



Examination development process

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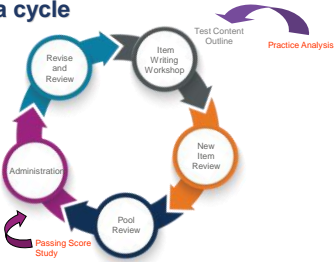
How do items get on the exam?




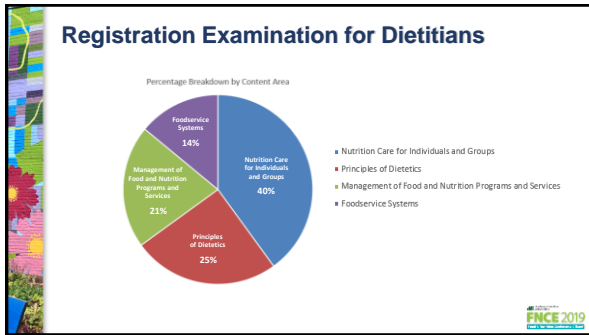


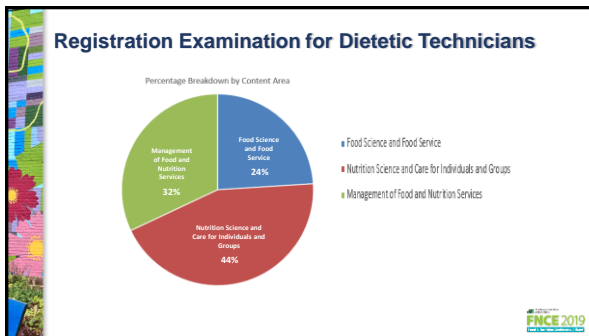


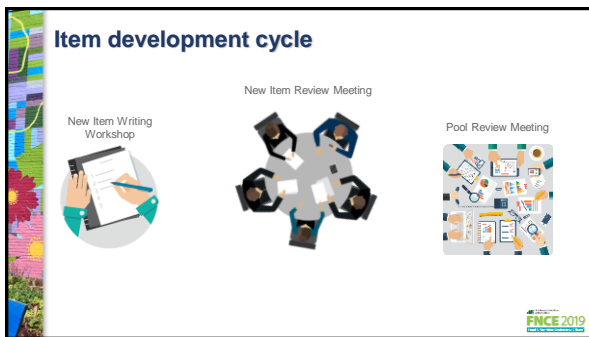
Testing is a cycle











CDR Registration Examination for Dietitians

CBT Type: CAT for Ability
 Test Length: 125 – 145 items
 Total Time: 3.0 hours
 Tutorial: ~ 30 minutes
 Exam: 2.5 hours

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CDR Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians

CBT Type: CAT for Ability
 Test Length: 110 – 130 items
 Total Time: 3.0 hours
 Tutorial: ~ 30 minutes
 Exam: 2.5 hours

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The testing process

- Each test is composed of:
 - Scored items
 - Pretest items (unscored)
- Scored items determine pass/fail status
- Pretest items are not identified to the examinee
 - Results are analyzed by psychometric staff
 - Acceptable items become part of the scored item pool

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Non-disclosure agreement

I understand that the content of this examination is confidential. No part of the materials conveyed during this examination may be copied, downloaded, reproduced, stored, disseminated, transferred, or used in any form by any means without prior consent of the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Final adjudications will be reported to all applicable administrative agencies. By accepting this non-disclosure agreement you are acknowledging that you have read and understand all policies and procedures in the Handbook for Candidates.

I certify that I have read and understand the terms written above and will neither give or receive assistance of any nature.

- A. Yes. I have read the above statement and **AGREE** to terms thereof.
- B. No. I have read the above statement and **DO NOT AGREE** to terms thereof.

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Non-disclosure agreement

Meaning of Non-Disclosure agreement

- Legal and ethical

Noncompliance with statement

- One candidate was made ineligible to test for a period of two years.
- One candidate was made permanently ineligible to test for any CDR credentialing examination.

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Tutorial screens – Functionality

The screenshot displays the FNCE 2019 National Examination interface. It features a navigation bar at the top with tabs for 'Registration Information', 'Registration Examination for Dietitians', 'Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians', and 'Candidate Name'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Multiple Choice' and 'Calculator Tutorial'. The 'Multiple Choice' section includes a 'Next' button and a 'Previous' button. The 'Calculator Tutorial' section includes a 'Next' button and a 'Previous' button. A hand-held calculator is shown on the right side of the screen, with the text 'A hand held calculator is available upon request.' overlaid on it. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Next' button and a 'Previous' button.

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Dietitian Examination sample item

Which of the following types of enteral nutrition is recommended for patients who will need enteral feeding for more than 4 weeks after undergoing an esophagectomy?

- A. Nasogastric
- B. Gastrostomy
- C. Jejunostomy
- D. Nasojejunal

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Important tips

- Choose the **best** answer of the four options provided.
 - The **overall** best answer may **not** be among the four options, but one of the four options is better than the remaining options.
 - Know the steps in a process.
- Focus on the question being asked and the answer options provided.
- Do not try to second guess, or "read into" the item or answer options.
- If you are making a calculated guess, your first answer is usually the best.

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Score reporting

Scale Scores Reported

- Total test score (maximum 50)
- Sub scaled scores (maximum 30 per section)
 - Food and Nutrition Sciences
 - Foodservice Systems/Management


Passing Score

- Scale Score of 25 minimum (on the total test)

Printed score report given to examinee at test center.

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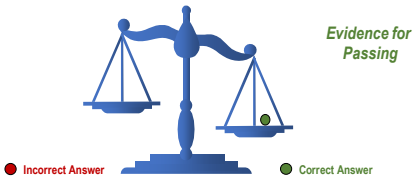
Important tip to remember



CAT Exam

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Correct answers contribute to a passing decision




Evidence for Passing

● Incorrect Answer ● Correct Answer

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Incorrect answers contribute to a failing decision

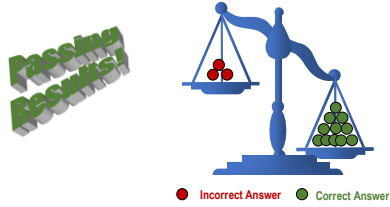


Evidence for Failing

● Incorrect Answer ● Correct Answer

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Questions are administered until a decision is made



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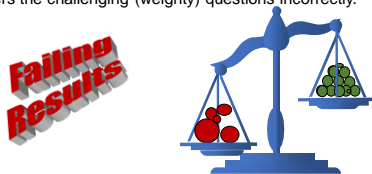
Important tips to remember

- The questions you are administered are **NOT** chosen based on your response to a previous question.
- Items are chosen based on:
 - Content specifications
 - Item information
- Scaled scores are **NOT** a direct conversion from number of questions answered correctly.
- Not all items are equal.
- Some items "weigh" more.

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An extreme example

A candidate gets most of the light weight questions correct, but answers the challenging (weighty) questions incorrectly.



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Important points to remember

- Never stop the exam on your own!
- Always let the computer tell you when it has gained enough information to stop the exam... even if you have answered more than the minimum number of items.
- Watch the item count to assure you answer the minimum number of items.
 - You **must** answer 110 DTR items or 125 RD items.
 - You **must** select a response for each item in order to move forward to the next item.
 - You **must** answer the minimum number of exam questions within 2.5 hours in order for the exam to be scored.
- If the minimum number of questions are not answered after 2.5 hours, the exam will be terminated and the candidate will receive a score of 2 – indicating that the exam was not completed.

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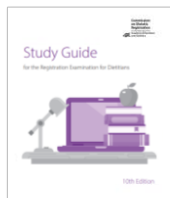
How to prepare for a CDR test

- Reference the comprehensive Study Outline
- Use the Study Guide
- Practice with the on-line examination
- Take the examination ASAP after eligibility is established

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To purchase CDR Study Guide

<http://www.cdrnet.org>
1-800-877-1600 x5000
FNCE bookstore



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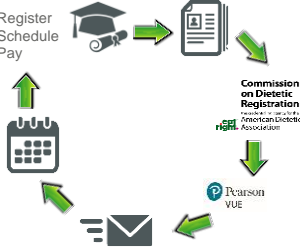
Examination registration and scheduling

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The eligibility process

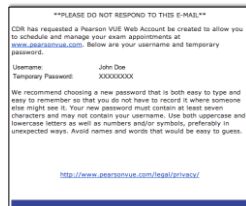
1. Register
2. Schedule
3. Pay



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Authorization to test

- Exam title
- Time period of your authorization
- Candidate Client ID for first time users
- Links to important websites and information:
the CDR website, Pearson VUE website, Pearson VUE call center contact number, and CDR candidate handbook.



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Test center search

Test Center Search

Exam Selection: All Registration Examination for Candidates | Language: English

Select a location (e.g., 10000 Peachtree Dunwoody, Atlanta, GA 30328, United States)

Search

You can select up to three test centers to compare availability.

Web user can zoom to street level of the test center if

Search by address, city and state, or zip code

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Appointment selection

Choose Appointment

Exam Selection: All Registration Examination for Candidates | Language: English

Test Center: Pearson Professional Centers Chicago Pearson Pro

Select Date: [Click on Change Appointment to return to appointment selection - Choose date page](#)

January 2019 February 2019

Available from: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Pearson Professional Centers Chicago Pearson Pro

Working: ☐ Afternoon: ☐

Click on Change Test Center to clear appointment selection and return to test center search

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My order

My Order

Description	Details	Price	Actions
Exam Selection: All Registration Examination for Candidates	Appointment: Thursday, February 7, 2019 Start Time: 09:00 AM CDT Change Appointment	200.00	Remove
Location: Pearson Professional Centers Chicago Pearson Pro	Address: 10000 Peachtree Dunwoody, Atlanta, GA 30328, United States Change Test Center		

Total Due: 200.00

Subtotal: 200.00

Estimated Tax: 0.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL DUE: USD 200.00

Click on Change Appointment to return to appointment selection - Choose date page

Click on Change Test Center to clear appointment selection and return to test center search

Click Remove to clear appointment

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Checkout – Step 1: Confirm personal information

Checkout - Step 1 of 5: Confirm Personal Information

Important! Your name must exactly match the identification that is presented at the test center or you will not be able to take your exam.

Name: Test Record

Telephone: 416-494-6218

Candidate Preferences: None

Proceed

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Checkout – Step 2: Agree to policies

Checkout - Step 2 of 5: Agree to Policies

CDR Policies

Admission Policy
We use that you are at the testing center 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment. Please be prepared to show a valid government-issued photo ID for admission and exam fees (to be collected).

Cancellation Policy
If you wish to cancel or reschedule your exam, you must contact Pearson VUE at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment. Rescheduling incurs a fee.

Rescheduling Policy
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I Agree

Candidate must agree to policies to move forward in scheduling process.

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Checkout – Step 3: Enter payment

Checkout - Step 3 of 5: Enter Payment

Order Total

Subtotal: 200.00

Estimated Tax: 0.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL DUE: 200.00

[Add Visa/Amex or Prepaid Card](#) [View Details](#)

Please enter information as it appears on your credit card.

Card Details

Pay Now

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Checkout – Submit order

Verify appointment details before finalizing selected date and time.

Confirm Order Details

Description	Details	Price
Exam Registration Examination for Dietitian Registration	Appointment Date/Time: 12/12/2019 12:00 PM (EST) Location Pearson VUE Center Chicago (Wacker Drive) 1111 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60601 Contact Person	200.00

Important tip to remember

- If you do not receive an appointment confirmation email from Pearson VUE upon completing your order...
You do not have an appointment
- Return to your account on the Pearson VUE website and be sure to select the "Submit Order" button to complete your order

EMAIL

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Enhanced customer service

Customer Service

Chat is the quickest way to reach a customer service agent. If chat is unavailable, click on your region below for further contact information.

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[Sign Up](#) [Create Account](#)

[Find a test center](#)

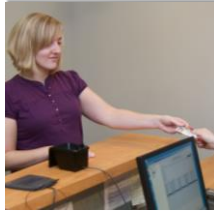
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[Test accommodations](#)

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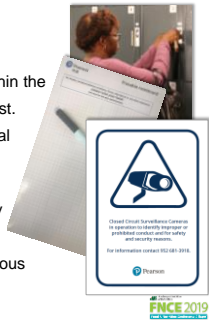
- Your name must match the name on the Authorization to Test e-mail
- You must present a government issued picture ID reflecting your name as it appears on the Authorization to Test e-mail (driver's license, state ID card, or passport).



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Test center protocols

- Non-scientific calculators are provided within the exam, handheld are available upon request.
- Lockers are provided to store your personal affects.
- Only test center issued white boards are allowed in the testing room for security purposes.
- All potential security breaches and suspicious behavior are reported to CDR.



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Bathroom breaks

- Part of examination time
- The count-down clock does not stop
- Re-admission time to testing area
- ID verification upon return from break



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Tips for testing day

- **Review the candidate handbook** to refresh your awareness of policies and procedures
- **Get a good night's sleep** before you take your exam. Being well rested and relaxed when you take your exam will help you concentrate on the task at hand.
- **Bring a current form of identification.** The form of ID must be a government issued ID with a photo and signature, like a driver's license, state ID, or passport. Keep in mind that the name you made your reservation in and your ID must match.
- **Travel light.** The only thing that can be brought into the testing room is you. Everything else, including your watch, cell phone, pager, purse, etc., **MUST** be secured elsewhere. The testing centers have lockers to store personal belongings, but the less you bring with you the better. Study materials as well as food and drink are prohibited in the test center.

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Tips for testing day (cont.)


- **Know where the test center is** before you try to get there. Like heavy traffic, getting lost can stress you out and cause you to miss your appointment. You may want to do a "dry run" to make sure you know where you are going.
- **Give yourself plenty of time** to get to the test center. Remember, you **MUST** be there at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the exam for registration. Traffic issues can do more than stress you out—they can cause you to miss your appointment.

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Practice Applications

- Understand important attributes of test construction and delivery
- Use the resources available to prepare for the exam:
 - Study Outline
 - Study Guide
 - Online Practice Exam
- Effectively navigate the online registration and scheduling process

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Q & A

Thank you for your time
today!

