



Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – CREDENTIALING PROCESS OR REGISTERED AND LICENSED DIETITIANS

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Registration Requirements

Requirements for dietetic registration are established by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). Effective January 1, 2024, the eligibility requirements for first-time registration examination for dietitians (RD exam) test-takers include:

- Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) accredited by Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) with:
 - *a verification statement*
 - *a baccalaureate degree from a United States regionally accredited college/university*
 - *a graduate degree from a United States regionally accredited college/university*
- Completion of the supervised practice requirement
 - *through one of the ACEND-accredited or approved experience pathways:*
 - Accredited Dietetic Internship
 - Accredited Coordinated Program
 - Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway
 - *with a verification statement**

*Upon completion of the Internship, the Internship director issues to the graduate a verification statement that is needed to apply for the RD exam.

Dietetic Registration and Licensure Maintenance Requirements

Upon passing the RD exam, the individual is deemed a registered dietitian™ / registered dietitian nutritionist™ (RD/RDN). Additional steps are required to continue as practicing as an RD/RDN, including:

- Apply for a dietetics license in the state in which the individual plans to practice, where required.
 - *Procedures for Georgia licensure are available at the [Secretary of State website](#).*
 - *Licensure requirements may vary from state to state.*
- Pay ongoing maintenance fees.
 - *A biennial fee of \$50 to the Secretary of State is mandatory to satisfy the Georgia licensure maintenance requirements.*
 - *An annual fee of \$70 to CDR is mandatory to satisfy registration maintenance requirements.*
- Obtain ongoing continuing education credits.
 - *Every two (2) years, 30 hours of approved continuing education are mandatory to satisfy the Georgia licensure maintenance requirements.*
 - *Every five (5) years, 75 hours of approved continuing education (to include the 30 hours mentioned for Georgia licensure) are mandatory to satisfy registration maintenance requirements.*