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HOW SPECIALIST AND ADVANCED CREDENTIALS BENEFIT YOUR CAREER

CAREER ADVANCEMENT | DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS



In this resource, CDR has chosen to use the term RDN to refer to both registered dietitians (RDs) and registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs).

BENEFITS TO YOU

Confirm your knowledge in an area of nutrition and dietetics practice by obtaining an advanced or specialist credential.

Assure your patients/clients and interprofessional team members that you have enhanced knowledge and skills.

Establish yourself as a leader in an area of practice and an essential resource for patients/clients, interprofessional team members, and the community.



CAREER SATISFACTION

Acquiring an advanced or specialist credential validates enhanced nutrition and dietetics skills and abilities that can help practitioners progress their career.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND HIGHER COMPENSATION

Practitioners holding an advanced or specialist credential tend to earn higher salaries and see greater professional leadership opportunities and career advancement.

DEMONSTRATE EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO OTHERS

The Focus Area Standards of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance documents for the RDN can assist in outlining expert-level RDN knowledge and skills.

BENEFITS TO YOUR EMPLOYER

Hire RDN practitioners who are experts in one or more of the following areas:

- Advanced Practitioner in Clinical Nutrition
- Gerontological Nutrition
- Obesity and Weight Management
- Oncology Nutrition
- Pediatric Nutrition
- Pediatric Critical Care Nutrition
- Renal Nutrition
- Sports Dietetics



Focus Area Standards of Practice and Standards of Professional Performance inform employers of the proficient- and/or expert-level activities advanced and specialist RDNs may be able to perform. These tools help employers develop position descriptions, career ladders and performance incentives for their staff.

Holding an advanced or specialist credential correlates with confident and independent practice, leadership within the interprofessional team, advanced clinical practice tasks, and expert decision-making.

ADVANTAGES TO EMPLOYERS

01

Performs proficient- and/or expert-level activities in focus areas of practice

02

Improves patient and student/intern outcomes and satisfaction

03

Demonstrates quality practice and leadership in the interprofessional team

04

Earns recognition through professional presentations and publications

