



CAREER PATH

Health

CAREER CLUSTER
Health Sciences

CAREER PATHWAY
Therapeutic Services



DIETICIAN / NUTRITIONIST

Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing quantity food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a dietician and nutritionist 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 |
| Dietitians and nutritionists | 14.7% | 13.6% | 71.7% |
| Health Diagnosing & Treating Practitioners | 1.3% | 11.4% | 87.4% |
| Healthcare Practitioner & Technical | 9.9% | 31.0% | 59.1% |

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's degree

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 | \$19.32 | \$23.56 | \$28.65 |
| | Yearly | \$40,200 | \$49,000 | \$59,600 |
| Missouri | Hourly | \$15.27 | \$19.66 | \$23.96 |
| | Yearly | \$31,800 | \$40,900 | \$49,800 |

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

National and State Employment Trends

| Dietician and Nutritionist | Employment | | Percent Change | Job Openings* |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2016 | | |
| United States | 57,100 | 62,000 | + 9% | 1,940 |
| Missouri | 1,120 | 1,250 | + 11% | 40 |

*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 Community College
- Florissant Valley**
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 513-4200
www.stlcc.edu

**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

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
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