

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Dietetic Technician

Standard Occupational Code 29-2051.00

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.**

US Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
29,300	33,200	3,900	13%	680	\$26,040

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.gov/mic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Reading for Information	4
Locating Information	3
Business Observation	2
Workplace Observation	2
Listening for Understanding	2

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

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