What They Do
Assist in the provision of food service and nutritional programs, under the supervision of a dietitian. May plan and produce meals based on established guidelines, teach principles of food and nutrition, or counsel individuals.

Is This For You?
Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland’s Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Social – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Often involve helping providing service to others.

Investigative – involves working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking.

Realistic – involves work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Relationships – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Independence – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

Abilities reflect a person’s aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Information Ordering
- Written Comprehension
Skills You Need

- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Service Orientation
- Active Learning
- Complex Problem Solving

Education & Training

Dietetic technicians require at least an associate's degree in nutrition sciences, food sciences, or a related program.

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

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Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of dietetic technicians are:

- Hospitals
- Public Health Nutrition Programs
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- School Lunch Programs
- Nutrition Programs for the Elderly

US Employment & Wages

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