



**IDFPR**  
Illinois Department of  
Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation

# **Qualifications for Licensure: DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST (164)**

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# READ ME FIRST

The Division of Professional Regulation hopes that you will find the below useful in successfully applying for a license in the State of Illinois. Carefully review this information as it will assist you in applying for your license and eliminate any processing delays.

## Important Information:

- An application is active for three years from the date of receipt by the Department.
- Before contacting the Department, [please review our FAQs for answers to most questions.](#)
- If your question is not addressed in our FAQ's or this document, please contact the department at 1-800-560-6420.
- You will not be able to submit your application until all required supplemental documents have been uploaded.

# LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

## Education:

For **Acceptance of Exam** (initial licensure) you are required to present proof of completion of one of the following programs:

- Bachelor's degree or higher from a school/program approved by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics; the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; the American Clinical Board of Nutrition; Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists; Clinical Nutrition Certification Board in one of the following areas:
  - human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, food systems management, nutrition education, nutrition, nutrition science, clinical nutrition, applied clinical nutrition, nutrition counseling, nutrition and functional medicine, or nutrition and integrative health.

For **Endorsement**: Education requirements for Endorsement are the same as for Acceptance of Exam.

## Examination:

Proof of having passed one of the examinations listed below is required for licensure in Illinois.

Qualifying examinations are given by the following entities: the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR); the American Clinical Board of Nutrition (ACBN); the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists (BCNS); and the Clinical Nutrition Certification Board (CNCB).

**Experience:**

900 hours of supervised practice experience is required of all applicants per [Section 1245.140 of the Administrative Rules](#).

## REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

**Acceptance of Exam:****1. Education (provide one of the following):**

- Copy of current credential from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) or equivalent credentialing organization **OR**
- Official transcript from approved program with school seal

**2. Examination**

- Copy of current CDR or equivalent credential

**3. Experience**

- Copy of current CDR or equivalent credential

**Endorsement:**

In addition to the supplemental documents required for Acceptance of Exam, you must provide certification of licensure for the first jurisdiction in which you were licensed as a Dietitian or Nutritionist and for any current jurisdiction(s) in which you are licensed, registered, or certified. Acceptable documentation includes:

- Copy of a certified/primary source document from a public licensing portal stating name, issue and expiration date, and disciplinary information.
- For states that do not have licensure for Dietitian Nutritionists, you may provide a copy of your current CDR or equivalent credential.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ONCE LICENSED

- All Dietitian Nutritionist licenses expire on October 31 of each odd-numbered year, regardless of issuance date.
- It is your responsibility to update your contact information, including email address, with the Department to ensure that you receive all courtesy renewal email reminders and other notifications