

Dietitians/Nutritionists



DOES THIS DESCRIBE YOU?

Work Interests involve descriptive categories (compatible with Holland's Model) attributed to success in this career:

- **Investigative** – Involves working with ideas requiring an extensive amount of research, fact finding, problem solving, and thought analysis.
- **Social** – Involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people; providing service.
- **Enterprising** – Involves starting up and carrying out projects; often leading people and making business decisions that sometimes require risk.

Work Styles depict worker characteristics conducive for this career:

- **Concern for Others**
- **Dependability**
- **Integrity**
- **Attention to Detail**
- **Cooperation**

Work Values are associated with aspects of work that provide satisfaction in this career:

- **Achievement**—Sense of accomplishment; results oriented.
- **Independence**—Autonomy; working on your own.
- **Relationships**—Provide service to others in non-competitive environment.

Aptitudes reflect an ability to acquire skills and knowledge for success in this career:

- **Deductive Reasoning**
- **Oral Comprehension**
- **Oral Expression**
- **Problem Sensitivity**
- **Written Comprehension**

OVERVIEW

Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research. Belongs to the Health Science career cluster and Therapeutic Services career pathway.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

Basic Skills:

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Speaking

Technology Skills:

- Analytical or Scientific Software
- Data Base User Interface and Query Software
- Medical Software
- Office Suite Software
- Spreadsheet Software

Knowledge:

- Customer and Personal Service
- Education and Training
- English Language
- Biology
- Medicine and Dentistry

ESTIMATED & PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Occupational Title	2014 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	2014-24 Employment Change	Annual Growth Rate (%)	Total Annual Openings
Total, All Occupations	1,795,100	1,949,240	154,140	0.9	58,145
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	86,030	98,955	12,925	1.5	3,190
Dietitians & Nutritionists	705	840	135	1.9	20

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>

2017 WAGE & SALARY (\$)

Occupational Title	Mean Wage	Mean Salary	Entry Wage	Entry Salary	Exp Wage	Exp Salary
Total All Occupations	20.93	43,539	10.09	20,991	26.35	54,813
Total Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	34.33	71,400	17.33	36,038	42.83	89,081
Dietitians & Nutritionists	25.59	53,224	17.19	35,756	29.79	61,958

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-employment-and-wages>

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education	Work Experience	Job Training
Bachelor's Degree	None	Internship/Residency

A bachelor's degree in dietetics, food science, nutritional science, culinary science, or related area is required for most dietitian positions including sufficient internship experience. Licenses, certificates, and/or commissions may be required. Sources: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>, https://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_education_training_system.htm, and <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/iowa-licensed-occupations>



NATIONAL CAREER READINESS CERTIFICATE (NCRC)

Skill	Median Skill Level	Minimum Skill Level	Maximum Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5	3	5
Locating Information	5	4	5
Reading for Information	5	4	6
Applied Technology	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Business Writing	3	3	4
Workplace Observation	3	2	4
Listening for Understanding	2	1	3

An ACT assessment-based credential issued in determining essential work skills needed for employment success across industries and occupations. The greater the score, the greater the skill level (Bronze = 3, Silver = 4, Gold = 5, Platinum = 6 & higher). Source: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-employers/assessments.html>

PRIMARY INDUSTRY SECTORS

(Where are Dietitians/Nutritionists Employed?)

Hospitals
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
Self Employed
Ambulatory Health Care Services
Food Services and Drinking Places
Social Assistance
Food and Beverage Stores

Source: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/occupational-projections>

ADDITIONAL SOURCES:

This workforce product was funded by a grant by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. The product was created by the recipient and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties, or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership. This product is copyrighted by the institution that created it. Internal use by an organization and/or personal use by an individual for non-commercial purposes is permissible. All other uses require the prior authorization of the copyright owner. This publication was produced by the Labor Market and Workforce Information Division of Iowa Workforce Development. Updates, revisions, and/or corrections made periodically. Inquiries may be directed to Brent Paulson at 515.281.3439 or Brent.Paulson@iwd.iowa.gov. Visit www.iowalmi.gov to obtain the latest workforce data and trends including this document. Published 9/2017.