



Professional Licensure or Certification Disclosure

Sufficient to Meet Licensure or Certification Requirements:

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Verification of successful completion of the Samford Dietetic Internship program will be given to all interns who complete a graduate degree and all didactic and supervised practice components according to the established performance requirements. Verification statements and other required information will be submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) to establish eligibility to sit for the Registered Examination for Dietitians (RD Exam). Copies of the Verification Statement are also provided to interns to use for state licensure applications and proof of registration eligibility for potential employers. After completing the dietetic internship, graduates will be competent to function as entry level registered dietitian nutritionists but must obtain state licensure (if applicable) and pass the national registration examination for registered dietitian nutritionists within a certain period as specified by a new employer.

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](#). 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 information is available on the Alabama State Board of Examiners for Dietetics/Nutritionists [website](#).