Must be Licensed in the State of Louisiana to practice or work as a Dietitian/Nutritionist

Must be a Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist (LDN) to use the Credentials RD or RDN in the State of Louisiana

Applying for LDN License

- Successfully passing the Entry-Level Registration Examination for Dietitians and provide proof which would be a letter from CDR or CDR Card
- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) Verification Statement
- College Transcripts showing degree awarded

Types of Licensure in Louisiana regulated by LBEDN

- Provisional Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist (Provisional LDN)
- Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist (LDN)

Licensure is mandated by Louisiana law to practice dietetics and/or nutrition in the state of Louisiana. Licensure was put in place by the legislature in an effort to protect the consumer, by insuring that qualified professionals practice in Louisiana.

Applying for PL-LDN License

- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) Verification Statement
- College Transcripts
- After successfully passing the Entry-Level Registration Examination for Dietitians provide LBEDN with a letter from CDR or CDR Card in order to upgrade to LDN
- Must apply for upgrade to LDN License - not automatically upgraded
  - Upgrade must be submitted online through Licensee Dashboard
  - Supervision must continue until upgrade is official
Dietetic/Nutrition Telehealth Practice in Louisiana

The provision of telenutrition in Louisiana is covered under the Louisiana Dietetic/Nutrition license. When telenutrition is used and the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner and the patient or client are located in different states, the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner providing the patient care services must be licensed in the state where the patient is located.

New Rule for Entry-Level Degree Dietitians

Entry-level degree requirement for dietetics/nutrition will be increasing to a minimum of a graduate degree at the national level as of January 1, 2024. According to CDR, a graduate degree includes a master’s degree, practice doctorate, doctoral degree (e.g. M.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., Ed.D., and Sc.D.).

Registered Dietitians have the option to use either the “Registered Dietitian (RD)” or “Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)” credentials along with their licensure designation.

In the state of Louisiana you cannot use the credentials RD or RDN until you are licensed.

As RD’s and RDN’s progress beyond entry level practice they may choose to concentrate on a specific area of dietetics. The Commission on Dietetic Registration offers board certified specialist certification in Pediatrics (CSP), Renal (CSR), Gerontological (CSG), Oncology Nutrition (CSO), Sports Dietetics (CSSD), Obesity in Weight Management...