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Learning Outcomes

- Anticipate the nature of questions on the registration examination and exam format
- Effectively navigate the online registration, payment and scheduling process in order to take the examination
- Utilize key resources, such as the Study Guide for the Registration Examination, to successfully prepare to take the examination
Examination development process

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How do items get on the exam?

Testing is a cycle
Registration Examination for Dietitians

- Nutrition Care for Individuals and Groups: 42%
- Principles of Dietetics: 12%
- Management of Food and Nutrition Programs and Services: 22%
- Foodservice Systems: 23%

Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians

- Food Science and Food Service: 17%
- Nutrition Science and Care for Individuals and Groups: 44%
- Management of Food and Nutrition Services: 32%
- Food Science: 24%

Item development cycle

- New Item Writing Workshop
- New Item Review Meeting
- Pool Review Meeting
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

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

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
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.

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.

A hand held calculator is available upon request.
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

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.

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.
Important tip to remember

Correct answers contribute to a passing decision

Incorrect answers contribute to a failing decision
Questions are administered until a decision is made

- Incorrect Answer
- Correct Answer

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.

An extreme example

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

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

To purchase CDR Study Guide

http://www.cdrnet.org
1-800-877-1600 x5000
FNCE bookstore
Examination registration and scheduling

- Bob Blackwood, Business Development Manager

The eligibility process

1. Register
2. Schedule
3. Pay

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
  - CDR candidate handbook.
Online scheduling
Available – 24/7 x 365
Accessible – WCAG 2.0 compliant
Responsive – mobile friendly
Feature-rich – interactive

Exam details page

My authorization information
View details about candidate authorization for the selected exam
Search by address, city and state, or zip code.

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

Appointment selection

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.

My order

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.
Checkout – Step 1: Confirm personal information

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

Checkout – Step 2: Agree to policies

Checkout – Step 3: Enter payment
Checkout – Submit order

Verify appointment details before finalizing selected date and time.

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.

Important tip to remember

Enhanced customer service
Important tips to remember

- 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).

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.

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
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.

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.

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
Q & A

Thank you for your time today!