

Policy Statement
Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners
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The State of Tennessee has delegated the duty and responsibility of licensing dietitians and nutritionists to the Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners. It takes this responsibility seriously and must function in a manner as to promote and protect the public's health, safety and welfare. As such, the Board has responsibility to promulgate rules and regulations delineating requirements for licensure and to interpret its practice act found at Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-25-101, *et seq.*

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-25-108(2), each applicant for licensure as a dietitian/nutritionist shall submit proof that he/she:

Has received a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university that provides a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food systems management, or **an equivalent course of study approved by the board.** [Emphasis added.]

This Board hereby declares that evidence verifying that an individual has already passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration (“CDR”) of the American Dietetic Association’s registration examination and holds current CDR certification is considered to be equivalent to completion of a “course of study approved by the Board.” Thus, an individual submitting verification of such is deemed to have met the education requirements set forth for licensure in Tenn. Code. Ann. § 63-25-108(2).

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