

	REGISTERED DIETETIAN (RD)	CERTIFIED NUTRITION SPECIALIST (CNS)	CERTIFIED CLINICAL NUTRITIONIST (CCN)
Education			
Minimum Degree	Baccalaureate by a U.S. regionally accredited college or university, or foreign equivalent ¹	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed professional with an MD, DO, DDS, DPM, OD, DC, Pharm.D, DPT, or Doctor of Nursing degree;² or Health profession such as a Nutritionist, PA, RN, NP, RD or other with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's or doctorate in nutrition or an allied field <p>From a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or foreign equivalent³</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelors of Science; or Advanced Professional Degree in Licensed Health Care Field, including MD, DO, DC, DDS, DPM, OD, PharmD, DPT, PA, RN, RD; Naturopaths with a degree approved by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education or licensed by the state; or Masters, Ph.D or D.Sc. in Human Nutrition
Minimum Academic Requirements	Completion of Didactic Program in Dietetics with coursework in a variety of subjects including food and nutrition services, foodservice systems management, business, economics, computer science, culinary arts, sociology and communication, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, anatomy and chemistry	<p>For 1. Experience of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 hours of documented continuing education in nutrition; or 10 detailed case studies encompassing nutrition history, nutrition assessment, identification of nutrition concerns, plan of management and outcome of intervention <p>For 2. 1000 hours of supervised experience in nutrition</p> <p>Experience may be completed after passing the examination.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 course hours of: Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Human Biology and Biochemistry; and core nutrition: 5 of the following courses with 3 course hours: Introduction to Nutrition, Nutrition and Disease, Nutrition Assessment; Nutrition Counseling Strategies, Nutrition II, Nutrition and Supplementation Herbology; Nutrition and Aging Degree must include core science coursework as above. Degree must include core science and nutrition coursework.
Coursework	Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics	Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)	Clinical Nutrition Certification Board

¹ Registration Eligibility Requirements for Dietitians. <http://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/rddtr/pathwaysrd.cfm>

² Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS), Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), Doctor of Optometry (OD), Doctor of Chiropractic (DC), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

³ Eligibility & Instructions. <http://cbns.org/certification/cns-certification-requirements-and-instructions/>

Accreditation/ Approval	Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association (ADA)	or the U.S. Department of Education	
Additional Education Component			<p>For 1. & 2. Completion of a Post Graduate Studies in Clinical Nutrition (PGSCN) Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 hours of online and additional study covering the specific body of knowledge represented by the scope of clinical nutrition practice • Must be completed to be eligible for exam <p>For 3. CNCB approval of individual academic nutrition programs can be obtained to be eligible to take exam without completion of PGSCN</p>
Exam	Successful completion of the Registration Examination for Dietitians	Successful completion of the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists (CBNS) Certifying Examination	Successful completion of the Certified Clinical Nutritionist Examination
Administration	Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)	Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists	Clinical Nutrition Certification Board
Test Specifications (1/1/2007) **will change 1/1/2012***	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Food & Nutrition Sciences (12%)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Food Science & Nutrient Composition of Foods B. Nutrition & Supporting Sciences 2. <u>Nutrition Care Process & Model-Complex Conditions (40%)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Nutrition Screening & Assessment B. Nutrition Diagnosis C. Nutrition Intervention (Planning & Intervention) D. Nutrition Monitoring & Evaluation 3. <u>Counseling, Communication, Education & Research (10%)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Counseling & Communication B. Education & Training C. Research 4. <u>Foodservice Systems (17%)</u> 	<p>The examination will consist of 200 questions, all in single-answer, multiple choice format and will cover the broad spectrum of basic and applied nutritional science. Themes such as basic nutritional science, nutrition assessment, prevention and treatment of disease by nutritional means, epidemiology and integration of these areas are threaded throughout the examination.</p> <p>An adjusted score of 65% is required to pass the examination.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Knowledge Related to Nutrition (22%) 2. Nutrition Assessment & Evaluation (18%) 3. Nutrition Counseling & Case Management (14%) 4. Professional Practice Management (2%) 5. Professional Responsibility (2%) 6. Optimal Human Nutrition-PGSCN Online Program (10%) 7. Cognition & Sensory Overload -PGSCN Online (10%) 8. Detoxification, Herbology & Homeopathic Therapy-PGSCN Online (10%) 9. Laboratory Assessment-PGSCN Online 12%

	<p>A. Menu Planning B. Procurement, Production, Distribution & Service C. Sanitation & Safety D. Facility Planning 5. <u>Management (21%)</u> A. Human Resources B. Finance & Materials C. Marketing Products & Services D. Functions & Characteristics E. Quality Improvement</p> <p>A scaled score of 50% is required to pass the exam.</p>		<p>Must achieve a passing score.</p> <p><i>A more complete breakdown of domains can be found in the exam study guide.</i></p>
Internship/ Experience	<p>Supervised practice program at a health care facility, community agency, food service corporation or combined with undergraduate or graduate studies. Students will complete 1200 hours over 6-12 months.</p>	<p>For 1. Experience of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 hours of documented continuing education in nutrition; or • 10 detailed case studies encompassing nutrition history, nutrition assessment, identification of nutrition concerns, plan of management and outcome of intervention <p>For 2. 1000 hours of supervised experience in nutrition</p> <p><i>Experience may be completed after passing the examination.</i></p>	<p>None required</p>
Accreditation/ Approval	<p>Commission on Accreditation/Approval for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association</p>	<p>Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists</p>	<p>Clinical Nutrition Certification Board</p>
Competencies/ Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the DI, graduates show mastery of:</p> <p>(1) Scientific Evidence & Base of Practice: <i>integration or scientific information and research into practice;</i></p> <p>(2) Professional Practice Expectations: <i>beliefs, values,</i></p>		

	<p><i>attitudes and behaviors for the professional dietitian level of practice;</i></p> <p>(3) Clinical & Customer Services: <i>development and delivery of information, products and services to individuals, groups and populations;</i></p> <p>(4) Practice Management & Use of Resources: <i>strategic application of principles of management and systems in the provision of services to individuals and organizations.</i></p>		
<p>Registration Eligibility Reciprocity</p>	<p>Registration eligibility reciprocity is extended to individuals who completed all certification requirements (didactic, experiential and examination) in the country with whom CDR has an agreement. CDR currently has reciprocity agreements with the following foreign regulatory boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dietitians of Canada (DC) • Dutch Association of Dietitians/Ministry of Welfare, Public Health and Culture (DAD) • Philippine Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) • Irish Nutrition and Dietetic Institute (INDI) • Health Professions Council (HPC) <i>United Kingdom</i> 		