Cincinnati State Dietetic Technology – Program Information

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Mission Statement
The program will provide legendary educational experiences in preparing students for entry into positions involving food, nutrition, foodservice management, and dietetics. We promise to:

☑ Be student/customer-centered
☑ Support success based academic standards
☑ Provide world-class clinical and experiential learning
☑ Provide comprehensive academic offerings

Program Goals / Objectives
Goal 1: To prepare graduates who are competent for entry-level positions involving food, nutrition, foodservice management, and dietetics.

a. Graduates of the Dietary Manager program will achieve, over a 3-year period, a pass rate of at least 80% on the first attempt on the Dietary Manager Certification Examination.

b. Within 12 months of graduation from the Dietetic Technology Program 70% of graduates will have passed the Dietetic Technician registration examination, obtained full-time or part-time work related to their major, or continued their education by enrolling in a certificate or degree program.

c. At least 80% or greater of employers of Dietetic Technician graduates will rate graduate performance at 4 or better on a scale of 1 to 5.

Goal 2: Provide a program that is committed to student-centered education needs and career development.

a. The program completion rate will be 70% or greater for degree programs.

b. Eighty percent of graduates from the degree program will rate their faculty and academic advising as satisfied or very satisfied.

c. Eighty percent of graduates from the degree program will rate their satisfaction with clinical and directed practice experience as satisfied or very satisfied.

d. Eighty percent of graduates from the degree program will agree or strongly agree that their education prepared them to work as a dietetic professional in their chosen field.

e. Eighty percent of graduates from the degree program will agree or strongly agree that continuing education enhances their professional practices.
Accreditation
The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Dietetic Technology Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995. Phone (312) 899-0040 ext. 5400. Website http://www.eatright.org/ACEND.

Professional Organizations
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) www.eatright.org
- Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals (ANFP) www.anfp.org
- Northwest Ohio Dietetic Association (NODA) www.eatrightohio.org/aws/ODA/pt/sp/districts_northeast
- Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (OAND) www.eatrightohio.org
- Greater Cincinnati Dietetic Association (GCDA) www.eatrightcincinnati.org

Health Requirements and Background Checks
The Dietetic Technology Program includes supervised practice and practicum experiences. All dietetic technician students are required to have a physical examination and background check completed prior to their first supervised practice experience. In addition, the student must have blood tests done to verify immunity to specific diseases, or have immunizations done prior to the supervised practice experiences.

Students are responsible for any fees incurred as a result of completing the required health form, lab work, immunizations, and background checks.

Background checks (BCI & I and FBI) and physical must be completed yearly as required or requested by the facility, at the student’s expense. For more information regarding background checks, visit the following websites:
- The Ohio Attorney General’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification (BCI & I) www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) www.fbi.gov

Clinical Experience
The supervised practice and practicum experience is important in preparing students and in giving them the skills they need to be entry-level practitioners. The Dietetic Technology Program includes five directed practice experiences in food service, and clinical experience with a registered dietitian. Students complete two practicums in food service and clinical with a dietetic technician, dietary manager, chef, and/or registered dietitian in acute/skilled care, or community and food service management.

Credentialing Exams
Program graduates are eligible to write the computer-based Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). CDR is the credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The Commission certifies that dietetic technicians have acquired, maintained, and continue to advance their professional skills within their chosen area of practice.
After successful completion of the Registration Examination, examinees are awarded their desired credential: Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR). DTRs must then earn 50 hours of continuing education every five years to maintain their DTR status.

Program graduates also are eligible to complete an examination to become a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM), Certified Food Protection Professional (CFPP) through the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals, which affirms the graduate is well prepared to manage a busy foodservice operation. For additional information, visit [www.anfpoline.org](http://www.anfpoline.org)

**Employment Opportunities**

The knowledge requirements and competencies/learning outcomes acquired through the Dietetic Technology Program, as well as successful registration, qualify graduates to work under the guidance of a Registered Dietitian (RD) in a variety of healthcare and foodservice facilities including hospitals, skilled and long-term care facilities, community health programs, and health clubs. They are also able to work independently with schools, food companies, and senior nutrition programs.

**Job Outlook and Salaries**

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, growth in employment of dietetic practitioners is expected to grow faster than average due to the increased emphasis on disease prevention, a growing and aging population, and a public interest in nutrition. Employment in hospitals is expected to show little change because of anticipated slow growth and reduced lengths of hospital stay; however, faster growth is anticipated in nursing homes, residential care facilities and physician clinics.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Statistic Report of May 2015, the average salary for a dietetic technician employed in Northwestern Ohio is $37,630. For more information visit the U.S. Department of Labor website at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292051.htm#st](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292051.htm#st).

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Cincinnati State offers an internal scholarship program and also accepts all types of aid from external scholarships. The scholarship application deadline date is February 15th of each calendar year.

Students who are interested in a scholarship must complete the online scholarship application eform in MyServices (College email login and password required) and include two letters of recommendation.

For additional information on scholarships and financial aid call the Cincinnati State Financial Aid Office at (513) 569-1530 or send email to fam@cincinnatistate.edu
Transfer to a Bachelor’s Degree after Cincinnati State

Graduates of the Dietetic Technology Program have the option of transferring to the University of Cincinnati to pursue a bachelor’s degree in dietetics. An articulation agreement is in place to ensure a seamless transition from Cincinnati State to UC’s Dietetic program. Students are then able to pursue the didactic or coordinated pathway. Students are encouraged to meet with the Program Chair of the Dietetic Technology Program to ensure they select the required courses for transfer.

The Path to Becoming an NDTR

To become credentialed as a Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Registered (NDTR) you will need to complete the following steps:

1. Graduate from an accredited dietetic technician program such as the one at Cincinnati State. At Cincinnati State you will need to complete all courses in the curriculum. These include general, basic, and technical course work, as well as 472 hours of supervised practice. Many of the courses require a grade of C or higher to proceed to another course. Specific information for each course is in the College Catalog course descriptions at [http://catalog.cincinnatistate.edu](http://catalog.cincinnatistate.edu)

2. After you qualify for graduation and receive the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, the program advisor will submit documentation to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) stating you are eligible to take the national examination to become a Nutrition and Dietetics Technician Registered (NDTR). Several weeks later you will receive information from CDR to complete and submit to PEARSON-VUE along with the required fee. PEARSON-VUE will then send you documentation that allows you to go to a designated testing center and take a computerized examination within the next year. You will learn immediately whether you passed the exam.

3. To maintain the NDTR credential, you must demonstrate life-long learning as a knowledgeable professional. You will need to develop a Professional Portfolio with educational goals to guide your continuing education for the next five years. After each five-year period you will develop new goals for yourself. As you progress through each five-year period, you will need to document what you do to achieve your goals.
Cost of the Cincinnati State Dietetic Technology Program:
(66 credit hours, not including any Academic Foundations courses that may be required)

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| Tuition                       | $148.64 per credit hour In-State
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| Lab Fees/Course Fees          | $411, approximately, per semester (lab fee, facility fee, registration fee, technology fee) |
| Non-College Fees              | $212, approximately, per semester (uniform, physical, background check, and membership, E-NCP) |
| Books                         | $795, approximately, per semester |
| Parking                       | $75 per semester         |