

SKILLS CERTIFICATE, DIETETIC TECHNICIAN

Note: This degree/certificate leads to professional licensure. Licensure requirements vary by state/territory and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. Please visit our Professional Licensure Programs (<https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/professional-licensure-programs/>) page for full details on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

Program Description

The Skills Certificate, Dietetic Technician is unique to the student who has earned a BS degree in dietetics but has not completed a dietetic internship to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). It provides the opportunity to gain additional experience in the field, providing a professional pathway for completing students to enter the field at the entry-level and as a professional development certification.

This program is not eligible for financial aid. However, it may be eligible for scholarship funding if the student is awarded scholarships.

Accreditation information can be found on the Nutrition Department Website (<http://www.tmcc.edu/dietetic-technician/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

1st semester		Units
NUTR 291	Nutrition Internship-Food Service (Certificate)	3
NUTR 292	Nutrition Internship-Community (Certificate)	3
Semester Total		6
2nd semester		Units
NUTR 293	Nutrition Internship-Clinical (Certificate)	3
Semester Total		3
Total Units		9

A student with a four-year didactic degree in nutrition from an institution accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) may qualify as a Track 3 student.

The following conditions must be met with documentation provided to the Dietetic Technician Program Coordinator:

- Official Copies of All Transcripts.
- The original Statement of Verification issued by an Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics accredited four-year institution. The Statement of Verification must be for a didactic program in dietetics.

To complete the program to be eligible to take the national exam for DTR, students with a four-year degree must complete three of the three-unit courses comprised of 450 hours of supervised work experience at a satisfactory level.

To be considered for acceptance as a Track 3 student, please contact the Dietetic Technician Program Coordinator, Heather Williams at 775-673-7138.

After Track 3 students complete the three required dietetic technician supervised practice internship experiences

(NUTR 291, NUTR 292 and NUTR 293), they will earn the skills certificate and become eligible to sit for the CDR National exam.

These courses may not transfer to a baccalaureate degree of art or science within the universities in the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE).

Skills Certificates provide training for entry level positions or career advancement and are designed to prepare students to take state, national and/or industry-recognized certifications or licensing exams. Skills certificates are awarded upon completion of coursework and marked on a student's transcripts at the end of the semester (Student are unable to declare intent to complete a skills certificate.) Skills Certificates are not eligible for Financial Aid.

To earn a skills certificate, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
2. Have no financial or library obligation to the college

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Certificate Requirement		
NUTR 291	Nutrition Internship-Food Service	3
NUTR 292	Nutrition Internship-Community	3
NUTR 293	Nutrition Internship-Clinical	3
Total Units		9

Students completing the certificate will:

- Demonstrate application of theoretical and practical foundations to be adequately prepared as entry-level dietetic technician practitioners.
- Apply appropriate foodservice, community, and clinical standards to dietetic practice.
- Be eligible to take the national credentialing exam for Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR).