide career opportunities for health care professionals in their field of practice
✗ Negotiate compensation, benefits, or relationships with third party service providers on behalf of health professionals (including insurance providers)
✗ Advertise health care services
✗ Promote one profession over another

ABOUT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Professional Associations

Professional associations support and advocate for health care professionals and the advancement of their professions. They provide resources, education, and representation to help members succeed in practice and contribute to the growth of the profession.

✓ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS DO
✓ Advocate for health care professionals
✓ Promote the interests of their members and profession
✓ Provide career development opportunities
✓ Support business and practice development (including advisement on third party insurance providers)

✗ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS DO NOT
✗ Licence or regulate health care professionals
✗ Investigate public complaints about health care professionals
✗ Enforce bylaws, legislation, or professional standards
✗ Maintain a public registry of health care professionals