

DIVISION SCOPE OF SERVICE

Division: MID AMERICA

Classification: DIETITIAN TECH

Applicant Name:

Dietitian Tech

The Dietitian Tech must have equivalent qualifications, competence and function in the same role as employed individuals performing the same or similar services at the facility, as defined by facility job description.

Definition of Care or Service:

The Dietitian Tech under the direction of the Clinical Nutrition Manager or supervisor, provides nutrition care such as data collection, nutrition screening, and implementation of the patient's nutrition care plan as developed by the Registered Dietitian.

- Provides basic nutrition education to patients.
- May conduct nutrition screening using a validated nutrition screening tool or other facility screening tools per policy.
- Assists dietitians with patient data collection such as food and nutrition history, client history, biochemical data, medical tests and procedures and anthropometric measurements.
- Assists with modified menu planning based on current diet manual in collaboration with the Clinical Nutrition Manager or Supervisor.
- Assists patients in completing menu selections in compliance with prescribed diet. Offers alternatives to
 menu as allowed on prescribed diet in accordance with food allergies or sensitivities, cultural, ethnic and
 religious preferences, when patient inquires or needs additional selections.
- Documents nutrition care provided to patients in the medical record, under the direction of the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.
- Demonstrates Clinical and Service excellence behaviors to include code of HCA Healthcare conduct core fundamentals in daily interactions with patients, families, co-workers and physicians.

Setting(s):

- Healthcare facilities including but not limited to hospitals, outpatient treatment facilities, imaging centers, and physician practices
- Patient care areas, all settings

Supervision: Direct supervision by department director, site manager or designee

Evaluator: Clinical Nutrition Manager

Tier Level: 2

eSAF Access Required: Yes

Qualifications:

- High school diploma/GED or higher
- Completion of a dietetics technician program by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

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Registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration

NOTE: Where education may not be defined in qualifications area of the Scope, HCA Healthcare requires the highest level of education completed (not training or courses) confirmed on your background check.

State Requirements:

N/A

Experience:

N/A

Competencies:

Dietetic Technicians will demonstrate:

- i.e Infection Prevention
 - o Practices consistent hand hygiene
 - Uses personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - o Complies with Isolation precautions
 - o Required immunizations per Division requirement
- Ethics
 - Keeps abreast of changes in practice and in the practice environment that affect individual competence and legislative scope of practice.
 - Integrates new knowledge and skills into practice.
 - Recognizes and exercises professional judgment within the limits of individual qualifications.
 - Models organizational mission and vision statements, principles and values.
 - Maintains and appropriately uses credentials and certifications
 - Documents, codes and bills to most accurately reflect the character and extent of delivered services
- Food and Nutrition Dietetics
 - Interprets and applies evidence-based literature and standards for determining nutritional needs of target audiences.
 - o Integrates knowledge of biological, physical, and social sciences with knowledge of food and nutrition to make decisions related to nutrition care.
 - Integrates knowledge of macro- and micronutrients for digestion, absorption and metabolism throughout the lifespan in practice.
 - Integrates new knowledge of disease states and clinical conditions into practice.

References:

- Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics https://www.jandonline.org/article/S2212-2672(12)01935-1/fulltext
- Commission on Dietetic Registration https://www.cdrnet.org/

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Your signature confirms you will be able to comply with the Qualifications and Competencies listed within this Scope of Service and that you will confirm education via your background check.

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