

Information Overview:

DICAS, CDCES Credentialing, and RDN Pathway

1. DICAS

Application Overview:

- Matching system for dietetic internship programs
- Online portal system where students complete a single application sent out to
- Multiple programs ranking in order of personal interest
- Used by nutrition and dietetic students
- Fall deadline in November (Tuesday, November 30, 2021 by 11:59pm Central Time)
- Spring deadline in February (Tuesday, February 15, 2022 by 11:59pm Central Time)
- Program application deadline may vary from DICAS
- [DICAS Application Overview](#)
- [Video for Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Service](#)
- [Filling Out Your DICAS Application](#)
- [Computer Matching to a Dietetic Internship](#)
- [Contact Information](#)
- [Personal Information](#)
- [Background Information](#)
- [DPD Contact Information](#)

2. CDCES Credentialing

CDCES Credential Overview:

- Healthcare professionals such as Registered Dietitians, Registered Nurses, Physicians, and Pharmacists.
- Requirements:
- Minimum of 2 years professional practice experience in your discipline
- Minimum 15 hours of diabetes-related continuing education credits within two years prior to their exam application.
- Exam must be taken within 90 days after application approval
- Exam- question pertaining to diabetes management, interventions of diabetes continuum, and assessment of the diabetes continuum
- After passing the exam and paying necessary fees, these health professionals will have their Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credentials.
- [Welcome to CBDCE - CBDCE](#)

Maintaining Credentials:

- Upon renewal, the CDCES need to have at least 1,000 practice hours, a minimum of 45 formal continuing education credits, and 30 hours of specified activities such as academic courses, presentation, publications, or mentorship experience. Furthermore, this renewal process occurs once every five years.
- [Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist \(CDCES\)](#)



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3. RDN Pathway

Registered Dietitian Overview:

- Food and nutrition experts
- Accredited through the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) criteria
- Work in health care, research, education, business, public health, government agencies etc.
- [Registered Dietitian \(RD\) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist \(RDN\) Certification - Commission on Dietetic Registration](#)

Education:

- Bachelor's degree needed from ACEND-accredited program
- Graduate degree will be required, effective January 1, 2024
- Complete an ACEND-accredited supervised practice (dietetic internship or supervised practice)
- Pass the Commission on Dietetic Registration's dietetic registration exam
- Gain licensure, if required by your state of practice
- Maintain credentials through continuing education
- [5 Steps to Become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist](#)

Accredited Programs:

- Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) (Undergraduate)
- Dietetic Internship
- Coordinated Programs in Dietetics (coursework combined with internship) (Master's/Dietetic Internship Program combined)
- [Accredited Programs Directory](#)