

Alberta's Health Regions and Voluntary Organizations and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)

This classification specification identifies representative duties and responsibilities, and is intended to assist in the determination of the appropriate classification level within each discipline. Some duties and responsibilities may overlap between class levels. The classification specification is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of all duties performed.

Classification Title: **Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II**

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Job Summary:

The Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II is the clinical lead, responsible for work in a wide variety of practice areas including coordination of multiple nutrition services in a facility or community based setting and/or health promotion projects and strategies or the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II performs restricted activities specified in the Regulations on a regular/on-going basis for a specific client population (i.e. burn unit or ICU).

Work at the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II level is differentiated from the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist I level by the additional administrative and supervisory responsibilities or the performance of restricted activities specified in the regulations, on a regular/on-going basis.

Key Responsibilities and Typical Duties:

In addition to the duties of the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist I, the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II:

Core Duties

- Ensures that nutrition care is carried out in accordance with professional standards and defined procedures.
- Plans, develops, implements and provides consultation on department policies, procedures, standards and services.
- Establishes quality standards for all procurement and processing of food products and ensures standards are achieved.
- May perform duties such as food products procurement and processing quality control, ensuring clinical nutrition practice standards are met.
- Regularly and independently performs procedures that require special authorization from their regulating body.
- Oversees all aspects of programs relating to nutrition in the target populations.
- Performs program planning and determination of intervention techniques and strategies for nutrition priorities within programs.

Core Duties (con't)

- Establishes monitoring indicators and uses other data to identify needs and program utilization.
- Develops and maintains public awareness of nutrition promotion programs.

Other Related Duties

- Collects and compiles statistics according to departmental procedures.
- Assists in overseeing or conducting research projects.
- May develop policies, guidelines and standards of practice for nutrition and food services.

Leadership

For specialized technical roles:

- Provides high-level expertise in the performance of restricted activities as specified in the regulations.
- Provides functional direction to other Dietitians/Registered Nutritionists and a variety of healthcare providers.

For on-site leadership roles:

- Directs the day-to-day activities of Clinical Nutrition staff including daily scheduling, performance monitoring and collection of statistical information.
- May coordinate duties performed by Clinical Dietitians, Clinical Dietary Technologists, and Dietetic students and interns or other Food Services staff.
- Participates in the selection, orientation, performance evaluation and initial stages of discipline of staff.
- May participate in or coordinate the administration, instruction and evaluation of the clinical education programs for nutrition students and internship programs.
- Provides leadership in the maintenance of active collaboration and liaison with relevant education and health-related organizations in the community, the region and the province.
- Identifies continuing education needs and staff development priorities related to nutrition and develops and leads educational workshops.

Decision-Making

- May assess, plan, implement, and evaluate, in consultation with the manager, the allocation of clinical nutrition staff and resources to various programs and services.
- Assists with the development and decision around clinical policies and procedures.
- May interpret and administer government food regulations pertaining to food manufacturing, handling and service delivery.
- For specialized technical roles the Dietitian/Registered Nutritionist II decides on the application of restricted activities as specified in the regulations.

Knowledge:

Education

- Bachelor of Science with a major in Foods and Nutrition accredited by the College of Dietitians of Alberta (CDA).

Additional Qualification/Designations/Certifications

- Completion of an internship program or practicum training program that is accredited by the Dietitians of Canada.
- May require special authorization from the College of Dietitians of Alberta (CDA) to perform restricted activities as specified in the regulations.

Registration Requirements

- Registered with the College of Dietitians of Alberta (CDA).

Working Conditions:

Physical Demands

- May be required to stand or sit for extended periods of time.
- Some lifting of equipment and supplies.

Work Environment

- Primarily clean, air controlled indoor environments.
- Community, work, home or school visits will have variable conditions.
- Travel in all weather/road conditions.
- May be subject to verbally and/or physically aggressive clients and family.
- May work occasionally in a kitchen environment.