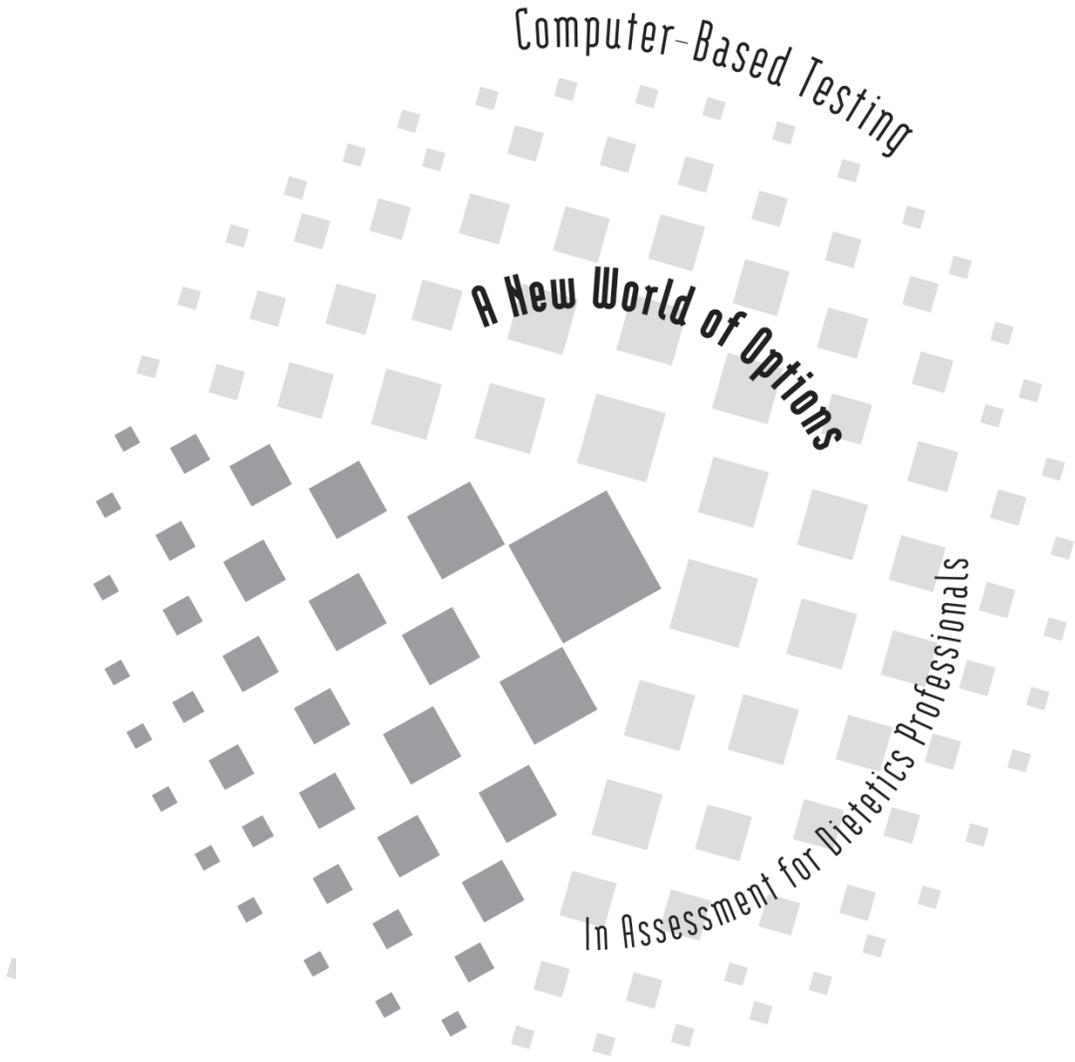


Registration Examination for  
Dietetic Technicians  
Handbook for Candidates



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Registration**

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**READ THIS HANDBOOK COMPLETELY AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE.**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy), does not discriminate against any applicant because of race, creed, religion, color, sex, marital status, national origin, or ancestry.

## EXAMINATION APPLICATION

All candidates approved as examination eligible for the **first** time automatically receive an eligibility to test e-mail from Pearson VUE, the Commission on Dietetic Registration's testing vendor. The e-mail will explain the registration process. Candidates who established eligibility previously must request a reauthorization to test. Candidates must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, by telephone (312/899-4859), by fax (312/899-4772), or online at [cdrnet.org](http://cdrnet.org) to request an examination application. The request should include name and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/CDR identification number. **Candidates must register and test within one year (365 days) from the date they are eligible to test.** Refer to the Eligibility to Test section for further information.

## CODE OF ETHICS

All candidates applying to take the Registration Examinations for Dietitians or Dietetic Technicians must sign the following agreement when establishing eligibility to take the registration examination:

"As a registered dietitian or dietetic technician, registered, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Dietetics (<http://www.eatright.org/codeofethics/>), and to hold harmless the Commission on Dietetic Registration or other RDs, RDNs and DTRs, and CDR employees for their activities in enforcing them."

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Read this Handbook for Candidates in its entirety before completing the Web application.**

Registering, paying, and scheduling for the exam must be completed on our secure website. For questions regarding the online application process, contact Pearson VUE at 1-888-874-7651 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Once eligibility to test has been certified by CDR, candidates receive an eligibility e-mail from Pearson VUE. This e-mail is important; it contains a personal user ID and password, and a Web address where the application may be completed. A copy of this e-mail should be kept in a secure location. **The user ID and password will be needed to schedule an appointment.**

**To apply for test accommodations, please read the Testing of Applicants with Disabilities section beginning on page 11.**

Candidates must have access to a VISA®, or MasterCard®, or American Express®, credit card to begin the application process. From the eligibility e-mail, click on the URL link or copy it directly into a new browser window. At the sign in page, enter the user ID and password exactly as shown on the e-mail, and click log in.

### Update of Account

Begin by reviewing the candidate Information. Changes may be made to e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers by typing the new information in the appropriate fields. Any time changes are made, Save Changes must be clicked, or the changes will not be saved.

For candidate identity protection, **name changes cannot be made on the website**, but must be submitted with legal documentation via the mail to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), attention Peggy Anderson, Becky Bielinski or Elaine Butler. Candidates must use the Name/Address Change Form located on CDR's website ([cdrnet.org](http://cdrnet.org)). Documentation must include the original legal document, such as a marriage

license, divorce decree, or court order showing the name change. A notarized copy of the original document will be accepted. Original documents will be returned upon request. Please be sure to identify that you are an exam candidate. Name changes can be sent to: Commission on Dietetic Registration, Attention: Exam Eligibility, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606. We are unable to accept faxed or scanned copies attached to e-mails. Should you have any questions regarding your name change, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Only the candidate's legal name as it appears on an *original* (no photo copies), *valid* (unexpired) *government issued ID* that includes their name, photograph, and signature, should be used. Use of nicknames or abbreviations must be avoided. In this Handbook for Candidates, Admission to Examination (page 13), there are directions which state that the candidate's name in Pearson VUE's scheduling system profile must match the name on the government-issued photo identification card to gain access at the test centers.

An e-mail address is required in order to register. Since e-mail will be our main method of communicating with candidates, a permanent e-mail address should be listed in the E-mail field. Do not use an academic institution e-mail address (like a school .edu address) unless it is permanent. It is the candidate's responsibility to make sure their e-mail address is current.

Address, city, state, and ZIP code fields should be updated, if necessary. Candidates who do not live in the continental United States or the District of Columbia, must check the bottom of the State/Province drop-down list for their province, territory, or other location. For states, provinces, or territories not listed, this field should be blank by selecting the blank space at the top of the list. Candidates who have foreign addresses should enter the city and country in the City field and any postal information in the ZIP code field.

At least one telephone number is required. Make sure your permanent telephone number is in the Telephone Number field, and fill out the other telephone number fields as necessary.

In the Release of Candidate Data section, candidates must select whether or not their name should be released with their exam scores to their program.

Finally, in the Assurance of Confidentiality section, candidates must agree that they will not disclose any information about the exam to anyone else. **In order to proceed with the application, the candidate must select Yes in this section and click Save Changes.**

### **Schedule an Appointment**

To schedule an appointment, the candidate must:

- log in to account and select Schedule an Exam;
- select the exam;
- choose the test center, date and time for the appointment.

Candidates are required to indicate whether or not the candidate authorizes release of their name with the exam scores to program. In addition, the candidate must agree that he/she will not disclose any information about the exam to anyone else. Agreement to both questions is required in order to proceed with the scheduling. The system will also display the exam policies for cancellation and rescheduling and you must agree to the terms to proceed.

### **Submission of Payment**

In the payment section, start by selecting MasterCard®, VISA®, or American Express® from the drop-down list. Type in the cardholder's name, the card number, the expiration month and year, and the security code located on the back of the card. Then type in the cardholder's address and ZIP Code. Click on the Submit button to pay for your exam. Credit cards will not be charged until Submit is selected at the end of the order process. After the payment information has been entered, click Next and the system will display the complete order information for review. When you click Submit, the order is entered, your credit card is charged and the system will send an email confirmation of the appointment.

**For questions about scheduling or paying for the exam, step by step instructions are posted on**

[www.pearsonvue.com/CDR](http://www.pearsonvue.com/CDR). For further assistance, contact Pearson VUE at 1-888-874-7651, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

## REGISTRATION EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY PATHWAYS

### 1. Dietetic Technician Program

Candidate completed approved courses and supervised qualifying experience as stipulated in the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Dietetic Technician Program.

### 2. Baccalaureate Didactic Program in Dietetics Graduate with an ACEND Accredited Dietetic Technician Program Experience

Candidate completed an ACEND accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics minimum requirements and a supervised qualifying experience as stipulated in the ACEND's accredited Dietetic Technician Program.

### 3. Baccalaureate Didactic Program in Dietetics Graduate

Candidate completed an ACEND accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics minimum requirements.

### 4. Reregistration

Candidate is a dietetic technician whose registration status lapsed and who wishes to become reregistered.

## REGISTRATION EXAMINATION PROGRAM AND PATHWAYS

### ALABAMA

#### Didactic Programs in Dietetics

4002 Auburn University, Auburn  
4005 Samford University, Birmingham  
4004 Oakwood College, Huntsville  
4003 Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville  
4008 University of Montevallo, Montevallo  
4001 Alabama A&M University, Normal  
4007 The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa  
4006 Tuskegee University, Tuskegee

### ALASKA

#### Didactic Programs in Dietetics

9100 University of Alaska–Anchorage, Anchorage

### ARIZONA

#### Dietetic Technician Programs

3002 Central Arizona College, Coolidge  
3113 Paradise Valley/Chandler-Gilbert Community College Dietetic Technology Consortium, Phoenix

#### Didactic Programs in Dietetics

4104 Arizona State University, School of Nutrition and Health Promotion, Phoenix (formerly Tempe and Mesa)  
4103 University of Arizona, Tucson

### ARKANSAS

#### Dietetic Technician Programs

3101 Black River Technical College, Pocahontas

#### Didactic Programs in Dietetics

4206 Henderson State University, Arkadelphia  
4202 Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia  
4205 University of Central Arkansas, Conway  
4203 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville  
4204 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff (closed 8/2011)  
4201 Harding University, Searcy  
4207 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff

### CALIFORNIA

#### Dietetic Technician Programs

3005 Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa

3088 Grossmont College, El Cajon (closed 6/2001)  
3080 Loma Linda University, Loma Linda (closed 8/2010)  
3006 Long Beach City College, Long Beach (closed 5/2011)  
3007 Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles  
3109 Merritt College, Oakland  
3003 Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga (closed 8/2012)  
3115 Cosumnes River College, Sacramento (closed 6/2011)  
3117 Cosumnes River College–Distance (closed 6/2011)  
3092 San Bernardino Valley College, San Bernardino (closed 6/2004)  
3120 Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4320 Pacific Union College, Angwin (closed 8/2002)  
4315 University of California–Berkeley, Berkeley  
4305 California State University–Chico, Chico  
4316 University of California, Davis  
4306 California State University, Fresno  
4301 California State University, Long Beach  
4302 California State University, Los Angeles  
4321 Pepperdine University, Malibu  
4307 California State University, Northridge  
4303 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
4323 California State University, Sacramento  
4322 California State University, San Bernardino  
4324 Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego  
4312 San Diego State University, San Diego  
4313 San Francisco State University, San Francisco  
4314 San Jose State University, San Jose  
4304 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

**COLORADO**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3009 Front Range Community College, Westminster (closed 5/2009)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4404 University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs  
4403 Johnson & Wales University, Denver  
4406 Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver (formerly Metropolitan State College of Denver)  
4401 Colorado State University, Fort Collins  
4402 University of Northern Colorado, Greeley  
4405 University of Northern Colorado, Greeley (Distance)

**CONNECTICUT**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3094 Gateway Community College, North Haven  
3011 Lincoln College of New England, Southington

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4503 The University of Connecticut, Storrs  
4502 University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford (formerly Saint Joseph College)  
4505 University of New Haven, West Haven

**DELAWARE**

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4602 Delaware State University, Dover  
4601 University of Delaware, Newark

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4703 University of the District of Columbia, Washington

**FLORIDA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3014 Florida State College at Jacksonville–North Campus, Jacksonville  
3015 Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth (closed 12/2006)  
3016 Miami-Dade Community College, Miami (closed 12/2006)  
3018 Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola (closed 8/2010)  
3121 Hillsborough Community College, Tampa

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4805 University of Florida, Gainesville  
4808 University of North Florida, Jacksonville  
4802 Florida International University, Miami  
4803 Florida State University, Tallahassee

**GEORGIA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3112 Life University, Marietta (closed 7/2005)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

4909 The University of Georgia, Athens  
4907 Georgia State University, Atlanta  
4904 Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley  
4910 Life University, Marietta  
4906 Georgia Southern University, Statesboro

**HAWAII****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5001 University of Hawaii–Manoa, Honolulu

**IDAHO****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5102 Idaho State University, Pocatello

**ILLINOIS****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3122 Parkland College, Champaign (closed 8/2013)  
3019 Malcolm X College, Chicago (closed 6/2004)  
3020 Harper College, Palatine

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5208 Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais  
5212 Southern Illinois University–Carbondale, Carbondale  
5202 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston  
5206 Loyola University Chicago, Chicago (closed 5/2006)  
5219 University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago  
5207 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb  
5218 Benedictine University, Lisle  
5216 Western Illinois University, Macomb  
5203 Illinois State University, Normal  
5201 Bradley University, Peoria  
5210 Dominican University, River Forest  
5215 University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, Urbana

**INDIANA****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3090 Purdue University–Calumet, Hammond (closed 12/2001)  
3022 Ball State University, Muncie (closed 7/2006)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5305 Indiana University, Bloomington  
5307 Marian College, Indianapolis (closed 2/2004)  
5301 Ball State University, Muncie  
5308 Purdue University, Dept. of Foods and Nutrition, West Lafayette  
5312 University of Southern Indiana, Evansville

**IOWA****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5402 Iowa State University, Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Ames  
5405 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls (closed 9/2003)

**KANSAS****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5508 Kansas State University, Dept. of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management and Dietetics, Manhattan (on campus)  
5509 Kansas State University, Dept. of Hotel, Restaurant, Institution Management and Dietetics, Manhattan (Distance)

**KENTUCKY****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5601 Berea College, Berea  
5609 Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green  
5607 University of Kentucky, Lexington  
5604 Morehead State University, Morehead  
5605 Murray State University, Murray  
5602 Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond

**LOUISIANA****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3095 Delgado Community College, New Orleans

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5703 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge  
5709 Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge  
5711 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette  
5712 McNeese State University, Lake Charles  
5702 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston  
5704 Nicholls State University, Thibodaux

**MAINE****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3106 Washington County Community College, Calais (closed 12/2003)  
3026 Southern Maine Community College, South Portland

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5801 University of Maine, Orono

**MARYLAND****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3027 Baltimore City Community College, Baltimore (closed 5/2012)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

5904 Morgan State University, Baltimore  
5906 University of Maryland, College Park  
5907 University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Princess Anne

**MASSACHUSETTS****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3029 Laboure College, Boston  
3108 North Shore Community College, Danvers (closed 12/2005)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6009 University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
6011 Boston University/Sargent College, Boston  
6012 Simmons College, Boston (Didactic Program in Dietetics only)  
6007 Simmons College, Boston (Baccalaureate and Didactic Program in Dietetics)  
6004 Framingham State University, Framingham

**MICHIGAN****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3032 Wayne County Community College District, Detroit (closed 8/2000)  
3116 Wayne County Community College, Detroit (closed 11/2012)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6109 University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor  
6113 Andrews University, Berrien Springs  
6104 Marygrove College, Detroit (closed 10/2003)  
6106 Michigan State University, East Lansing  
6111 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo  
6112 Madonna University, Livonia  
6107 Northern Michigan University, Marquette (closed 12/2003)  
6102 Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant

**MINNESOTA****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3034 Normandale Community College, Bloomington  
3035 University of Minnesota–Crookston, Crookston (closed 7/2011)  
6203 The College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth (closed 6/2002)  
6205 Minnesota State University, Mankato  
6209 Concordia College, Moorhead  
6210 College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, Saint Joseph  
6202 St. Catherine University, Saint Paul  
6207 University of Minnesota, Saint Paul

**MISSISSIPPI****Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6306 Alcorn State University, Alcorn State  
6304 The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg  
6302 Mississippi State University, Mississippi State  
6303 University of Mississippi, University

**MISSOURI****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3037 St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, Saint Louis

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6411 Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau  
6412 Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville  
6413 College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout  
6406 Missouri State University, Springfield  
6403 Fontbonne College, Saint Louis  
6415 Saint Louis University, Edward and Margaret Doisy School of Allied Health Professions, Saint Louis  
6401 Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg

**MONTANA****Dietetic Technician Programs**

3125 Great Falls College, Montana State University, Great Falls (closed 5/2014)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6501 Montana State University, Bozeman

**NEBRASKA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3039 Southeast Community College, Lincoln

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6601 University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney

6603 University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln

**NEVADA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3107 Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6702 University of Nevada–Las Vegas, Las Vegas

6701 University of Nevada–Reno, Reno

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3098 University of New Hampshire, Durham

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

6804 University of New Hampshire, Durham

6801 Keene State College, Keene

**NEW JERSEY**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3040 Camden County College, Blackwood

3041 Middlesex County College, Edison

6901 College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown

6904 Rutgers University, New Brunswick

6903 Montclair State University, Upper Montclair

**Didactic Graduate Programs in Dietetics**

6906 College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown

**NEW MEXICO**

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7002 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

7001 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces

**NEW YORK**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3045 LaGuardia Community College, Long Island City

3046 State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Morrisville

3048 Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie (closed 5/2004)

3049 Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead

3050 SUNY Rockland Community College, Suffern (closed 6/2004)

3051 Westchester Community College, Valhalla

3043 Erie Community College, Williamsville

3124 Trocaire College, Williamsville

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7104 Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx

7101 Brooklyn College, Brooklyn

7121 Long Island University/Post, Brookville

7114 Buffalo State, SUNY, Buffalo

7110 Queens College–CUNY, Flushing

7103 Cornell University–Ithaca, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Ithaca

7122 Cornell University–Ithaca, School of Hotel Administration, Ithaca (6/2000)

7105 Hunter College–CUNY, New York

7108 New York University, New York

7123 New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury (closed 12/2010)

7116 State University of New York at Oneonta, Oneonta

7117 Plattsburgh State University of New York, Plattsburgh

7111 Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester

7119 Syracuse University, Syracuse

7107 Marymount College of Fordham University, Tarrytown

7120 The Sage Colleges, Troy

7124 Stony Brook University, Stony Brook (closed 2/2011)

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3111 Lenoir Community College, Kinston (closed 6/2004)  
3110 Gaston College, Lincolnton

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7201 Appalachian State University, Boone  
7210 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill (closed 5/2010)  
7212 Western Carolina University, Cullowhee  
7207 North Carolina Central University, Durham  
7203 Bennett College, Greensboro (closed 6/2002)  
7206 North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro  
7211 University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Nutrition and Foodservice Systems, Greensboro  
7204 East Carolina University, Greenville  
7213 Meredith College, Raleigh

**NORTH DAKOTA**

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7301 North Dakota State University, Fargo

**OHIO**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3052 Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati  
3053 Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland  
3054 Columbus State Community College, Columbus  
3055 Sinclair Community College, Dayton  
3079 Lima Technical College, Lima (closed 6/2002)  
3057 Hocking Technical College, Nelsonville (closed 9/2009)  
3126 Stark State College, North Canton  
3083 Owens Community College, Toledo  
3058 Youngstown State University, Youngstown  
3099 Muskingum Area Technical College, Zanesville (closed 6/2001)

**Didactic Programs In Dietetics**

7414 The University of Akron, Akron  
7412 Ohio University, Athens  
7419 Bluffton College, Bluffton  
7403 Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green  
7415 University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati  
7404 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland  
7411 The Ohio State University, Columbus  
7416 University of Dayton, Dayton  
7407 Kent State University, Kent  
7408 Miami University, Oxford  
7409 Notre Dame College of Ohio, South Euclid (closed 9/2001)  
7418 Youngstown State University, Youngstown  
7421 Ashland University, Ashland

**OKLAHOMA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3091 Oklahoma State University–Okmulgee, Okmulgee (closed 12/2004)  
3123 Oklahoma State University–Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7501 University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond  
7506 Langston University, Langston  
7503 The University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City  
7502 Oklahoma State University, Stillwater  
7507 Northeastern State University, Tahlequah

**OREGON**

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7601 Oregon State University, Corvallis

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**Dietetic Technician Programs**

3063 Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia (closed 6/2005)  
3064 Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh  
3119 Community College of Allegheny County (Distance), Pittsburgh  
3065 The Pennsylvania State University, University Park (closed 5/2012)  
3087 Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood (closed 12/2009)

**Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7716 Cedar Crest College, Allentown  
7708 Messiah College, Grantham  
7703 Immaculata College, Immaculata  
7704 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana

7705 Mansfield University, Mansfield  
7702 Drexel University, Philadelphia (Bachelor's)  
7719 Drexel University, Philadelphia (Master's)  
7718 LaSalle University, Philadelphia  
7713 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh  
7706 Marywood University, Scranton  
7709 The Pennsylvania State University, University Park  
7717 West Chester University, West Chester

## **PUERTO RICO**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7802 University of Puerto Rico, San Juan

## **RHODE ISLAND**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

7902 University of Rhode Island, Kingston  
7903 Johnson & Wales University, Providence

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8006 Clemson University, Clemson  
8004 South Carolina State University, Orangeburg  
8005 Winthrop University, Rock Hill

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8102 South Dakota State University, Brookings  
8101 Mount Marty College, Yankton (closed 8/2005)

## **TENNESSEE**

### **Dietetic Technician Programs**

3066 Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis (formerly Shelby State Community College)

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8214 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga  
8211 Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville  
8215 Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City  
8204 East Tennessee State University, Johnson City  
8212 University of Tennessee College of Human Ecology, Knoxville  
8213 The University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin  
8207 The University of Memphis, Memphis  
8208 Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro  
8203 Lipscomb University, Nashville  
8210 Tennessee State University, Nashville

## **TEXAS**

### **Dietetic Technician Programs**

3068 Tarrant County College, Arlington  
3067 El Paso Community College, El Paso (closed 9/2006)  
3070 San Jacinto College Central, Pasadena (closed 8/2010)  
3085 St. Philip's College, San Antonio (closed 8/2004)

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8301 Abilene Christian University, Abilene  
8320 The University of Texas at Austin, Austin  
8304 Lamar University, Beaumont  
8325 Texas A&M University, College Station  
8318 Texas Woman's University, Denton  
8314 Texas Christian University, Fort Worth  
8315 Texas Southern University, Houston  
8319 University of Houston, Houston  
8308 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville  
8313 Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Kingsville  
8316 Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
8311 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches  
8307 Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View  
8303 University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio  
8309 Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos  
8327 Tarleton State University, Stephenville (closed 6/2004)  
8326 Baylor University, Waco

## **UTAH**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8403 Utah State University, Logan  
8401 Brigham Young University, Provo

## **VERMONT**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8501 University of Vermont, Burlington

## **VIRGINIA**

### **Dietetic Technician Programs**

3071 Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale (closed 12/2004)  
3072 J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond (closed 12/2001)  
3073 Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach (closed 12/2007)

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8605 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg  
8603 James Madison University, Harrisonburg  
8607 Norfolk State University, Norfolk  
8606 Virginia State University, Petersburg  
8604 Radford University, Radford

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Dietetic Technician Programs**

3074 Shoreline Community College, Seattle (closed 6/2009)  
3084 Spokane Community College, Spokane (closed 7/2004)

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8707 Central Washington University, Ellensburg  
8709 Bastyr University, Kenmore (Bachelor's)  
8710 Bastyr University, Kenmore (Master's)  
8705 Washington State University, Pullman (closed 5/2012)  
8708 Seattle Pacific University, Seattle  
8703 University of Washington, Seattle

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8801 Marshall University, Huntington  
8803 West Virginia University, Morgantown

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Dietetic Technician Programs**

3075 Madison Area Technical College, Madison (closed 8/2011)  
3077 Milwaukee Area Technical College, West Allis

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

8903 University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, Green Bay  
8905 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Dept. of Nutritional Sciences, Madison  
8907 University of Wisconsin–Stout, Menomonie  
8906 University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, Stevens Point

## **WYOMING**

### **Didactic Programs in Dietetics**

9001 University of Wyoming, Laramie

## TESTING OF APPLICANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Candidates applying for test accommodations must not sign in to the candidate account and register at this time. Instead, read and follow the instructions provided at [www.pearsonvue.com/accommodations](http://www.pearsonvue.com/accommodations). There you will find information about accommodations and the application process. It will also include information on comfort aids which do not require an accommodations application. Follow the instructions in the Guidelines for Candidates. Do not ask your physicians, other professionals, or other agencies providing documentation to mail your documents separately. **You must send all documentation together to the fax number in the Guidelines for Candidates.**

**All accommodation requests and supporting documents must be submitted for evaluation each time you want to test with accommodations.**

The Commission on Dietetic Registration makes every reasonable effort to accommodate applicants for the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians who are disabled, as that term is defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2008. Under the ADA, a person is disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits him or her in a major life activity.

In an effort to make the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians equally accessible to applicants with disabilities, testing accommodations are made available for candidates with diagnosed physical, mental, sensory, or learning disabilities, and who provide appropriate documentation.

All accommodations requests are evaluated by qualified professionals. Requests may also be submitted for independent external reviews by specialists in a particular impairment. It is important to understand that the mere documentation of the presence of a disability does not entitle you to accommodation(s). Rather, the impact of your disability on your ability to take this examination must be quantifiably documented.

**For all requests:** Candidates will be notified by letter whether or not your accommodations have been approved. If accommodations are approved, a letter will provide instructions on how to schedule the exam by telephone. If the candidate has not yet registered for the exam, a credit card is required when contacting the Accommodations Program Coordinator.

All candidates, regardless of accommodations, are still required to test before the one-year eligibility period expires. Apply as early as possible in advance so that sufficient time will be allowed to make the proper arrangements as **accommodations must be approved in advance of testing**. It is your responsibility to notify Pearson VUE of the need for accommodations.

Pearson VUE reserves the right to independently evaluate documentation submitted by all candidates who request accommodations.

Pearson VUE may refuse accommodations if adequate notice accompanied by complete documentation as set forth above is not provided. If accommodations are denied, the candidate will be required to test under standard conditions. Please register, pay, and schedule for your exam by following the instructions outlined in the Application Procedures of this Handbook.

Should you have any questions regarding your disability and/or required documentation, contact Pearson VUE at 888/874-7651 and ask for an accommodations Program Coordinator between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

## TEST CENTER INFORMATION

### Eligibility to Test

Approved candidates are eligible to test for a one-year period between the dates indicated on the Eligibility e-mail sent to the candidate by CDR's testing agency, Pearson VUE. Eligibility expires when the:

- candidate takes the examination;
- one-year eligibility period ends;
- candidate fails to cancel the testing appointment within the specified timeline (see page 12, Scheduling, Changing, or Cancelling an Appointment);
- candidate arrives late for the scheduled testing appointment (see page 13, Late Arrivals);
- candidate does not complete the examination during the test appointment (see page 13, Rules for the Examination);
- candidate fails to present an *original* (no photo copies), *valid* (unexpired) *government issued ID* that includes their name, photograph, and signature. If the candidate does not have the qualifying ID issued from the country they are testing in, a passport from their country of citizenship is required.

Candidates seeking reauthorization must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, by telephone (312/899-4859), by fax (312/899-4772) or online at [cdnet.org](http://cdnet.org) to request an examination reauthorization. The request should include the candidate's name and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics/CDR identification number.

### Test Administration

The Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians is administered at over two hundred and fifty (250) Pearson VUE professional test centers in the United States and selected international locations.

### Scheduling, Changing, or Cancelling an Appointment

Scheduling, changing, or cancelling an appointment is completed on the Pearson VUE Web Portal.

Sign in to your personal account using your user ID and password provided in your Eligibility e-mail.

Any changes to an appointment made through your online account must be completed **at least two (2) business days before your current test appointment date**. See the chart below:

If your test appointment is on .	All changes must be made by
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Thursday
Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday
Thursday	Monday
Friday	Tuesday

If you are rescheduling by **telephone, you must call during business hours at least two (2) business days in advance of your current test appointment**. Anytime an appointment is scheduled, changed, or cancelled, the candidate will receive confirmation of the transaction by e-mail. **It is the candidate's responsibility to verify your receipt of the scheduling or cancellation e-mail and your testing appointment date, time, and location.**

**If assistance in scheduling a test appointment is needed, please call Pearson VUE's Candidate Service Center at 888/874-7651, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Central Time, excluding holidays.**

### Late Arrivals

Candidates who arrive late for their testing appointment will not be seated. Candidates must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration at 312/899-4859 to be reauthorized to test. Candidates will be required to complete another examination application and pay the current examination application fee.

## **Admission to Examination**

**Candidates must bring the Scheduling Confirmation e-mail in order to be admitted to the Pearson VUE professional test center.** In addition, each Candidate is required to present one form of *original* (no photo copies), *valid* (unexpired) *government issued ID* that includes their name, photograph, and signature. If the candidate does not have the qualifying ID issued from the country they are testing in, a passport from their country of citizenship is required. The identification must reflect the candidate's current legal name and match the information on the profile created in the scheduling system. Workplace, college or university identification will not be accepted. For identity authentication, candidates will have their palm scanned using "Palm-Vein Recognition" biometric technology. Palm-Vein Recognition offers an accurate, safe form of positive identification and helps to maintain the examination's integrity.

If extreme weather conditions prohibit travel to the test center, the candidate must contact Pearson Vue by telephone (888/874-7615) within three days after the scheduled examination date in order to be reauthorized to take the examination at no cost to the candidate. Examination appointments that the test center cancels due to weather or other emergency conditions may be rescheduled at no cost to the candidate.

## **Rules for the Examination**

1. None of the following types of personal items may be taken into the testing room: cellular phones, hand-held computers/personal digital assistants (PDAs) or other electronic devices, pagers, watches, wallets, purses, hats (and other head coverings), bags, coats, books and notes. Studying is not allowed in the test center.
2. Candidates must store the following items in a secure area indicated by the administrator. Cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic devices must be turned off prior to placing them in the designated secure area. The testing center is not responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced personal items.
3. The Proctor may dismiss a candidate from the examination for any of the following reasons:
  - if the candidate's name on their government-issued photo identification does not match the name in Pearson VUE's system;
  - if a candidate's admission to the examination is unauthorized;
  - if a candidate creates a disturbance, is abusive or otherwise uncooperative;
  - if a candidate gives or receives help, or is suspected of doing so;
  - if a candidate attempts to remove test materials or notes from the test center;
  - if a candidate attempts to take the examination for someone else;
  - if a candidate has access to a cell phone or other electronic device during the testing session.
4. No visitors will be allowed at the test center.
5. An erasable notepad or exam-specific materials may only be used after the exam has started. The candidate cannot remove these items from the testing room at any time during the exam, and they must be returned to the administrator immediately after the exam.
6. A simple "Pop-Up" calculator is provided online, at each computer workstation. Handheld calculators will not be provided by the testing center. Examinees are not permitted to bring their own calculator.
7. Candidates will sit in an assigned workstation until escorted out by a Test Administrator. Eating, drinking, smoking, chewing gum and making noise that creates a disturbance for other candidates are prohibited during the exam.
8. Candidates are continuously monitored by the administrator during testing. The session may be videotaped or otherwise recorded for security or other purposes.
9. Candidates notify the administrator immediately if there is a problem that affects the candidate's ability to take the exam.

10. The exam timer will not be stopped for any **unscheduled breaks**. The administrator will set the workstation to the break mode and the candidate must take his/her ID when leaving the room. The administrator will verify ID before the candidate can return to his/her seat. The exam will then be restarted.
11. While taking an **unscheduled break**, candidates are NOT allowed access to personal items other than medication required at a specific time and with the approval of the test administrator. Items not permitted include but are not limited to: cellular phones, exam notes and study guides, unless specifically permitted by the exam sponsor.
12. Candidates are required to answer the current question before moving on to the next question. Candidates are not allowed to review previous questions or change previous responses.
13. Examination candidates must respond to the minimum number of examination questions (110) in order for the exam to be scored.
14. Candidates cannot remove copies of exam questions and answers from the testing center, and cannot share or discuss the questions or answers with other candidates.
15. At the end of the exam, the administrator will ensure that the candidate's exam ended properly. The exam sponsors **will** display the score on the screen after the exam or **will** provide a printed score report. The candidate will receive a printed score report **after** the erasable noteboard and other materials have been returned to the administrator.

## **FEES AND REFUNDS**

### **Examination Application Fee**

The examination application fee is separate from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics membership application fee, membership dues, and CDR registration maintenance fee. The entire examination fee of \$120 **must** be paid at the time of registration. The fee must be charged to a VISA®, American Express®, or MasterCard® credit card.

### **Examination Application Fee Refunds**

Candidate may cancel and obtain a refund of payment provided the cancellation is done a minimum of 2 business days before the appointment. Candidate may reschedule by scheduling and paying for another exam appointment, provided the candidate's eligibility to test period does not expire on or prior to the new testing appointment. If the eligibility expires before a new testing appointment can be made, the candidate must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to be reauthorized to test and pay another examination application fee. Refunds are not provided for candidates who fail the examination, or who do not arrive for an appointment.

## **REPORT OF RESULTS**

After completing the exam, examinees will receive a printed score report. Should examinees not receive a score report, they can obtain one by going to the Pearson VUE scheduling portal at [pearsonvue.com/CDR](http://pearsonvue.com/CDR) and sign in with their user ID and password, provided in the eligibility e-mail sent by Pearson VUE. Examinees can select View Score Report and print. The score report will provide the examinee's scaled score required to pass the examination. All test results are subject to verification.

The examination is scored on a scale of 1–50. The scaled score required to pass the examination is always 25. However, the number of questions the examinee must answer correctly to obtain the scaled score of 25 varies from one examination to another. This is because each examination includes a different set of questions. Based on examinee responses over time, we know that some questions may be slightly easier or more difficult than others. The computer adaptive test format evaluates the examinee's performance compared to the passing standard for the examination. The passing standard for the dietetic technician's examination was established with the implementation of the current test specifications.

In addition to monitoring the examinee's performance, the computer also monitors the difficulty level of the questions administered. If the examinee receives an examination that is slightly more difficult, fewer questions need to be answered correctly to pass the examination. Conversely, if the examinee receives a slightly easier examination, more questions must be answered correctly to pass the examination. This process ensures that examinees are neither rewarded nor penalized because they took an easier or more difficult examination.

In order to protect the security and integrity of the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians, the Commission on Dietetic Registration does not release to examinees the examination questions or the correct answers.

### **Candidates Passing the Examination**

Information relative to maintenance of your credential will be sent to the e-mail address provided on the application from the Commission on Dietetic Registration within three weeks after testing.

### **Examination Reauthorization**

An examinee who fails the examination or whose eligibility has expired (see page 12, Eligibility to Test) must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration in writing by telephone or online at [cdrnet.org](http://cdrnet.org) to be reauthorized. An examination application will **not** be automatically sent to examinees who must be reauthorized. Examinees will be allowed to retest 45 days after taking the examination unsuccessfully.

### **Appeals Procedure**

The Appeals Panel of the Commission on Dietetic Registration evaluates requests to review adverse decisions. The applicant must submit a written petition to the Commission on Dietetic Registration, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, within seven (7) calendar days after notification of an adverse decision. A \$20 Appeal Review Fee will be required with every appeal submitted. Appeals submitted without the \$20 fee will not be considered by the CDR Appeals Panel.

### **Confidentiality**

The Commission on Dietetic Registration will verify registration status to licensure boards, employers, and the public upon written or verbal request. Examination data and examination scores will not be released without written authorization from the candidate.

## **CONTENT OF THE EXAMINATION**

The examination content is divided into five content domains: Food and Nutrition Sciences (10%); Nutrition Care for Individuals and Groups (34%); Principles of Education and Training (7%); Foodservice Systems (22%); and Management of Food and Nutrition Services (27%). The examination includes questions that are intended to test at either the comprehension or application level. Comprehension questions require accurate understanding of concepts, principles, and procedures, and include the ability to translate information presented in different formats, such as graphs, tables, and formulas. Questions at the application level generally involve using information or knowledge to solve a problem, make a decision, select a course of action, and so on.

The examination is computer based and variable length. Each examinee will be given a minimum of one hundred and ten (110) questions; eighty (80) scored questions and thirty (30) pretest questions. The maximum number of questions possible is one hundred and thirty (130); one hundred (100) scored questions and thirty (30) unscored pretest questions. In order to receive a passing or a failing score report, the examinee **must** complete between 110–130 questions. During the examination, if the examinee does not respond to the minimum of 110 questions (for whatever reason), he/she will receive a failing score report. Pretesting is done to see how well items perform before they are used in the scored portion of any examination. The pretest questions cannot be distinguished from those that will be scored, so it is important that examinees answer all questions.

All of the questions on the examination are intended to be practice-related. Questions from any of the five content domains can appear anywhere in the examination; they are intermingled and do not appear in

content order.

**REGISTRATION EXAMINATION FOR DIETETIC TECHNICIANS TEST SPECIFICATIONS  
(EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012)**

	<b>Percent of Exam</b>
<b>I. FOOD AND NUTRITION SCIENCES</b>	<b>10%</b>
A. Principles of Food Preparation	
B. Food Composition	
C. Principles of Normal Nutrition	
<b>II. NUTRITION CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS</b>	<b>34%</b>
A. Screening and Assessment	
B. Diagnosis	
C. Planning and Intervention	
D. Monitoring and Evaluation	
<b>III. PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	<b>7%</b>
A. Assessment and Planning	
B. Implementation and Evaluation	
<b>IV. FOODSERVICE SYSTEMS</b>	<b>22%</b>
A. Menu Development	
B. Procurement and Supply Management	
C. Food Production, Distribution, and Service	
D. Sanitation, Safety, and Equipment	
<b>V. MANAGEMENT OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES</b>	<b>27%</b>
A. Human Resources	
B. Finance and Materials	
C. Marketing Products and Services	
D. Management Principles and Functions	
E. Quality Processes and Research	

The Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians is designed to evaluate a dietetic technician's ability to perform at the entry level. The content domains and assigned weights reflect the results of the 2010 Dietetics Practice Audit. The Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians study outline is located at <http://cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/2011%20DT%20Study%20Outline%20Final%20.pdf>

**COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION COMPUTER-BASED TESTING  
Q&A FACT SHEET**

**Examination Vendor Transition**

**Q. 1 Why is CDR changing testing vendors?**

**A** ACT, Inc., CDR's current testing agency, informed CDR earlier this year that it will no longer be administrating professional credentialing examination programs. CDR selected Pearson VUE as its testing agency after a rigorous RFP selection process.

**Q. 2 Will the examination administration and candidate experience be similar to what was experienced when ACT administered the examinations?**

**A** Yes. The transition of agencies from ACT to Pearson VUE will be seamless. Candidates should experience no change in their examination experience and score report. Pearson VUE was selected by CDR because there would not be a need to alter the current format and administration of the registration examination. CDR is confident that Pearson VUE will provide the same high-quality examination service that was experienced with ACT.

**Q. 3 As an examination candidate, what changes can I expect with this examination vendor transition?**

**A** Examinees granted exam eligibility that do not test prior to December 31, 2013 will need to contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration for reauthorization although the application fee will be waived. Otherwise, the registration and scheduling process will be similar or improved upon.

**Q. 4 As a result of changing administrators, will there be a change in the examination multiple choice question format?**

**A** No. The examination format will not change.

**Q. 5 Will there be a change in the Content Outline/Domains or Passing Score of the examination?**

**A** No. The Content Outline/Domains and Passing Score will not change with the transition of examination vendors. The Content Outline/Domains only change after a Dietetic Practice Audit has been conducted. The next Practice Audit will be conducted in 2015 and a new examination content outline will be effective January 2017.

**Q. 6 Will academic programs receive different candidate examination reports?**

**A** No. Since the examination content outline and format have not changed, the Summary by Registration Eligibility Pathway or institutional score reports by program will not change.

**Q. 7 Where will the computerized examinations be administered?**

**A** CDR's testing agency, Pearson VUE, has over two hundred fifty (250) approved examination test centers nationwide, conveniently located in professional office spaces. These test centers are located in similar geographic areas as the 243 ACT test centers. Candidates will receive the most updated test center listing at the time of test registration. Center locations are subject to change.

**Examination Format and Development Information**

**Q. 8 What is the difference between computer based testing (CBT) and computer adaptive testing (CAT)?**

**A** **Computer based testing (CBT)** is an umbrella term used to describe several formats of examinations administered by computer. These tests may range from conventional multiple-choice tests administered on a personal computer to virtual reality simulations.

**Computer adaptive testing (CAT)** is a specific type of computer based testing. An adaptive test is commonly shorter than a traditional paper-and-pencil test. CAT also results in more measurement efficiency as it administers questions that provide the most important information about the examinee's competence.

**Q. 9 How often will the computerized examinations be administered?**

**A** The examinations will be administered year round at over two hundred fifty (250) Pearson VUE test centers nationwide. Test sites are typically open Monday through Friday, with some centers also open on Saturdays.

**Q. 10 How often does the examination content outline (test specifications) change?**

**A** The content outline changes following the review and analysis of the Dietetics Practice Audit. The last Audit was conducted in 2010. The current content outline took effect January 1, 2012. The next Practice Audit will be conducted in 2015. The content outline will be updated based on this audit and the new content outline will be effective January 2017.

	Dietitians		Dietetic Technicians	
<b>Domain I</b>	Food and Nutrition Sciences	12%	Food and Nutrition Sciences	10%
<b>Domain II</b>	Nutrition Care for Individuals and Groups	50%	Nutrition Care for Individuals and Groups	34%

<b>Domain III</b>	Management of Food and Nutrition Programs and Services	21%	Principles, Education and Training	7%
<b>Domain IV</b>	Foodservice Systems	17%	Foodservice Systems	22%
<b>Domain V</b>			Management	27%

**Q.11 How many questions will be on the Registration Examination for Dietitians?**

**A** The examination will be variable length. Each examinee will be given, **and must receive**, a **minimum** of one hundred and twenty-five questions: one hundred (100) scored questions and twenty-five (25) pretest questions **in order for the examination to be scored**. The **maximum** number of questions possible is one hundred and forty-five (145): one hundred and twenty (120) scored questions, and twenty-five (25) un-scored pretest questions.

**Q. 12 How many questions will be on the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians?**

**A** The examination will be variable length. Each examinee will be given, **and must receive**, a minimum of one hundred and ten (110) questions; eighty (80) scored questions and thirty (30) pretest questions **in order for the examination to be scored**. The maximum number of questions possible is one hundred and thirty (130); one hundred (100) scored questions and thirty (30) un-scored pretest questions.

**Q. 13 Why did CDR choose to give examinees different questions and a variable length test?**

**A** The Commission made the decision to administer a unique variable length test to examinees for two reasons:

- Reducing the number of examinees who “see” each question enhances test security and ultimately the credibility of both the RD and DTR credentials.
- Administering only the number of questions needed to accurately assess the individual examinee’s competence to practice results in a shorter testing time for all examinees: maximum of 2½ hours versus the maximum of four hour and twenty minute testing time with the paper-pencil test. The length of the test will be shorter for those examinees who clearly pass or clearly fail after responding to the minimum number of questions (110 questions for DTR and 125 questions RD).

**Q. 14 Is a variable length test with different questions for each examinee equitable?**

**A** The computerized examinations are fair to all examinees for the following reasons:

- All examinees are given the opportunity to respond to the precise number of questions required to measure accurately their competence to practice at the entry-level. The minimum/maximum number of questions presented to examinees has been established based on actual simulation studies.
- All examinations are scored following the same passing standard.
- All examinations conform to the test specifications (content outline) for either the Registration Examination for Dietitians or the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians.

**Q. 15 Will the questions change in difficulty as I progress thru the CBT exam?**

**A** No. The purpose of CDR’s computerized examinations is to classify candidates as ready to practice or not ready to practice safely. Consequently, the item selection process chooses items that are most discriminating at the cut score. If a candidate is borderline, then all items will seem difficult.

**Q. 16 Does the difficulty level of the computer-based exam become more difficult if a candidate takes it more than one time?**

**A** No. The CDR registration exams are computer-based exams and there is nothing in the administration algorithm that identifies a candidate as a repeat candidate. The nature of the items or questions that a candidate receives is not based on the number of times the exam is taken.

If you analyze item performance after the fact, it is true that repeat candidates do not perform as well as the total population, but that would be true if we were to look only at failing candidates. When repeat candidate performance is mixed in with the total population, the high performance of the majority covers over the performance of the failing candidates.

**Examination Authorization and Fee Payment**

**Q. 17 How long after candidates complete registration eligibility requirements (academic and supervised practice) will it take to be authorized to test?**

**A** The entire process, from the time the Commission on Dietetic Registration receives the program director candidate eligibility information to the time the candidate receives the Pearson VUE examination application email, is 3 to 4 weeks.

**Q. 18 How much is the examination application fee?**

**A** The examination application fee for dietitians is \$200 and \$120 for dietetic technicians.

**Q. 19 Will the online examination application, sent with the link for the *Handbook for Candidates* by Pearson VUE, expire?**

**A** The examination application expires one year after it is issued by Pearson VUE. (Refer to page 1 of the *Handbook for Candidates*.) If the examination application process and examination are not completed within this one-year time period, the examinee must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to request reauthorization and a new application.

**Q. 20 Does the authorization to take the examination expire?**

**A** Yes. The CDR authorization to test expires after the test is taken or one (1) year after receipt of the examination application email, whichever occurs first. This means that examinees have 365 days from receipt of the application email from Pearson VUE to register, pay, schedule and complete the examination. If examinees take the test and are unsuccessful, they must contact CDR in order to re-establish eligibility to take the test again. It is important to note that some employers and licensure boards may establish shorter limits on the testing authorization period.

**Examination Experience**

**Q. 21 How much time will examinees have to complete the examination?**

**A** Examination testing appointments are three (3) hours; two and one-half (2 ½) hours to take the examination and thirty (30) minutes to complete a non-disclosure agreement, an introductory tutorial and a survey. The timer/clock will begin with question one of the examination. Examinees will have two and one-half (2 ½) hours to complete the examination once the timer/clock begins. The examinee will have the option to hide the clock during the examination.

**Q. 22 Will examinees be given an opportunity to become familiar with the computer before beginning the test?**

**A** Yes. Examinees will be allowed to take a tutorial on the computer prior to beginning the actual examination. This tutorial will include detailed instructions on taking the computerized examination and provide an opportunity to respond to practice questions. In addition, prior to the exam appointment, there will be a practice test available at [www.pearsonvue.com/CDR](http://www.pearsonvue.com/CDR) for candidates to download to experience the navigation of exams.

**Q. 23 Will a calculator be provided at the test center?**

**A** Yes. A simple "Pop-Up" calculator is provided online, at each computer workstation. Handheld calculators will not be provided by the testing center. Examinees are not permitted to bring their own calculator.

**Q. 24 Will the test questions be in multiple-choice format?**

**A** Yes. Each question has four (4) answer options.

**Q. 25 Will the test questions be numbered?**

**A** Yes. The examination questions will be numbered.

**Q. 26 Will examinees be allowed to change question responses, skip questions, or review question responses?**

**A** No. Each question will require a response in order to continue the examination process. Once an examinee answers a question and continues to the next question, the examinee is not permitted to review or change previous examination questions/responses.

**Q. 27 Why are there more pretest questions on the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians than the Registration Examination for Dietitians?**

**A** It is important that new questions be pre-tested for both examinations on a regular basis. The Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians was only administered once per year until 1996 and coupled with a small examinee volume reduced the number of pretest questions administered each year. With computerized testing and year round administration, CDR can pretest more questions and increase the bank of questions.

**Examination Scheduling, and Test Center Issues and Protocols**

**Q. 28 How should I report scheduling problems?**

**A** If you experience difficulty during scheduling, please contact Pearson VUE's Candidate Service Center at 1-888-874-7651.

**Q. 29 How should I report onsite testing problems?**

**A** If you experience technical difficulties during testing, please notify the test center personnel/ proctor immediately. Candidates are responsible for following the instructions for notifying the proctor of a testing problem.

**Special Accommodations**

**Q. 30 Will the Commission continue to make special accommodations for examinees with disabilities?**

**A** Yes. Reasonable accommodations for candidates with disabilities, provided appropriate medical documentation is submitted with the request for special testing accommodations, will be made. Refer to the *Handbook for Candidates* for specific documentation requirements. All evaluations will be done by Pearson VUE staff knowledgeable about the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Study Guides**

**Q. 31 Are there any other materials available to assist examinees in preparing to write the examination?**

**A** The Commission on Dietetic Registration publishes two study guides; *Study Guide for the Registration Examination for Dietitians*; and *Study Guide for the Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians*. Both study guides include a comprehensive study outline, references and practice examination. The practice examination is provided in both hard copy and online computer versions.

## Score Reports: Candidates

### Q. 32 When will examinees receive their score reports?

A Examinees will see scores on-screen when they complete their exams and printed score reports will be distributed to examinees by testing center staff as examinees leave the test center.

### Q. 33 What information will be included on the examinee score report?

A The examinee score report will include the examinee's scaled score and the scaled score required to pass the examination. In addition, the score report will also document the candidate's scaled sub-scores.

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2017

	Sub-Score Titles	Registration Examination for Dietitians	Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians
I	Food and Nutrition Sciences	Domains I, and II	Domains I, II, and III
II	Food Service Systems/ Management	Domains III and IV	Domains IV and V

### Q. 34 Will the scaled score required to pass the examination change from the current minimum passing scaled score of twenty-five (25)?

A The scaled score required to pass the examination will remain twenty-five (25) on a scale of one (1) to fifty (50).

### Q. 35 If the examinee decides to stop before responding to the minimum number of questions required to make a pass/fail decision, will the examinee's score be reported as a "fail?"

A No. If an examinee does not respond to the minimum number of questions required to make a pass/fail decision, the examination will not be scored. The examinee will receive a form documenting their decision to quit the examination. The examinee must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to be reauthorized to test. No refunds will be provided.

## Score Reports: Academic Programs

### Q. 36 Will dietetics education program directors receive institutional score reports?

A Yes. Program directors will receive institutional reports in February and August of each year. The institutional score report will include scaled scores for program graduates (examinee names will only be included if the examinee authorized release of scores with examinee name), percentile ranks, national mean scores, institutional examinee mean scores, and scaled sub-scores.

## Examination Reauthorization

### Q. 37 How soon can unsuccessful examinees retake the registration examination?

A Examinees will be allowed to retest forty-five (45) days after taking the examination unsuccessfully. They must contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to be reauthorized as examination-eligible and pay the current examination application fee.

### Q. 38 Under what conditions must the examinee contact the Commission on Dietetic Registration to be reauthorized to test?

A The examinee must contact the Commission to be reauthorized to test:

- when the examinee registers with ACT but does not test by December 31, 2013.
- when the examinee fails the examination,
- when the examinee's one-year authorization period ends,
- when the candidate fails to cancel the testing appointment within the specified timeline,
- when the candidate arrives late for the scheduled testing appointment, and
- when the candidate chooses to terminate the examination before answering the minimum number of questions.

### Q. 39 How often may examinees take the registration examination?

A Once an examinee establishes eligibility to take the examination there is no limit on the number of times an examinee may take the examination, provided the examinee waits the required forty-five (45) days between test dates. Please check with your state licensure board for state specific requirements regarding retesting for licensure purposes.

### Q. 40 What is the last day examinees can register and schedule test appointments with ACT?

A The last day to register and schedule a test appointment with ACT is Friday, December 27, 2013. The last possible day for testing with ACT is Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Please see Q. 44 regarding exam authorization.

### Q. 41 What is the last day examinees can test with ACT?

A The last day to test with ACT is Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Same day scheduling is not available so test appointments need to be scheduled no later than Friday, December 27, 2013.

- Q. 42 What is the first day examinees can register and schedule a test appointment through Pearson VUE?**  
**A** Examinees can register through Pearson VUE and schedule an exam beginning Friday, November 1, 2013. The first day appointments are available at Pearson VUE test centers is Thursday, January 2, 2014.
- Q. 43 What is the first day testing is available at Pearson VUE test centers?**  
**A** The first day appointments are available at Pearson VUE test centers is Thursday, January 2, 2014.
- Q. 44 Will examinees' ACT exam authorizations still be valid after December 31, 2013?**  
**A** No. If examinees receive exam authorizations from ACT, but do not test by December 31, 2013, they will need to reapply for authorization through Pearson VUE. Application fees will be waived.

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