



## 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 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.