



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

## DIETETIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR 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 the following options:

- Dietetic Internship Pathway
  - *Completion of a minimum of a graduate degree\**
  - *Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics\*\* (DPD) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)*
  - *Completion of an ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship\*\**
- Coordinated Program Pathway
  - *Completion of a minimum of a graduate degree\**
  - *Completion of an ACEND Coordinated Program*
- Graduate Program Pathway
  - *Completion of an ACEND accredited graduate-level, competency-based dietitian nutritionist program that integrates coursework and at least 1,000 hours of experiential learning*
- Doctorate Individual Supervised Practice Pathway
  - *Completion of a doctorate degree\**
  - *Completion of an ACEND accredited doctorate Individual Supervised Practice Pathway*
- International Coordinated Program in Dietetics Pathway
  - *Completion of an ACEND accredited International Coordinated Program in Dietetics*
- Canadian Registered Dietitian Pathway
  - *Completion of a dietetics program recognized as accredited in Canada*
  - *Membership with Dietitians of Canada*
  - *Licensure as a Canadian RD (or equivalent provincial designation)*

\* By a university accredited by a United States Department of Education (USDE) recognized accrediting agency or foreign equivalent

\*\*A verification statement is issued by the program director upon successful completion of the program.

### 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.



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- *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 (amount subject to change) to the [Secretary of State](#) is mandatory to satisfy the Georgia licensure maintenance requirements.*
  - *An annual fee (amount subject to change) 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.*