

# RDN CAREER PATHS & SPECIALTY CREDENTIALS

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**BECOMING A DIETITIAN** 

Brief overview of the process

**APPLYING TO PROGRAMS** 

Application process overview

TYPES OF **PROGRAMS** & Narrowing your list

DICAS APPLICATION PROCESS

Walk through DICAS

**RESUMES** 

Bring your resume!

**PERSONAL STATEMENTS** 

What to include

FINANCING **GRADUATE SCHOOL** 

Comparing costs of DIs

**RD CAREER PATHS** 

& specialty credentials

PROGRAM **INTERVIEWS** 

What to expect/how to prepare

THE MATCHING **PROCESS** 

How to rank programs

If you are planning on applying to Supervised Practice (SP) / Dietetic Internships (DI) in 2024, plan to attend these presentations!

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All presentations are live, 1:10-2:00 synchronous Zoom, & recorded.

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# **OVERVIEW**



**Paths** 



Advanced Studies



Standards of Practice



Certifications



# WHERE CAN YOU PRACTICE AS AN RDN?

- Clinical Nutrition
- Community Nutrition
- Public Health
- Food Service Management
- Research
- Public Policy
- Media
- Publishing
- Entrepreneurism
- Business/Industry/Sales
- Education

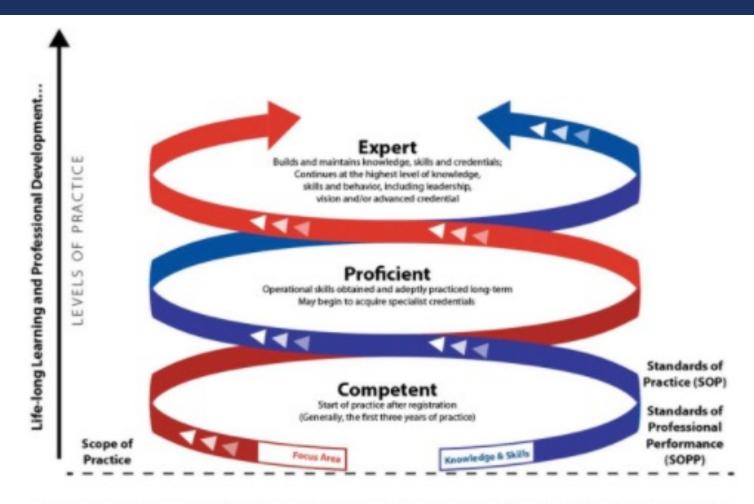


#### **ADVANCED STUDIES**

- Master's degree:
  - Nutrition Science, Human Nutrition, etc.
  - Nutrition Education
  - Exercise Physiology
  - Food Science
  - Foodservice Management or Hospitality
  - Education/Teaching Credential
  - Health Education
  - Public Health MPH
  - Business MBA

- Doctoral degree in Nutrition or Other Areas
  - PhD
  - Clinical Doctorate
- Specialization
  - Renal, Diabetes, Pediatrics, Oncology, Education, Research, etc.
- Other: MD, PA, RN/MSN

# STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FOR REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONISTS (RDNS)



#### II FOCUS AREAS: STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR RDNS

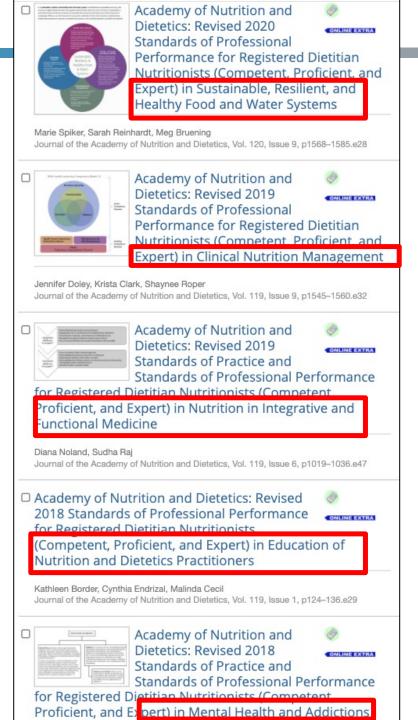
- Nutrition Support
- Diabetes Care
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Education of Nutrition & DieteticsPractitioners
- Management of Food & Nutrition Systems
- Eating Disorders

- Nutrition in Integrative and Functional Medicine
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Clinical Nutrition Management
- Sustainable, Resilient, & Healthy Food & Water Systems
- Public Health & Community Nutrition

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# FOCUS AREA STANDARDS FOR RDNS

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE & STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE





#### SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS FOR RDNS

- Certified Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition (CSG)
- Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition (CSO)
- Certified Specialist in Obesity & Weight Management (CSOWM)
- Certified Specialist in Pediatrics (CSP)
- Certified Specialist in Pediatric Critical Care Nutrition (CSPCC)
- Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition (CSR)
- Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics (CSSD)
- Advanced Practice Certification in Clinical Nutrition (RDN-AP)



# CERTIFIED NUTRITION SUPPORT CLINICIAN (CNSC)



- Certified Nutrition Support Clinician (CNSC)
  - American Society of Parenteral & Enteral Nutrition (ASPEN)
  - must be RDN, RN, MD/DO, DDS, PharmD
  - recommend: at least two years of experience in specialized nutrition support, but not required

### CERTIFIED DIABETES CARE AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST (CDCES)





- A minimum of 2 years professional practice experience as an RDN
- A minimum of 1,000 hours providing diabetes care & education within past 5\* years

# LACTATION CONSULTANT (IBCLC)



- Int'l Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
- Requires coursework, supervised practice hours, examination

#### ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) / Certified Food Protection Professional (CFPP)
- ServSafe Manager Certification
- Health Coach
- Personal Trainer

# **RESOURCES**





2023-24 APPLICANT GUIDE TO SUPERVISED PRACTICE

PROGRAM WEBSITES

**QUESTIONS?** 

