



CAREER PATH

Health

CAREER CLUSTER
Health Sciences

CAREER PATHWAY
Therapeutic Services



DIETETIC TECHNICIAN

Assist dietitians in the provision of food service and nutritional programs. Under the supervision of dietitians, may plan and produce meals based on established guidelines, teach principles of food and nutrition, or counsel individuals.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a dietary technician are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Dietetic technicians	27.0%	57.0%	16.0%
Health Technologists & Technicians	20.1%	57.1%	22.7%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	9.9%	31.0%	59.1%

Most Common Educational Level: Postsecondary vocational award

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oe.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$9.40	\$11.90	\$15.47
	Yearly	\$19,600	\$24,800	\$32,200
Missouri	Hourly	\$9.74	\$13.01	\$18.13
	Yearly	\$20,300	\$27,100	\$37,700

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Dietary Technician	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	25,100	28,800	+ 15%	1,140
Missouri	590	720	+ 22%	20

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Barnes-Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 454-7055
www.barnesjewishcollege.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
(417) 334-6411
www.cofo.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Northwest Missouri State University

Maryville, MO
(660) 562-1212
www.nwmissouri.edu

Park University

Parkville, MO
(816) 741-2000
www.park.edu

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Saint Louis University-Main Campus
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

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