

QUESTION: What is the proper designation for me to use?

To maintain the integrity of our industry, it's essential that CSNN grads follow the CSNN Code of Ethics. A key directive is to: “Accurately identify oneself using one of the approved CSNN designations and/or titles to avoid misleading the public about one’s role as a holistic nutrition professional.”

Misleading the public, insurance companies, or clients may result in professional consequences, including action by the College of Dietitians. However, many members are unsure of which designation to use, as this varies depending on provincial regulations and protected titles within the College of Dietitians, Naturopaths, or Physiotherapists.

CSNN offers three designations:

- R.H.N.
- C.H.N.C.
- C.H.N.

Key points:

- Designations must be capitalized with a period after each letter
- Use designations only after your name
- For online clients, C.H.N.C. is the preferred designation



The corresponding CSNN professional title should be used when you are describing yourself:

C.H.N.C.

Certified Holistic Nutritional Consultant™ professional

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C.H.N.

Certified in Holistic Nutrition™

Certified Holistic Nutritionist™

R.H.N.

Registered Holistic Nutritionist™

Registered Holistic Nutritional Consultant™

Designations and professional titles should not be used together. Ensure your designation and title comply with the laws where you and your clients reside.

For province-specific designations and titles, refer to the CSNN document [here](#).

