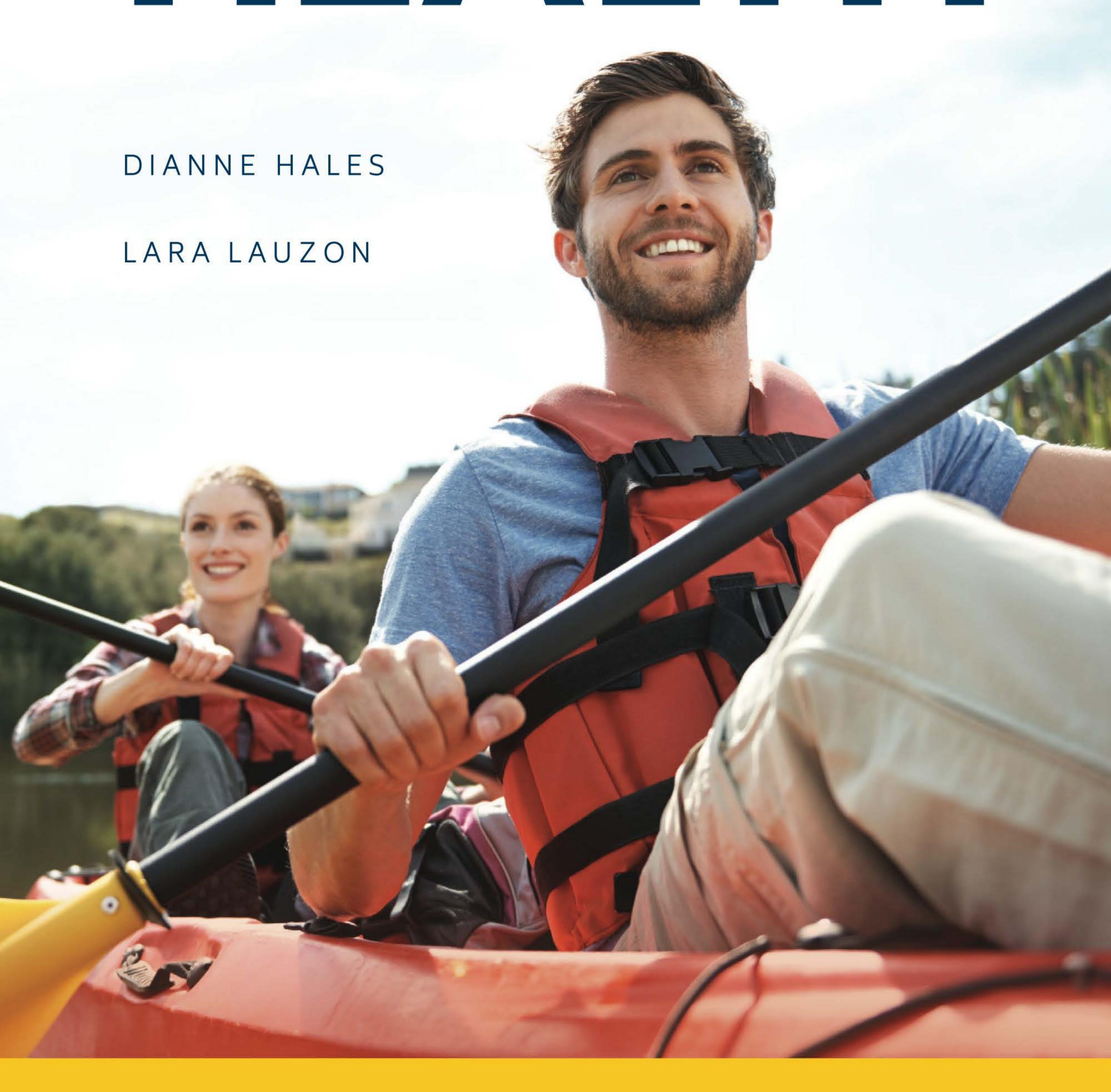
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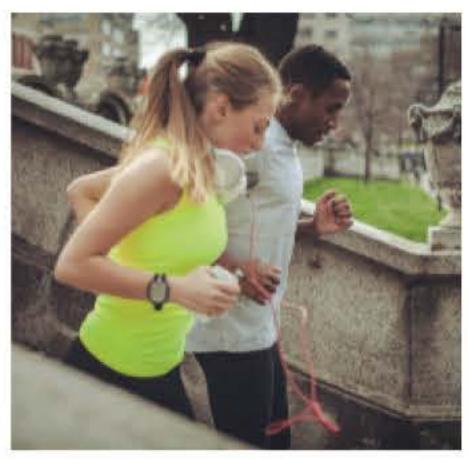
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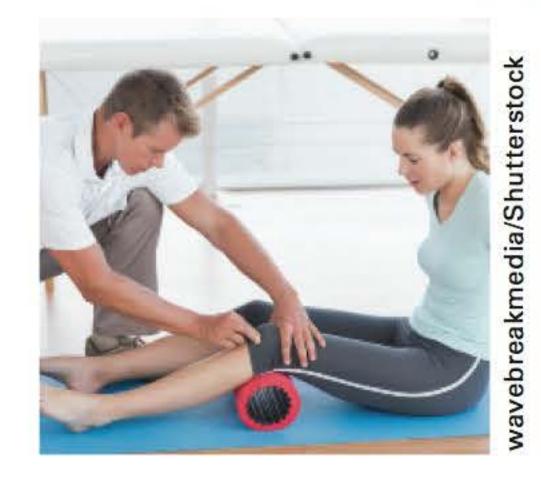
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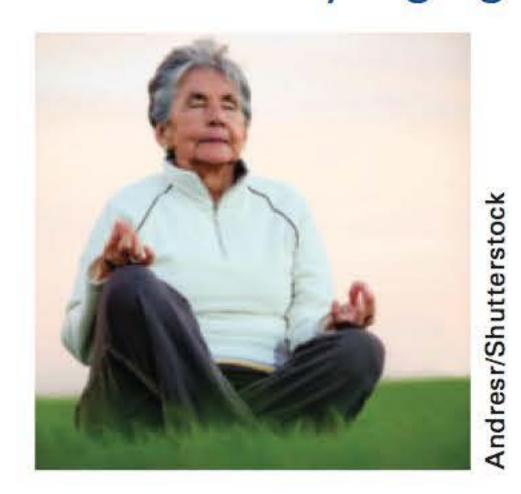
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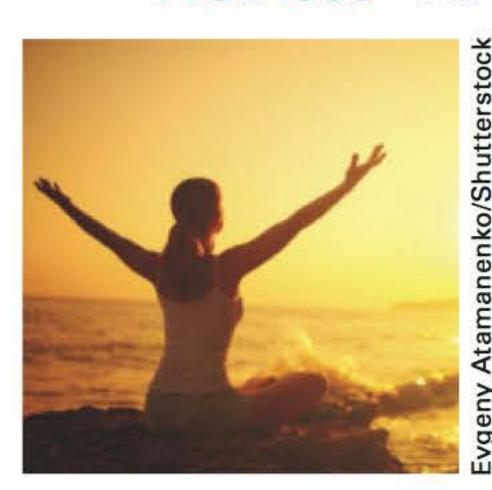
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### TO THE STUDENT

Health + Wellness = Potential. This textbook is an invitation to learn about health and wellness concepts that can enhance and help you reach your potential. It is an invitation to embrace a healthy and well way of living. The knowledge you acquire in this textbook will assist you in making better choices, or maintaining the healthy choices you already have adopted—ones that can have a direct impact on how you feel and function, now and for decades to come.

As you read through this textbook, ask yourself the following questions:

- •• How healthy or well are you?
- •• Are you emotionally intelligent? Are you able to cope with emotional upsets and crises?
- •• Do you participate in regular physical activity?
- •• Do you understand how nutrition plays a role in healthy living?
- •• Are your relationships with others solid and supportive? Are you conscientious about birth control and safe-sex practices?
- •• What do you know about your risk for infectious diseases, heart problems, cancer, or other serious illnesses?
- •• Do you use medications wisely and say no to illegal drugs? Do you use alcohol responsibly? Do you smoke?
- •• How much do you know about the Canadian healthcare system and complementary and alternative medicine?
- •• What steps have you taken to ensure your personal safety at home, on campus, and on the streets?
- •• What can you do to live a long and healthy life?
- •• What are you doing today to assist with global wellness?
- •• Are you spiritually connected? Are you living a meaningful and purposeful life?

Self-care, self-responsibility, and social responsibility are also important concepts when it comes to personal and professional health and wellness. Over time, your priorities and needs will inevitably change, but the important connections between your body, mind, and spirit will remain the same. The values that guide you through today can keep you mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually well throughout your lifetime.

An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition, provides you with information, advice, recommendations, and research so that you can start or continue to take charge of your own health. However, knowledge alone can't assure you a lifetime of well-being. The skills you acquire, the habits you form, the choices you make, and the way you live day by day will all shape your future. We hope you will embrace health and wellness so that you have the opportunity to live a fulfilling life and realize your potential.

This is our invitation to you.

—Dianne Hales —Lara Lauzon

### TO THE INSTRUCTOR

As health and wellness educators, we have the opportunity to encourage our students to become aware of the importance of taking personal responsibility for their health and acquiring the knowledge and skills they need to support their well-being, prevent serious health problems, and reach their potential.

An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition, offers many features and elements designed to inspire and involve students in making healthy lifestyle choices. Every chapter incorporates some research on Canadian college and university students. Numerous tables and graphs provide recent data on the health, habits, and concerns of Canadians. We have included the most recent health and wellness research available. We describe health and wellness as a process of discovering, using, and protecting all possible resources within the individual, family, community, and environment. We encourage students to use An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition, as an owner's manual for their bodies, minds, and spirits. By using this book and taking your course, students can acquire the power to make good decisions, to assume responsibility, and to create and follow a healthy lifestyle. This textbook is our invitation to them to live what they learn and make the most of their health and their lives.

# OVERVIEW OF THE FIFTH CANADIAN EDITION

The fifth Canadian edition of An Invitation to Health presents a wealth of new research, references, and features. The basic themes are health and wellness education, personal responsibility, commitment

to prevention, practical applications of knowledge, and a focus on behavioural change and social responsibility. All chapters have been updated to keep the textbook as current as possible and to honour requests by students and reviewers.

### WHAT'S INSIDE

An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition, includes everything your students need in a streamlined text. Dianne Hales and Lara Lauzon are known for the way they speak with students—not at them. Students' comments about this textbook are very positive.

The many new figures throughout the textbook provide current Canadian-focused information and data on physical activity behaviour, nutrition, and statistics on overweight Canadians; cancer rates and diabetes; drug and alcohol use; health expenditure and serious injury rates; greenhouse gas emissions and global temperature statistics; and attendance at religious or spiritual services.

Tables have been updated or replaced in many chapters. For example, students can access information about national, provincial, and territorial health and wellness initiatives; national and provincial nutrition initiatives; current legislation for driver distraction and distracted driving laws in Canada; and environmental initiatives on Canadian campuses.

One of the things we are most proud of is the use of current research to support the information we present. Over 780 references were either updated or are brand new. The majority come from primary sources, including professional books; medical, health, physical activity, and mental health journals; health educational periodicals; scientific meetings; federal and provincial agencies and consensus panels; publications from research laboratories and universities; and personal interviews with specialists in a number of fields. Whenever possible, Canadian references are used. We think it is important to share with our students information that is grounded in leading-edge research.

We continue our commitment to include First Nations and Aboriginal health and wellness information in the textbook. In Chapter 1, we present a new First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness model developed by the First Nations Health Authority. We think it is a wonderful way to celebrate indigenous knowledge. We have also added an environmental dimension of wellness in Chapter 1 to bring attention to the importance of global wellness. In Chapter 2, there is new information from the American Psychiatric Association and the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-5). We have added the new Brazilian Food Guidelines and

an updated section on genetically modified organisms (GMOs) to Chapter 5. In Chapter 6, there is an updated section on global obesity, a revised skinfold measurement section, and an updated fad diet section. Chapter 7 includes a new section on muscle dysmorphia, and in Chapter 8, we have added information on the male birth control pill. In Chapter 9, there is a new section on the Zika virus. It was also important to include a new section on physician-assisted dying in Chapter 15. Chapter 16 has updates about the Paris agreement, as well as new sections on the ecological determinants of health and on microplastics and microbeads.

Human potential stories are such an important part of our textbook. These moving stories are about individuals who have faced great challenges or who have made a difference to the lives of others. They show the connection between healthy lifestyle choices, the ability to leave legacies, and social responsibility. These stories inspire students and faculty members to ponder about their own potential while celebrating the potential of others. In the fifth Canadian edition of An Invitation to Health, you will meet a group of amazing students from the University of Manitoba who designed a campus health and wellness course with assistance from one of their professors; their story is in Chapter 1. Two new stories are also presented in Chapters 7 and 10. An update to the human potential story in Chapter 8 is poignant and meaningful.

Some new self-surveys are included in this edition; the one in Chapter 1 is titled *Planning Your Journey to Wellness: A Road Map*, which was developed by the First Nations Health Authority. We are excited to share this survey with students and believe it can be a catalyst for goal setting and planning for personal wellbeing. A new, thought-provoking spirituality self-survey is in Chapter 17.

New key terms were added to many chapters and include exergaming, HITT, genetically engineered organisms (GE), muscle dysmorphia, drunkorexia, and microplastics.

We have included a new Check-in feature in each chapter to encourage students to incorporate what they have learnt into their lives. We have continued to include a special Self-Responsibility/Social Responsibility text box and a Chapter Summary at the end of each chapter. These elements give students the opportunity to reflect on how they might embrace lifestyle changes and test their understanding of the key concepts in the chapter. Other features include the chapter FAQs, Strategies for Change, Strategies for Prevention, and the X and Y Files. In addition, the Web Links sections present reliable Internet addresses where students can turn for additional information.

### A TEXT FOR THE CANADIAN STUDENT!

### SELF-RESPONSIBILITY—SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SELF-RESPONSIBILITY changes that will enhance your health, well-being, and personal potential. Begin by asking yourself what Stage of Change you are in. It seems ludicrous to prepare a student for a lifetime career in their area of interest and not prepare them for the responsibilities of SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY maintaining their life.15 It's our responsibility to pass on what we inherited, not to squander it, Dr. Bill Hettler Education can be an important step toward making healthy lifestyle Christine Gregoire changes. As you read through this textbook and debate health and Taking care of ourselves allows us to be better able to take care of wellness concepts with your classmates, friends, families, and proothers. What can you do to make your campus healthy and well? fessors, think about ou might take responsibility for lifestyle

**Self-Responsibility/Social Responsibility Boxes**. To enhance behaviour change, this element has been designed to help Canadian students reflect on the Stages of Change model throughout every chapter.



**Human Potential Stories**. These special box features, found in every chapter, relate stories about Canadians who have faced challenges and made a difference in the lives of others. These stories help to illustrate the link between health and wellness and human potential.

**Canadian-Related Research.** The most up-to-date health research and research on Canadian students and students from other countries appears in every chapter.

Other Outstanding Features and In-Text Tools! With outstanding, interesting features and in-text tools designed to help students take charge of their own well-being, An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition, truly stands above the rest! The authors are unmatched in their ability to inspire and convey how attainable learning and living a healthy lifestyle can be.



Do you want to change a health behaviour? If so, what stage of change are you in?

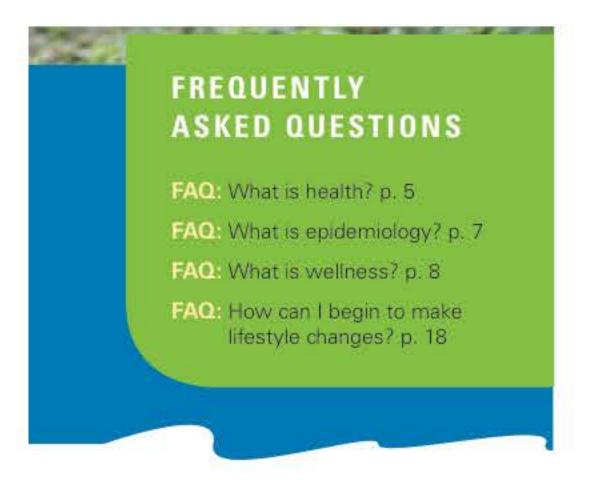
The **Check-In Feature**: We have added a new Check-in feature for our fifth Canadian edition. Throughout every chapter the students will find questions to consider. This feature will encourage critical thinking about chapter information.

### X AND Y FILES

### Men, Women, and Stress

Women, who make up over half of today's college and university students in Canada, experience greater psychological distress than men. Authors of a study of college students on stress, sex differences, and coping strategies found that female students reported higher levels of overall stress, family responsibilities, social relationships, and daily troubles. They also reported a greater level of stress with regard to finances. In comparison to male students, female students showed a higher use of self-help to cope with their stress levels.<sup>25</sup> Results from another study found that female college students experience greater stress than male college students with regard to the quality of their

**The X and Y Files.** Topics related to sex and gender differences in health are highlighted in this special feature, including "Men, Women, and Stress" and "Men and Women as Healthcare Consumers."



**FAQs.** Frequently Asked Questions appear at the beginning of each chapter and engage students with answers to the most commonly asked questions. Page references are included after each question signalling where the answer can be found.

### STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

### More Options for Change

- Modelling—Observing other people and emulating their behaviours, successes, or positive lifestyle choices. Look around your community and find people you admire, and who represent your beliefs and values. Watch them carefully. Try to model their behaviour and success. Ask them if they would be willing to mentor you.
- Positive visualization—Creating a mental picture of a goal or a behaviour change and visualizing yourself making that change.
   Watch yourself achieve that goal through your own eyes. Make the image a full-length movie and replay it over and over.
   Research has shown that positive visualization can help you manifest your goal.

Strategies for Change and Prevention. Appearing throughout the book, the Strategies for Change boxes provide practical checklist-style behavioural change strategies for achieving better health. The Strategies for

Prevention boxes provide effective, practical checklists for preventing health problems and reducing health risks.

SELF-SURVEY Ultimately you have more control over your health than Support anyone else. Use this course as an opportunity to commit Who do you know that will sincerely and consistently to at least one healthful behaviour and improve on it. support you with the beneficial lifestyle changes that you Earlier in this chapter, you explored a First Nations will be making? Perspective on Health and Wellness (see Figure 1-1.) The First Nations Health Authority has also created the selfassessment below, which is an excellent resource for everyone. Answer the questions to gain insight that will Manage help you navigate your personal journey to wellness. What is your present level of stress (psychological, physical, Planning Your Journey to Wellness—A Road Map workplace)? Commitment Rate from 0 to 10, 10 being totally stressed out. What is your present level of commitment to addressing 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 any changes needed that relate to your lifestyle? Rate What do you love to do? from 0 to 10, 10 being fully committed: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Wellness Self-Assessment Strength How often have you been physically active this week (30-min-What behaviours or lifestyle habits do you currently ute intervals of moderate [walking] to intense activity)? engage in regularly that you believe support your health? How many 8 oz (1 cup) glasses of water did you drink yesterday? What behaviours or lifestyle habits do you currently 0 1-3 4-7 8-10 engage in regularly that you believe are self-destructive? How many servings of fruits/vegetables did you have yesterday (1 serving = 1 half cup)?

**Self-Surveys.** Self-Surveys at the end of each chapter link directly to chapter content. They provide an opportunity for students to assess their knowledge and understanding of course concepts, thereby encouraging personal reflection and increasing student engagement in course material.

### **Chapter Summary**

- 1. How can health promotion be defined?
- a. mutual aid, self-care, and healthy environments b. a way of thinking about the social and economic forces that shape health
- c. the process of enabling people to increase control over and to improve their health
- d. the absence of disease and infirmity
- 2. What is the definition of wellness? a. purposeful, enjoyable living, characterized by personal responsibility and enhancement of physical, mental, and spiritual health
  - b. a state of complete physical, mental, and social
- b. provincial government commitment for healthy policies and programs
- c. federal government commitment for national health
- programs and services d. encouragement from friends to ignore inherent risks
- linked to unhealthy lifestyle choices
- 7. Which of the following factors do NOT shape positive
  - a. reinforcing factors, which involve external recognition for achieving a goal
- b. lifestyle choices that include misuse and abuse of
- c. predisposing factors, which include knowledge,

Chapter Summary To test their knowledge, students are invited to review important chapter material through a format of multiple-choice questions.

### WEB LINKS

### Canadian Institute for Health Information

Access information about national health indicators and standards, health spending, current health research, and the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI).

### Canadian Institutes for Health Research

www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/ Learn about Canada's lead federal funding agency and funding opportunities for health research in four areas: biomedical, clinical, health systems and services, and population and public health.

### Health Canada

A federal government website where health information can be found. Check out The Daily, a special page that keeps Canadians on top of current health issues.

### First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/index-eng.php Discover public health and health-promotion services for First Nations and Inuit people in Canada.

First Nations Health Authority www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/health-and-wellness-planning The first and only provincial First Nations Healthy Authority in Canada. Check these Web pages for tips, guides, and resources for health and wellness planning. University of Toronto-Scarborough, Health

and Wellness Centre www.utsc.utoronto.ca/hwc/wellness-campus

This website provides an example of health and wellness programs and initiatives being offered at the University of Toronto-Scarborough. Support for students includes a Wellness Peer Program and a Mental Health Network.

**Web Links** Updated interactive websites include Canadian sources and encourage students to use these resources for additional information and learning.

### CRITICAL THINKING

- 1. What is the definition of health according to the text? Does your personal definition differ from this? Does it differ from your definition of wellness? If so, in what ways? How would you have defined the terms "health" and "wellness" before reading this
- 2. Talk to classmates from different racial or ethnic backgrounds than yours about their culture's health attitudes. Ask them what is considered healthy behaviour in their culture. For example, is having a good appetite a sign of health?
- 3. Where are you on the wellness-illness continuum? What variables might affect your place on the scale? What do you consider your optimum state of health to be?
- Think about a behavioural change you have made in your life in the past two years. How did your "change process" link to the six stages of the trans-theoretical model of change? In what ways would you like to change your present lifestyle? Where are you now on the Stages of Change continuum?

Critical Thinking Questions. At the end of each chapter, students are asked to consider some applications of the chapter's coverage or weigh in on a health-related controversy.

### **INSTRUCTOR RESOURCES**



Education Teaching Nelson The **NOTO** Advantage (NETA) program delivers research-based instructor resources that

promote student engagement and higher-order thinking to enable the success of Canadian students and educators. Visit Nelson Education's Inspired Instruction website at nelson.com/inspired/ to find out more about NETA.

The following instructor resources have been created for An Invitation to Health, Fifth Canadian Edition. Access these ultimate tools for customizing lectures and presentations at nelson.com/instructor.

**NETA Test Bank** This resource was written by Brenda Bruner, Nipissing University. It includes over 550 multiplechoice questions written according to NETA guidelines for effective construction and development of higherorder questions. Also included are 280 completion questions, 170 matching questions, and 138 essay questions.



The NETA Test Bank is available in a new, cloud-based platform. Nelson

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Testing Powered by Cognero for An Invitation to Health can be accessed through nelson.com/instructor.

**NETA PowerPoint** Microsoft® PowerPoint® lecture slides for every chapter have been created by Brenda Bruner, Nipissing University. There is an average of 40 slides per chapter, many featuring key figures, tables, and photographs from *An Invitation to Health*. NETA principles of clear design and engaging content have been incorporated throughout, making it simple for instructors to customize the deck for their courses.

Image Library This resource consists of digital copies of figures, short tables, and photographs used in the book. Instructors may use these jpegs to customize the NETA PowerPoint or create their own PowerPoint presentations. An Image Library Key describes the images and lists the codes under which the jpegs are saved. Codes normally reflect the chapter number (e.g., C01 for Chapter 1), the figure or photo number (e.g., F15 for Figure 15), and the page in the textbook; C01-F15-pg26 corresponds to Figure 1-15 on page 26.

**NETA Instructor Guide** This resource was written by Karen McLaren. It is organized according to the text-book chapters and addresses key educational concerns, such as typical stumbling blocks student face and how to address them. Other features include discussion questions, suggestions for guest speakers and panel presentations, in-class activities, and other resources for further study.

MindTap Offering personalized paths of dynamic assignments and applications, MindTap is a digital learning solution that turns cookie-cutter into cuttingedge, apathy into engagement, and memorizers into higher-level thinkers. MindTap (adapted by Roberta Panchuk of the University of Saskatchewan) enables

students to analyze and apply chapter concepts within relevant assignments, and allows instructors to measure skills and promote better outcomes with ease. A fully online learning solution, MindTap combines all student learning tools—readings, multimedia, activities, and assessments—into a single Learning Path that guides the student through the curriculum. Instructors personalize the experience by customizing the presentation of these learning tools to their students, even seamlessly introducing their own content into the Learning Path.

### STUDENT RESOURCES

Stay organized and efficient with MindTap—a single destination with all the course material and study aids you need to succeed. Built-in apps leverage social media and the latest learning technology. For example:

- ReadSpeaker will read the text to you.
- •• Flashcards are pre-populated to provide you with a jump-start for review—or you can create your own.
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- Self-quizzing allows you to assess your understanding.

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### AFTER READING THIS CHAPTER, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- define health and wellness
- describe and discuss healthpromotion and wellness models
- identify the seven dimensions of wellness and describe how they relate to total wellness
- ► list and describe the social determinants of health
- recognize the factors that shape the development of positive health behaviours
- describe how beliefs and attitudes influence behaviour
- apply a behaviour-change theory to a personal health and wellness action plan



# An Invitation to Health and Wellness

"How are you?" You may hear that question many times each day. "Fine," you answer, without thinking. But how often do you ask yourself how you really are? How do you feel about yourself and your life? Are the lifestyle choices you are making supporting your personal well-being and career goals?

Being healthy and well includes a connection between body, mind, and spirit. Health and wellness are also dependent on the community, society, and environment in which you live. This edition of *An Invitation to Health* is an invitation to embrace a "well" way of living and an opportunity to reflect upon the link between healthy lifestyle choices and your own personal potential.

As you read through this book, you will discover the importance of emotional and physical well-being. You will be encouraged to think about the benefits of physical activity and healthy food choices. Drug, alcohol, and tobacco use is discussed as well as such topics as sexuality, reproductive choices, and lowering your risk of major diseases. You will also find out about environmental issues that affect global wellness and the spiritual dimension of holistic living.

Establishing the basis for good health now can support a healthy way of living in your future. We begin with an introduction to health and wellness.



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FAQ: What is wellness? p. 8

FAQ: How can I begin to make lifestyle changes? p. 18

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

There has been much discussion among health and wellness advocates as to whether health equals wellness or wellness equals health. For many, being well is essentially the same as being healthy. For others, there is a distinction between the two terms. Many health and wellness programs are based on similar health risk-reduction strategies. In this section, you will be introduced to definitions of *health* and *wellness*. You will also discover some health promotion and wellness models. You are encouraged to adopt or adapt whatever terms and models you find meaningful.

Travelling back to ancient Greece, we meet our earliest and most enduring icon of medicine and health and wellness—that of the Greek god of health and father of medicine, Asklepios, also known by his Roman name, Aesculapius. Two of Asklepios's children also became celebrated healers. His daughter Panacea believed that the best way to help people was to treat illness. Her sister Hygeia believed that it was important to teach people how to live so that they did not become ill.¹ Their legacy is our understanding of the words panacea, which means "a remedy for all ills or difficulties,"\*² and hygiene, meaning healthy: "a science of the establishment and maintenance of health; conditions or practices conducive to health."\*³

### First Nations and Aboriginal Health and Wellness

In Canada, we do not have to return to ancient Greek mythology to be educated or inspired about health and wellness. Instead, we can look to the worldview of First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples to gain an understanding of health and well-being, in which the emphasis on the interconnectedness between the physical and spiritual world, between individuals and their environment, and between the mind, body, and spirit guides the concept of holism.<sup>4</sup>

Kulchyski, McCaskill, and Newhouse say that "at the heart of most elders' stories and teachings is the idea that it is important for an individual to attempt to live Bimaadiziwin, 'the way of good life' or 'everyday good living' in accordance with the teachings of the Creator." They suggest that "it is through an understanding of the reciprocal relationship between ourselves and Mother Earth and living in a balanced way that we are provided with the sustenance, both physical and spiritual, necessary for life."

First Nations Medicine Wheels assist in the teaching of Bimaadiziwin. Although there are many different but related versions, they share traditional theology, philosophy, psychology, and the teachings of the

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Creator. The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)—guided by First Nations in BC, traditional teachings, and approaches from healers and Elders and other health partners—has created a visual image of a First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness (see Figure 1-1). A description of the visual depiction helps us to understand the meaning and vision of wellness.<sup>7</sup> There are five inner circles:\*

- •• The Centre Circle—reminds us wellness begins with taking responsibility for our own health and wellness.
- •• The Second Circle—encourages us to balance mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical aspects of wellness.
- •• The Third Circle—links the values of respect, wisdom, responsibility, and relationships.
- •• The Fourth Circle—portrays where we come from and who we are surrounded by—land, community, family, and nations.

<sup>\*</sup>Source: First Nations Health Authority, "Traditional Healing," http://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/traditional-healing.



Figure 1-1 First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness
Source: First Nations Health Authority. (2016). A First Nations Perspective

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- •• The Fifth Circle—represents the important inflences of the social, cultural, economic, and environmental determinants of health and well-being.
- •• The Outer Circle—illustrates children, families, elders, and people in all communities standing together, with respect for one another, building relationships.

A more in-depth description of the First Nations Perspective of Wellness can be found on the First Nations Health Authority website at www.fnha.ca.

# HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION

What Is Health? Another view of health has its beginnings in the World Health Organization (WHO), an agency that has shaped our understanding of health as many Canadians know it today. The World Health Organization emphasized the importance of the preventive side of health, and a declaration was adopted that stated that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being." The WHO's definition of health as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" was adopted on April 7, 1948. This was the beginning of a new era in health care.

In 1974, an important document titled A New Perspective on the Health of Canadians presented epidemiological evidence for the focus of lifestyle and environmental factors on health. Often referred to as the Lalonde Report, this breakthrough work presented a conceptual framework called the Health Field Concept, which included four main elements: human biology, environment, lifestyle, and health-care organizations. The report was influential in persuading medical leaders to rethink current medical practices based on treatment-focused medicine and acknowledge that vast sums of money were also being used to treat diseases that could have been prevented.

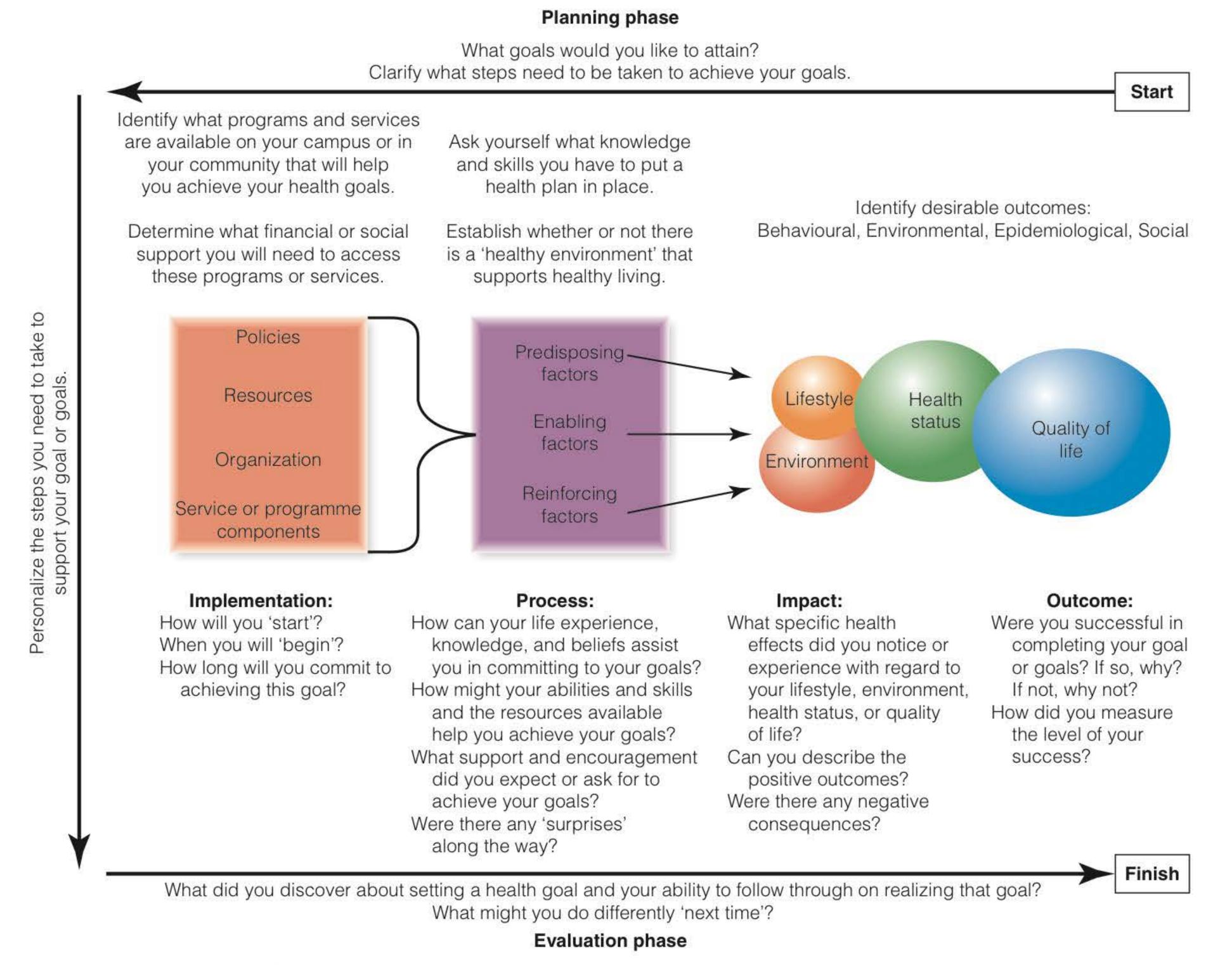
The definition of health continued to broaden as we moved from measuring our nation's health status only by morbidity (disease) and mortality (death) rates to viewing health as a part of everyday living. In 1986, the first International Conference on Health Promotion, organized by the WHO and hosted in Ottawa, Ontario, by The Hon. Jacob (Jake) Epp, the federal minister of health and welfare at that time, was held as a response to growing expectations for a new public health movement around the world. An international agreement known as the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion<sup>11</sup> was signed at this conference. The agreement helped build healthy public policy through health promotion:

Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over and to improve their health. To reach a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, an individual or group must be able to identify and realize aspirations, to satisfy needs, and to change or cope with the environment. Health is, therefore, seen as a resource for everyday life, not the objective of living. Health is a positive concept emphasizing social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities. Therefore, health promotion is not just the responsibility of the health sector, but goes beyond healthy lifestyles to well-being.\*

A follow-up report titled Achieving Health for All: A Framework for Health Promotion<sup>12</sup> identified three national health challenges: reducing inequities, increasing the prevention effort, and enhancing people's capacity to cope. The three mechanisms to health promotion were identified as self-care, the decisions and actions individuals take in the interest of their own health; mutual aid, the actions people take to help each other cope; and healthy environments, the creation of conditions and surroundings conducive to health. Implementation strategies included fostering public participation, strengthening community health services, and coordinating healthy public policy. This health promotion framework is still used today as a foundation for planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion programs and education.

Many more health models have been developed over the past few decades. The Health Belief Model, originated by Hochbaum, Kegels, and Rosenstock in the 1950s, was developed to help explain and predict health behaviour. This model considers social, ecological, and environmental factors that can influence our behaviour.<sup>13</sup> A more detailed description of this model is found on page 17 of this chapter. The Precede-Proceed model for health program planning and evaluation was developed and adapted by Green and Kreuter over a 40 year period of work and education in community health promotion.<sup>14</sup> The purpose of the model is to provide a guide to improving our health through a socio-ecological approach. The authors of this model encourage us to think about our own individual health behaviours and choices within the environment we live in. They also encourage health experts and planners to support a population health approach and improve conditions at a community level that will support individual behaviour change. (See Figure 1-2 for a Canadian English adaptation of the model).

<sup>\*</sup>Source: World Health Organization, "The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion," found at http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/previous/ottawa/en/.



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Figure 1-2 Precede-Proceed Model for Health-Promotion Planning and Evaluation

Source: Adapted from L.W. Green. (2009, May). A Resource for instructors, students, health practitioners, and researchers using: The Precede-Proceed model of health program planning & evaluation. A Canadian Adaptation of the Model. Available at http://lgreen.net/precede.htm; and Lawrence W. Green and Marshall Kreuter, Health Program Planning: An Educational and Ecological Approach, 4th edition. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2005).

The Quality of Life Model, developed in Canada at the Quality of Life Research Unit at the University of Toronto, is another helpful tool for individuals or communities wanting to enhance their health and wellbeing. This model has three life domains—Being, Belonging, and Becoming—with each domain having three subdomains (see Table 1-1). Quality of life is measured as the degree to which a person enjoys the important possibilities of his or her life.<sup>15</sup> The model emphasizes an individual's physical, psychological, and spiritual functioning; the connections with his or her environment; and the opportunities for maintaining and enhancing skills.

Health professionals, researchers, and recreation and school educators working in numerous national, federal, and provincial agencies support the health and well-being of Canadians, too. A short description of some of these agencies and the programs and services they provide are shared here.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides information about national health

indicators and standards, health spending, and current health research. One example of a special project of CIHI is the Canadian Population Health Initiative (CPHI). <sup>16</sup> Population health is a way of thinking about the social and economic forces that shape the health of Canadians. It builds upon public health and health promotion but goes beyond our more traditional understanding of the causes of health and illness.

The Public Health Agency of Canada works closely with provinces and territories to keep Canadians healthy and reduce healthcare costs. Headed by the chief public health officer, who reports to the minister of health, this national agency focuses on efforts to prevent chronic diseases and responds to health emergencies and infectious disease outbreaks. Its mission is to renew the public health system in Canada and support a sustainable healthcare system.<sup>17</sup>

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)<sup>18</sup> is a federal agency that funds health research in Canada. New health knowledge gained from the research is then made available to health, recreation, and school professionals and practitioners so that