



The Profession of Dietetics: A Team Approach **Sixth Edition**

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The Profession of Dietetics: A Team Approach provides students with an overview of the past, present, and future of the dietetics profession. After beginning with a comprehensive history of the profession, the text describes the dietetics field as it exists today before diving into a thorough examination of educational training requirements, the supervised practice experience, credentialing, and professional association participation.

Key Changes

- Presents all-new *Profile of a Professional* features, spotlighting the experiences and accomplishments of both dietitians and dietetic technicians
- Incorporates the latest numbers relating to the growth of the profession, including employment outlook, median salary expectations, and new program accreditation
- Highlights digital portfolios and the utility of LinkedIn and other digital career resources
- Includes the updated information regarding education requirements, reflecting the most recent changes announced by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Chapter-specific Changes

Part I: The Past

Chapter 1: The Profession is Born

- Adds references to the recently introduced RDN and NDTR credential
- Updates timeline of selected milestones in dietetic history
- Includes discussion of Marjorie Hulsizer Copher's contributions during World War I

Part II: The Present

Chapter 2: The Dietetics Profession

- Updates the discussion surrounding the various titles and credentials a dietitian may use
- Features the latest statistics on
 - RDN and NDTR median salaries

- Top-paying states and metropolitan areas for professionals
- Projected growth in employment through 2022
- Integrates today's understanding of food's role in preventing and treating diseases
- Discusses the Academy's development of Board Certification in some specialty areas of dietetic practice

Chapter 3: Join Together: The Team Approach

- Incorporates current titles and credentials for all team members

Chapter 4: Beginning Your Path to Success in Dietetics

- Updates portfolio (now profile) information to emphasize digital career resources like LinkedIn and other social media platforms
- Adds a section on digital portfolios (e-portfolios)
- Incorporates new formatting and stylistic tips for résumés
- Adds and updates interviewing tips
- Supplies a variety of online resources for assistance with online self-marketing, job-searching, electronic portfolios, and interviews

Part III: Preparing for Practice

Chapter 5: Dietetics Education and Training

- Describes the two current options for becoming a dietetic technician
- Details ACEND's recommendation that the master's degree become the standard for all entry-level dietitians and the controversy surrounding this move
- Incorporates information regarding the differences in salaries between RDNs with a master's degree and those with a bachelor's degree

Chapter 6: The Supervised Practice Experience

- Addresses the dietetic internship shortage in a new section, providing the latest statistics and explanations for why the shortage is occurring
- Delves into reasons why students are increasingly taking more than 4 years to graduate with a bachelor's degree
- Provides more detail regarding distance internships and their admission criteria

Chapter 7: Credentialing

- Provides the latest statistics for the number of dietitians, dietetic technicians, and various specialty credentials
- Addresses the Academy's new Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics program
- Provides advisory information on researching and preparing for state licensure

Part IV: Professional Organizations

Chapter 8: Why Join a Professional Association?

- Updates the differentiation between active members, retired members, and academy associates of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Updates the presentation of the Academy's vision, mission, and values
- Adds the AND's Governing Structure Infographic to outline the membership, functions, management responsibilities, and frequency of meetings for both the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates
- Updates the listing of Dietetic Practice Groups (DPGs) and Member Interest Groups (MIGs)
- Expands the list of awards and grants offered by the Academy
- Lists and describes affiliate award programs

Part V: The Future

Chapter 9: Trends, Predictions, and Your Future

- Describes the change drivers and trends for the dietetics profession that have been identified by the Council on Future Practice
- Delves into the implications of these change drivers and trends on dietetic practice

Chapter 10: Crossing the Bridge: From Student to Professional

- Distinguishes Standards of Practice (SOP) from Standards of Professional Performance (SOPP) and describes by whom and how they are used