

# Teachers are Professionals

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# Professionals are:

specially trained in their field

typically autonomous in the performance of their profession

(within the context of working for an employer)

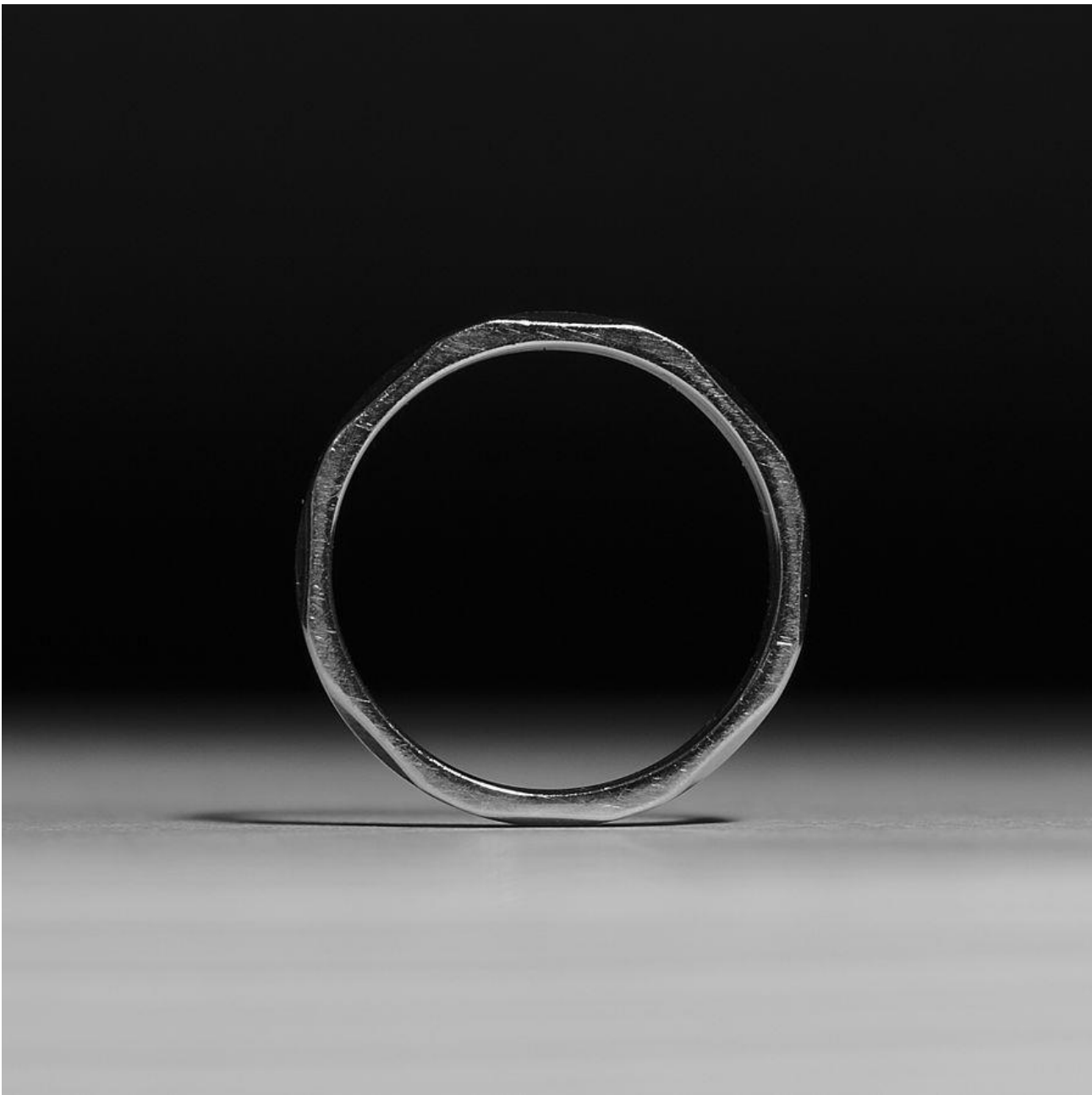
self-regulated and subject to standards of practice, codes of conduct and ethical behaviour

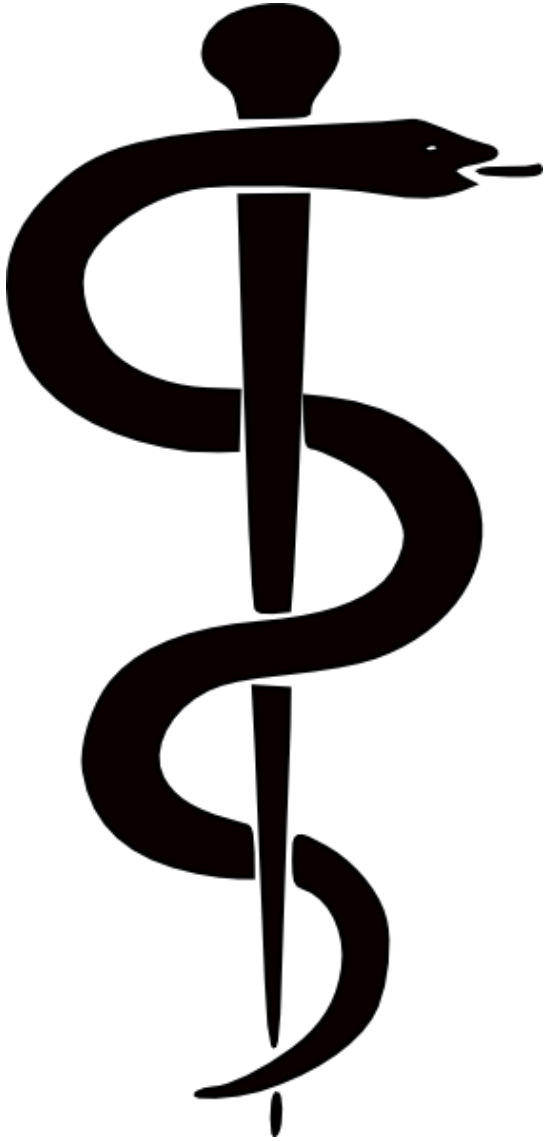
There are 26 self-regulated professions in BC :

teacher, nurse, physician, lawyer, accountant, engineer, architect, dietician, forester, midwife, optometrist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, psychologist, pharmacist, audiologist,...

# Engineers

wear an iron ring as a  
reminder of their  
obligations to a  
professional standard





# physicians

...while they no longer take the Hippocratic Oath, have professional and ethical standards that they must follow – they literally deal with life and death situations.

“The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.”

Sir William Osler



Ministry of  
Education

School Act and Regulations

Teacher Regulation Branch



Standards for the Education,  
Competence & Professional Conduct  
of Educators in British Columbia



**BCTF Code of Ethics**

teachers  
in British  
Columbia

# Professionalism for Teacher Candidates

- treating students with due care and respect
- acting ethically and honestly
- respecting privacy and confidential information
- learning the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the professional
- being a life-long learner