



Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure

Sufficient to Meet Licensure or Certification Requirements:

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Upon fulfilling the Samford Graduation Requirements and meeting the Completion Requirements of the Master of Science in Nutrition, Dietetics Concentration, students will be granted their degrees. The program director will submit Verification Statements and necessary information to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) to confirm eligibility for the Registered Examination for Dietitians. Subsequently, the program director will present students with copies of the Verification Statement for use in state licensure applications and as evidence of eligibility for potential employers.

Registration / RDN Credentialing

After graduates are validated by CDR, individuals are eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians. Passing the CDR exam grants the privilege of using the Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credentials. The two credentials have identical meanings. The RD / RDN credential signifies that an individual has undergone the appropriate education, training and mentoring to protect the safety of the public where food and nutrition issues are concerned and indicates to the public that the individual is the recognized nutrition expert. RDE is not a credential and should not be used. A complaint with CDR can be filed against an individual using RDE, RD Eligible, Registered Dietitian Eligible or RD if they are not registered as an RD with CDR. Upon completing the advanced degree as well as any future additional certifications, follow the guidelines on the appropriate order for credential placement.

State Licensure

Some states require RDNs to obtain licensure or certification to practice. Specific licensure requirements vary from state to state, and among territories. Individual state licensure requirements can be found on CDR's website.

Alabama Licensure

In Alabama, the Alabama Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act of 1989 provides for licensing qualifications, renewals and revocation, exemptions, reciprocity, and penalties. It is the purpose of this Act to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by providing for the licensing and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dietetics and nutrition. More info