

### **CDR's Role**

The mission of the Commission, as the credentialing agency and organization unit of the Academy, is to administer rigorous valid and reliable credentialing processes to protect the public and meet the needs of CDR credentialed practitioners, employers and consumers. The Academy owns the credentials; however CDR as the administratively autonomous credentialing agency for the Academy is charged in the Bylaws with the establishment of registration eligibility requirements for its certification programs. Although CDR has sole and independent authority in all matters related to the administration of its certification programs, CDR does take direction from the Academy. CDR maintains a registry of over 100,000 credentialed dietetics practitioners.

### **CDR Governance**

Credentialed practitioners, RDs and DTRs, elect Commission members for three-year terms. Since 1990, an elected DTR member has served on the Commission. A Board Certified Specialist was also included on CDR since the implementation of the specialty certification programs. A public representative has held a position on CDR since 1984 and has full rights and privileges. Beginning in June 2006, a newly credentialed registered dietitian serves on the Commission for a two-year term. In all, the Commission currently consists of 11 members, 9 who are RDs, 1 of whom is newly credentialed, 1 DTR and 1 public representative.

### **2015-2016 Commission on Dietetic Registration**

#### ***Chair***

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NDTR Representative  
Kevin Grzeskowiak, NDTR, FMP

### **Newly Credentialed Practitioner Representative**

Katie Hardison, MS, RDN, LDN

### **External Accreditation**

The Commission submits its certification programs for review and voluntary accreditation to the National Commission for Certifying Agencies to ensure compliance with accepted administrative and psychometric standards. All of CDR's certification programs have met these rigorous standards and are fully accredited by NCCA, the accrediting arm of the **Institute of Credentialing Excellence** based in Washington D.C.

### **CDR Scope**

CDR currently administers eight separate and distinct credentialing programs: the Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist; the Dietetic Technician, Registered; Board Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition; Board Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition, Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics, Board Certified Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition, Board Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition and Advanced Practice in Clinical Nutrition.

### **CDR New Initiatives include:**

#### **Practice Competencies Initiative**

The CDR Competency Assurance Panel collaborated with the Academy's Quality Management Committee on the development of dietetics practice competencies and performance indicators. These competencies and performance indicators will replace the current learning need codes for the Professional Development Portfolio recertification system in 2015 beginning with new registrants whose registration begins on or after June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 and current registrants beginning their June 1, 2016 recertification cycle. CDR will provide resources to dietetics practitioners to assist them in this transition.

The CDR website has been updated to include a Practice Competencies page <http://www.cdrnet.org/competencies> which include an Educator Toolkit designed to assist educators in introducing students to the practice competencies and webinars providing helpful background information. The Educator Toolkit is also available on the NDEP portal. .

**A live webinar targeted to students is scheduled for April 20, 2016**

**Students Webinar: Your PDP and Practice Competencies: What's Next and What's in It for You?**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

12:00 pm | Central Daylight Time (Chicago, GMT-05:00) | 1 hr 30 mins

**[Register](#)**

After your request has been approved, you'll receive instructions for joining the meeting.

**Advanced Clinical Nutrition Certification**

In June 2011, CDR appointed the Advanced Clinical Dietetics Practice Audit Task Force charged to conduct an Advanced Clinical Dietetics Practice Audit.

The Task Force proposed the following clinical nutrition practice definition for purposes of the study: *Clinical nutrition practice is the provision of direct nutrition care to individuals and/or groups.*

Over the following eighteen months the Task Force worked with practice audit consultants to conduct an advanced practice market feasibility study, cognitive interviews to ensure that the practice audit task statements are interpreted by respondents as intended, draft the practice audit survey instrument task statements, and a pilot-test of the audit survey instrument. The survey instrument was revised based on the pilot-test results and mailed in early January 2013. The response to the first phase online study survey exceeded expectations with a 39% response rate. The second phase of the study was completed in late March 2013 with a 49% response rate.

The Task Force analyzed the study results and identified an advanced practice study population of RDNs with eight or more years of experience and a minimum of a master's degree distinguished by their autonomous practice, presentations and /or publications. In November the Task Force presented a motion to CDR recommending the development of an advanced practice in clinical nutrition certification program. The Commission approved this recommendation at its November teleconference. CDR appointed an Advanced Practice Certification Development Panel in June 2014. This Panel together with examination development workgroups is currently in the process of developing the examination. Additional information regarding eligibility requirements, examination content outline and the list of newly certified advanced practitioners is available at the following link <http://www.cdrnet.org/board-certification-in-advanced-practice> The next examination administration is scheduled for November

2016.

### **Interdisciplinary Specialist Certification Request**

In February 2013, representatives of the Weight Management and Diabetes Care and Education Dietetics Practice Groups submitted a petition for the development of a new weight management and obesity specialist certification for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists to the Academy's Council on Future Practice, the organization unit charged with the evaluation of new specialist certification petitions. The Council on Future Practice carefully considered this request over the next several months. In June 2013, CDR received the request to implement a specialist certification in obesity and weight management for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists from the Council on Future Practice. CDR agreed to move forward with this specialist certification at its July 2013 meeting.

In August/September 2013 CDR received a request from representatives of the Weight Management Dietetics Practice Group and The Obesity Society to consider offering this new Specialist certification as a interdisciplinary certification. Letters of support for this request were received from the Executive Committees of both the Weight Management and Diabetes Care and Education Dietetics Practice Groups. CDR met with representatives of The Obesity Society, and the WM and DCE DPGs during FNCE. CDR has appointed a Task Force, including representatives of both the Council on Future Practice and the Academy Board of Directors, to consider all facets of this recommendation. The Task Force considered input from leaders in existing interdisciplinary certification programs such as the Certified Diabetes Educator, regulatory board perspectives, and DPG member comments. After careful consideration of this input the Task Force and CDR have concurred on the decision to move forward on the development of the Board Certified Specialist in Obesity and Weight Management as an interdisciplinary certification. CDR has appointed an Interdisciplinary Specialist Certification in Obesity and Weight Management Task Force including representatives from the following disciplines Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Clinical Social workers, clinical psychologists, and exercise physiologists. In August 2014, CDR extended invitations to the professional organizations for the allied health professions listed above to participate in the practice audit/analysis process. The Task Force met for the first time in January 2015 to begin drafting the practice analysis survey instrument. The practice analysis was conducted in Fall 2015. The results have been used to develop the examination content outline and eligibility requirements. This information is available on the CDR website at the following link <https://www.cdrnet.org/interdisciplinary>. The test development vendor will be identified in March 2016. The first examination administration is targeted for fall/winter 2016.

### **Assessing Prior Learning Online Course**

CDR is developing an online Assessing Prior Learning course designed to provide dietetics educators with tools and resources to assist them with assessing prior learning of non-traditional students. The course includes sample case studies, prior learning

assessment standards, resources and tips for establishing an assessing prior learning program in their institution. A pilot-test was completed earlier this year. The course will be available as a free resource on CDR's online learning platform later this Spring.

### **NDTR Registration Eligibility Pathway for DPD Program Graduates**

The following chart summarizes the registration examination for dietetic technician's statistics for each of the three registration eligibility pathways. Pathway 3 for graduates of Didactic Programs in Dietetics was implemented in June 2009 with the intent of increasing both the overall number and geographic distribution of NDTRs.

An FAQ addressing the new NDTR credential option and *Guidelines for Credential Placement* are available on CDR's website homepage [www.cdrnet.org](http://www.cdrnet.org).

### **Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians First -Time Candidates**

**Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians  
First Time Candidates**

	Total Eligible	Total Tested & Percentages *	Percent Passing							
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pathway 1 (Traditional Associate Degree)	2878	1804 63%	56%	67%	65%	61%	62%	72%	68%	73%
Pathway 2 (DPD + Supervised Practice)	22	17 77%	63%	50%	50%	0%	100%	0%	100%	0
Pathway 3 (DPD Only)	6913	3218 47%	66%	65%	66%	64%	67%	74%	73%	64%

Percentages in total tested column reflect the total number of first-time examinees compared to the total eligible population from 2009 to 2016 ytd.

Total Eligible column includes Dietetic Technician Pathway 3 candidates since implementation June 1, 2009.

**Current CDR Related Questions of Interest to Educators** (additional questions and answers are included on the NDEP Q/A available at the link noted below)

<http://www.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/NDEPQASummer2015.pdf>

## **Why does CDR give candidates a choice whether to provide their name or not?**

Examination candidates have the legal right to protect their privacy. When they take the registration examination, they are former students of dietetics programs and are not obligated to provide their name to their previous academic or supervised practice programs. Program directors are encouraged to counsel their students about the importance of releasing their name along with the examination scores for program evaluation purposes.

Examination candidates are required by Pearson VUE, CDR's testing agency, to respond to the following question at the time they apply and pay for their registration examination in advance of the testing date. The candidate is not able to alter their response after submitting their reservation.

*"Pearson VUE will send my test scores to my program director. I authorize Pearson VUE to send my name as well to my program director.*

*Yes*

*No*

*Test results are only used by the program director as part of ongoing program evaluation to improve program effectiveness."*

## **Who should program directors contact when they have problems accessing institutional program reports, or have concerns regarding the accuracy of report data?**

All ACEND Dietetics Education Program Directors receive two e-mail communications regarding the availability of the following institutional examination summary reports annually. In February the following reports are sent: July – December 6-month summary report, five-year summary report and the one-year testing summary report, and in August the January to June 6-month summary report, from CDR's testing agency, Pearson VUE. Two emails are sent to the program director; the first email contains the current CDR Program Director report login/user name and the second contains the password.

The reports are available by visiting <https://pearsoncdrreport.streamworksmn.com>. The reports can be viewed online or the PDF can be downloaded. It is recommended that program directors save their reports in a local folder so they can easily access them for future reference. For any questions on accessing your reports program directors may contact [CDRProgramReport@Pearson.com](mailto:CDRProgramReport@Pearson.com).

For questions or concerns regarding the accuracy of the reports, please contact Elaine Butler ([ebutler@eatright.org](mailto:ebutler@eatright.org)) at CDR.

## **CDR Presentation References/Links:**

### **CDR Funded Scholarships, Grants and Awards administered by the Academy Foundation**

**The Academy Foundation awards;**

**10 - \$10,000 CDR Doctoral Scholarships annually**

**20 - \$5,000 CDR Diversity Scholarships annually**

<http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/scholarships/>

**The Academy Foundation awards;**

<http://www.eatrightfoundation.org/foundation/awards/> **CDR Grassroots Marketing Grant and CDR Leadership Awards**

**NEW CDR Fellowship administered by the Academy Foundation;  
4-\$10,000 Fellowships for PhDs pursuing the RD credential**

### **RD Test Specifications**

<https://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-examination-test-specifications-2017>

### **DT Test Specifications**

<https://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-examination-test-specifications-dt-2017>

### **RD Study Outline**

<https://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-examination-for-dietitians-study-outline--2017>

### **DT Study Outline**

<https://www.cdrnet.org/certifications/registration-examination-for-dietetic-technician-study-outline--2017>

### ***Council on Future Practice Visioning Report – 2012***

[http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item\\_type=xm\\_file&id=10369](http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item_type=xm_file&id=10369)

***Final Report of the Joint Meeting of the Council on Education for Nutrition on Dietetics, Commission on Dietetic Registration, Council on Future Practice, Education Committee, Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors DPG***

[http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item\\_type=xm\\_file&id=11703](http://cdrnet.org/pub/file.cfm?item_type=xm_file&id=11703)

***Council on Future Practice Visioning Report and Consensus Agreement for Moving Forward the Continuum of Dietetics Education, Credentialing, and Practice – Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, December 2013.***

[http://www.andjrn.org/article/S2212-2672\(13\)01561-X/pdf](http://www.andjrn.org/article/S2212-2672(13)01561-X/pdf)



**Graduate Degree Registration Eligibility Requirement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/Graduate%20Degree%20FAQ.pdf>

**Graduate Degree Requirement Student Options**

<https://www.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/Graduate%20Degree%20Requirement%20Student%20Options%20923%20mg.pdf>

**Dietetics Preceptor FREE Online Training Course-8 CPEUs**

<http://www.cdrcampus.com>

**Practice Competencies Initiative**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/competencies>

**Advanced Clinical Nutrition Practice Certification**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/board-certification-in-advanced-practice> (2/2015)

**Program Director Link CDR Website**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/program-director>

**NDEP Q & A – (8/2015)**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/vault/2459/web/files/NDEPQA2015.pdf>

**2011 Dietetics Workforce Demand Study Results and Recommendations and Informational Webinars**

<http://www.cdrnet.org/resource-articles>