

**WAC 246-822-010 Definitions.** (1) "Accredited college or university" means a college or university accredited by a national or regional accrediting body recognized by the council on postsecondary education at the time the applicant completed the required education.

(2) "Continuous preprofessional experience" means a minimum of 900 hours of supervised competency-based practice in the field of dietetics accumulated over a maximum of thirty-six months. This competency-based practice should include, but not be limited to the following:

(a) Assuring that food service operations meet the food and nutrition needs of clients and target markets.

(b) Utilization of food, nutrition, and social services in community programs.

(c) Providing nutrition care through systematic assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation of groups and individuals.

(d) Providing nutrition counseling and education to individuals and groups for health promotion, health maintenance, and rehabilitation.

(e) Applying current research information and methods to dietetic practice.

(f) Utilizing computer and other technology in the practice of dietetics.

(g) Integrating food and nutrition services in the health care delivery system.

(h) Promoting positive relationships with others who impact on dietetic service.

(i) Coordinating nutrition care with food service systems.

(j) Participating in the management of cost-effective nutrition care systems.

(k) Utilizing menu as the focal point for control of the food service system.

(l) Participating in the management of food service systems, including procurement, food production, distribution, and service.

(m) Participating in the management of human, financial, material, physical, and operational resources.

(n) Providing education and training to other professionals and supportive personnel.

(o) Engaging in activities that promote improved nutrition status of the public and advance the profession of dietetics.

(p) Recognizing the impact of political, legislative, and economic factors on dietetic practice.

(q) Utilizing effective communication skills in the practice of dietetics.

(r) Participating in the management of a quality assurance program.

(3) "Supervision" means the oversight and responsibility for the dietitian's or nutritionist's continued practice by a qualified supervisor. Methods of supervision may include face-to-face conversations, direct observation, or review of written notes or tapes.

(4) "Qualified supervisor" means a dietitian who is certified under this chapter or who is qualified for certification under this chapter.

(5) "Coordinated undergraduate program" means supervised dietetic practice that is part of a course of study.

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