



LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

LBEDN Mission Statement:

Our mission is to assure the consumer of qualified licensed professionals. In pursuing our goal, we provide a process by which consumers may file complaints against our licensees or persons practicing dietetics/nutrition without a license.

LBEDN NEWS

JANUARY 2019

Licensing Updates

Effective January 1, 2019—Paper ID cards will no longer be mailed to licensees upon licensure approval or renewal. Proof of licensure status will be maintained electronically and may be verified and printed via the LBEDN website database. Additionally, licensees can access and print PDF ID cards from the Licensee Dashboard.

Professional Health Partnership

At the August 2018 LBEDN Board Meeting, the Board agreed to enter into a contract with **Healthcare Professionals' Foundation of Louisiana** to facilitate and monitor licensees via the Practitioner Health Program. The role of this contractor is to provide assistance to licensees with any disease or condition that may interfere with their ability to competently and safely perform the essential functions of their profession, including any mental or emotional disease or condition, or alcohol or other substance abuse. If licensees agree to receive monitoring and assistance from HPFL, the treatment is confidential, and they will be able to maintain licensure while in treatment. For more information about the program, contact Jolie Jones at jjones@lbespa.org.

Upcoming Events

- The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2019 in New Orleans. All meetings are open to the public.
- LBEDN will be presenting at the LAND Meeting on April 8, 2019 at L'Auberge Casino and Hotel in Baton Rouge.

BOARD OPERATIONS

The number of licensed dietitians/nutritionists is growing! We have seen a steady increase in the number of licensees over the past several fiscal years.

	July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016	July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017	July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
New LDN's	98	75	92
Reinstated LDN's	11	21	20
Provisional LDN's	8	19	24
Upgraded Licenses	8	22	16
TOTAL FOR YEAR	125	137	152

Helpful tip

Did you know that logging into your Licensee Dashboard allows you to update your personal and work information, request Verification of Licensure, Upgrade your Licensure, and request a name change?



Meet the Board

Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND
Board Chairperson

Lori Roy, MS, RD, LDN
Board Vice Chairperson

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Board Member

Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN
Board Member

Howard Wetsman, M.D.
Medical Advisor

Louisiana Licensure and Certification Designation

The Board recommends that a **Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist, who is a Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)**, use the following order of listed credentials:

1. Graduate Academic degree (e.g. MS, MPH, M.Ed.)
2. RD or RDN
3. RDN specialty certifications with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (e.g. CSG, CSO, CSP, CSSD, CSR)
4. Licensure Designation (LDN)
5. Other certifications (e.g. CDE, CNS, CCHC, CNSD, etc.)
6. Fellow of the American Dietetic Association and/or Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FADA or FAND)

The recommended order of listed credentials for a Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist who is a Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) with the CDR Advanced Practice Certification in Clinical Nutrition is:

Graduate academic degree, RD-AP*, or RDN-AP* specialty certifications with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (e.g. CSG, CSO, CSP, CSSD, CSR), licensure designation, other certifications (e.g. CDR, CNS, etc.), Fellow of the American Dietetic Association (FADA).

Proper use Examples:

Kerry Jones, MPH, RDN, LDN, CCHC, CDE, FADA
E. White, MS, RD-AP, LDN, CNSD, CDR, FAND
Sue Smith, M.Ed., RDN, LDN

WRITTEN OR VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

When referring to your licensure status in written text or verbally, your license type is Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist. Your certification status is Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

For example:

An introduction of a Speaker might be read: Jane Doe is a Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist, as well as a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.



The Board recommends that a **Provisional Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist** use the following order of listed credentials:

1. Graduate Academic degree (e.g. MS, MPH, M.Ed.)
2. Registered Dietitian Eligible
3. Licensure Designation (Provisional LDN)
4. Other certifications (e.g. CDM, CFPP, etc.)

Proper use Examples:

J. Smith, MS, Registered Dietitian Eligible,
Provisional LDN
Shannon Doe, MPH, Registered Dietitian Eligible,
Provisional LDN, CDM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Board Positions Available

Are you interested in serving your profession, as well as the citizens of Louisiana? We have a vacancy in the newly created Public Board Member position; and in 2019, three other board member positions on the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (LBEDN – “the licensure board”) will expire, and replacements will be named. The Licensure Board is comprised of eight members, all of whom are appointed by the governor. Four members are nominated by the Louisiana Dietetic Association (now Louisiana Academy of Dietetics and Nutrition); one is nominated by the Louisiana State Nurses Association, one by the Louisiana State Medical Society, one by the Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry, and one Public Board Member, who will be appointed by the Governor. Two of the upcoming positions are LDA positions, and the other is the Louisiana State Medical Society position.

All board member positions are for an initial three year term, and are subject to appointment by the Governor, and confirmation by the Senate. LDA and Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry nominees must be individuals who are licensed dietitians/nutritionists, who are residents of Louisiana, and have been actively practicing in the field of dietetics/nutrition or a related field for not less than five years.

If you wish to be considered for one of these positions, please contact the respective office.

Board Presentations

Are you interested in having a Board member come and share information about the licensure law, board activities or related topics? The Board is interested in addressing your needs. We especially welcome the opportunity to speak with student groups, interns, and district associations. To request a presentation, please call or email Tracy at the Board office. We ask that you make your request three months in advance in order that Board members may give their employers adequate notice for time off of work. If it is not possible for a Board member to present, we will provide a copy of our power point presentation and handouts. We want to meet with you to share about our law and practices, and to answer your questions.

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