Dietetic Technology Program

Application Packet

AAS Degree – Dietetic Technology

Certificate: General Nutrition

Certificate: Dietary Manager

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Did you know that The Diet Tech program offers?

- AAS Degree in Dietetic Technology (2 year program; may attend on part time basis)
- Certificate: General Nutrition (one year)
- Certificate: Dietary Manager (one Year)

Nutrition related courses open to all!

- Diet 1050 Sports nutrition
- Diet 1200 Basic Nutrition (Transfer Assurance Guideline course)
- Diet 2410 Pregnancy and lactation
- Diet 2420 Nutrition for children
- Diet 2430 Nutrition through Adulthood

The AAS degree program...

Projected employment change, 2014–24:

- Number of new jobs: 3,900
- Growth rate: 13 percent (Faster than average)
- Excellent pass rate on the DTR exam
- Graduates of the Dietetic Technology Program work in long term care, hospitals, public health, school food service, management food service, research
- Some classes are available via distance learning

**Dietetic Technology Program**

**Program Comparisons**

**AAS in Dietetic Technology – 2 years and one semester**

A dietetic technician, registered, works independently or in teams with the Registered Dietitian in a variety of settings, including health care, business and industry, community/public health, food service and research. Many work environments require that an individual be credentialed as a DTR.

**Certificate in General Nutrition – 1 year**

Designed for individuals and allied health care professionals who are interested in learning more about basic nutrition, but are not interested in pursuing a Dietetic Technology degree. This certificate focuses on wellness and disease prevention through proper nutrition and eating behaviors. Students earning this certificate are not qualified to practice medical nutrition therapy as stated by the State of Ohio. Students may apply credits toward the Dietetic Technology Program.

**Certificate in Dietary Management – 1 year**

Individuals completing this program are eligible to sit for the exam to become a Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM®, CFPP®). This program is designed for individuals who are currently working in the food and nutrition department of a health care facility. The focus is on food service supervision with medical nutrition therapy concepts. Courses required for this program apply towards the Dietetic Technology Program.

**Nutrition-Related Courses** – available through distance learning and flexibly scheduled

These courses do not have any prerequisites and some of them can be applied toward the Dietetic Technology Program. Most of the courses are available through distance learning.
DIETETIC TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The Dietetic Technology Program at Tri-C is an Associate of Applied Science Degree Program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Graduates from this program typically work in hospitals, long-term care facilities or community nutrition programs. According to Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) 2011 Dietetics Compensation and Benefits Survey, DTRs in all positions, the median hour wage, as of April 1, 2011 was $19.23 per hour; if annualized, this equates to a salary of $40,000 per year. The practice area of food and nutrition management appears to hold the greatest promise for DTRs with a median wage of $21.93. Salary levels vary with years of experience, region, employment setting, and geographical location, scope of responsibility and availability of DTRs in that market.

Some Diet Tech courses are offered via distance learning, providing flexibility in scheduling. Students may attend this program part-time however some of the courses must be taken in sequence and it may take longer than 2 years to complete the program. Most of the general education classes are offered in the day or evening, via distance learning at the three campuses.

Upon graduation and successful completion of the didactic and included 550 hours supervised practice/clinical portions of this program, graduates are eligible to sit for the national Dietetic Technology Registration Examination administered by the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) and the National Certified Dietary Manager (CDM, CFPP) credentialing exam. Registered Dietetic Technicians are required to complete 50 hours of continuing professional education requirements every five years to remain registered. The job market for Dietetic Technicians, Registered is expected to grow about as fast as the average (10-19%) for all occupations 2010-2020.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

All students enrolled in Health Career and Nursing programs requiring off campus clinical experiences are required to complete and pass a background check that includes fingerprinting and a court search. Log on to http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/health-careers/background-check-information-bci.html for further information.
In addition, prior to beginning off campus clinical experiences, students must complete requirements in force at the time as noted:


Proof of High School Completion or GED scores

Applicants must demonstrate an overall minimum GPA of 2.0.

**PREREQUISITE COURSES:**

- Eligibility for ENG-1010 College Composition I
- Eligibility for MATH-1240 Contemporary Mathematics or higher
- Eligibility for BIO 2331 Anatomy & Physiology I

Prerequisite courses may be repeated only once to improve a grade. All science and math courses must have been completed within the past seven (7) academic years at the time of application submission. **The Pass/No Pass grading option is not applicable for prerequisite or required program coursework.**

International Student applicants:

The ability to communicate verbally and in written form is basic to the provision of health services in a safe and effective manner. Please refer to the following link regarding the application process.

http://www.tri-c.edu/get-started/international-students/international-student-application-packet.html

For specific questions or information contact the Program Manager, Judy Kaplan, MS, RD, LD at (216) 987-4613 or log onto www.tri-c.edu/programs/healthcareers/dietary/Pages/default.aspx
Dietary Manager

Certificate of Proficiency

Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professionals are nationally recognized experts at managing dietary operations. When you earn the credential, you prove your competence in areas such as foodservice management, personnel management, nutritional care, foodservice sanitation, and more (10 competency areas in all).

This is a one year program that includes 150 hours of supervised field experience, 25 hours of which must be under the supervision of a registered dietitian. Students may attend the program on a part-time basis. Many courses are available via distance learning. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, you are eligible to take the national certified dietary manager (CDM, CFPP) credentialing exam.

A Certified Dietary Manager, (CDM®, CFPP®) has the education, training, and experience to competently perform the responsibilities of a dietary manager and has proven this by passing a nationally-recognized credentialing exam and fulfilling the requirements needed to maintain certified status.

A Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM®, CFPP®) are nationally recognized experts at managing dietary operations. Many work in healthcare—nursing facilities, rehab facilities, senior living communities, or hospitals. Some work in correctional facilities, schools, and the military. Others work for corporations. Certified Dietary Managers are trained and qualified to manage menus, food purchasing, and food preparation; and to apply nutrition principles, document nutrition information, ensure food safety, manage work teams, and much more.

Employment opportunities are expected to be good. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median salary or wage of a Food Service Manager is $48,690.

The Dietary Manager Program is approved by the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP).

Students may apply credits toward the Dietetic Technology Degree program.

Admission Requirements

Proof of High School Completion or GED score
Hold a current job in the foodservice industry in a health care facility.

**Prerequisite Courses**

- Eligibility for ENG-1010 College Composition I
- Eligibility for MATH-1000 Math 1000 or higher

The Pass/No Pass grading option is not applicable for prerequisites or required program coursework.

**Additional information**

Additional information on this program may be obtained by calling the Program Manager, Judy Kaplan, MS, RD. LD at 216-987-4613 or log onto

http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/healthcareers/dietary/DietaryCertification/Pages/Default.aspx
**Estimated Cost of the Dietetic Technology Program, 2016-2017**

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