

Registered Dietitian (Safety) (2172)

May participate in committees relating to nutrition, food service, bioethics, performance improvement/quality assurance, and other issues; reviews the professional work of dietetic interns, Pre-Registered Dietitians, Dietetic Technicians, and up to two Dietetic Technicians, Registered; and complies with relevant legal and professional requirements.

Applies strategies for the prevention and management of assaultive behavior; promotes a safe and secure work environment through effective communication; maintains professional client or patient staff relationship; and identifies safety/security hazards and contraband control.

Assists staff in the counting, distribution, and accounting for all utensils to prevent their use as weapons; inspecting facility to identify security breaches that could lead to forensic client or patient escape; and observing and intervening in forensic client or patient behavior that may signal an impending escape attempt.

Minimum Qualifications

Registered Dietitian with the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association. (Applicants with proof of eligibility to apply for registration will be admitted to the examination but must become registered to be eligible for appointment.)

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: Principles, practices, and theories of nutrition and dietetics including medical nutrition therapy; methods of planning, preparing, and serving food to a large number of persons; and the special dietary requirements of developmentally or mentally disordered forensic clients or patients, pediatric and geriatric populations, and other client or patient groups.

Ability to: Apply the principles and practices of nutrition and dietetics, including medical nutrition therapy; assess nutrition status and develop nutrition care plans; communicate nutrition concerns and recommendations with the interdisciplinary team; provide effective nutrition education and training; and analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.

Special Personal Characteristics

Willingness to work at State facilities with forensic clients or patients; willingness to work respectfully and courteously with forensic clients or patients; objective understanding of the problems of forensic clients or patients; tact; patience; emotional stability; adaptable; flexible; able to work well independently; and able to work cooperatively within a team.

Special Physical Characteristics

Incumbents must possess and maintain sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during physically, mentally, and emotionally stressful and emergency situations encountered on the job without endangering their own health and well-being or that of their fellow employees, the forensic clients or patients, or the general public.