## Accreditation

## **Nationally Accredited Candidacy Program**

## Accreditation, Dietetic Technician Program

The Dietetic Technician Program at Pierpont Community & Technical College was awarded Candidacy for Accreditation in June 2019 by the *Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition & Dietetics* (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. ACEND is the accrediting agency for dietetic education programs and is recognized by the United States Department of Education as the accrediting agency for education programs that prepare dietetic practitioners. Pierpont's DT Program will be considered for full accreditation following submission of a program self-study report in December 2021.



Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190 Chicago, IL 60606-6995 800-877-1600, Extension 5400 www.eatright.org/ACEND/

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# Food Service Management, AAS – Nutrition & Dietetic Technology Program Mission, Goals, and Objectives

# Preparing Students for Careers in Food, Nutrition and Wellness Mission

Pierpont Community and Technical College's Food Service Management A.A.S. Degree with a concentration in Nutrition and Dietetic Technology prepares graduates to be competent practitioners and lifelong learners by offering evidence-based training and practical experience in the classrooms, clinics, and communities of north-central West Virginia.

# **Goals and Objectives**

<u>Goal 1:</u> Graduates of Pierpont Community & Technical College's Food Service Management Concentration in Nutrition and Dietetic Technology will be successful entry-level in healthcare, community wellness, and food service industries.

#### Objective 1

At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of program length)

#### **Objective 2**

75% of program graduates take the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing exam for nutrition and Dietetic technicians within 12 months of program completion

#### **Objective 3**

The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for nutrition and Dietetic technicians is at least 70%

#### **Objective 4**

Of graduates who seek employment, 75% are employed in nutrition and Dietetic or related fields within 12 month of program completion

#### **Objective 5**

75% of NDT graduates will respond strongly agree or agree that the program prepared them for entry-level practice

#### Objective 6

75% of employers will respond strongly agree or agree that the program prepared NDT graduates for entry-level practice

<u>Goal 2:</u> Graduates of Pierpont Community & Technical College's Food Service Management Concentration in Nutrition and Dietetic Technology will engage in lifelong learning and professional development in the field of nutrition and Dietetic

#### **Objective 1**

80% of program graduates will participate in at least one continuing education event within their first year of employment

#### **Objective 2**

75% of graduates will seek professional membership with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetic within 12 months of program completion.

c. NDT Program Outcomes Data available upon request. Email phamilton@pierpont.edu.

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Pierpont's AAS degree in Food Service Management – Nutrition and Dietetic Technology prepares graduates to develop knowledge and skills for successful employment in a variety of settings including health-care facilities, retirement centers, schools, day-care centers, correctional facilities, community health programs such as WIC, health clubs and community wellness centers, food companies, etc. Didactic coursework focuses on nutrition fundamentals, nutrition across the lifespan, community nutrition programs, medical nutrition therapy, techniques of food preparation, food service systems management, chemistry, physiology, microbiology, human resource management, communications, and business.

Nutrition and Dietetic Technicians, Registered (NDTR) are nationally credentialed food and nutrition technical practitioners who have met eligibility to earn and maintain the NDTR credential.

Each of the following education routes leads to eligibility for application to the Registration Examination for NDTRs.

- Option 1
  - Successful completion of a Dietetic Technician Program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) that includes 450 hours of supervised practice experience.
  - Supervised Practice Experiences will be completed in a variety of healthcare, community, foodservice, and business settings under supervision or in collaboration with Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.
- Option 2 Successful completion of coursework in an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and completion of at least a bachelor's degree at a U.S. regionally accredited college or university.

Successful completion of Pierpont Community & Technical College's NDT program will earn graduates an AAS in Food Service Management – Nutrition and Dietetic Technology and a verification statement confirming eligibility to take the Registration Examination from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). *A passing score on the registration exam is required to become a Nutrition and Dietetic Technician, Registered (NDTR).* 

For more information regarding the academic requirements and supervised practice for NDTRs, refer to ACEND's website at www.eatrightACEND.org(link is external).

#### **Cost to Student**

The list below is an estimate of potential expenses based on a 9-month Fall/Spring full-time schedule; individual student costs may vary.

<b>Tuition</b>	(2 semesters)
West Vir	ginia Resident

\$5,626

Out-of-state \$12,416

Fees	ees
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Culinary Foods Lab Fees \$120 Per each lab course

New student orientation

\$120

fee

Food Service Management \$24 per

fees credit

Up to \$285 per semester

Malpractice Insurance \$40

Background check, drug screening, immunizations, food handlers' card, exam ~\$150

**Varies** 

fees, etc.

Transportation Varies varies

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Membership (student membership \$58/year)

\$116

**Room and Board** 

On- or off-campus \$9,602 Estimate per year for living either on or off

campus. Includes meals and utilities

**Books and Supplies** 

Pierpont Nutrition & Dietetics Tool Kit

\$170

One-time purchase

Estimate per year

Textbooks and supplies \$1,000

Food Service Lab Uniform \$95.00

and Clinical Jacket

Other costs

NDTR Examination Fee ~\$120 (requires verification statement)

Financial aid may be available. Pierpont's office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can assist you in applying for aid.

- f. Pierpont Community & Technical College offers open enrollment for all individuals seeking the A.A.S. in Food Service Management-NDT specialization.
- g. Link to academic calendar here: <a href="https://www.pierpont.edu/calendar">https://www.pierpont.edu/calendar</a>
- h. Students enrolled in the A.A.S. Food Service Management NDT specialization must meet graduation requirements established for all Food Service Management AAS degree majors. In addition to successful completion of all courses listed in the program course map, additional graduation criteria include:
  - Throughout program
    - o Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA with a "C" or better in in all FOSM courses
    - Pass Written English I (ENGL 1104), Written English II (ENGL 1108), and Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics (MTH 1207) with a "C" or better.
    - Document at least 20 hours of community service
  - Semester 1
    - o Earn ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification
    - o Secure Marion County or Statewide Food Handler's Card
    - Complete Basic Food Service Equipment Check-off
  - Semester 2
    - Complete Background Check through WVCARES
  - Semester 3
    - Apply for Graduation Audit
  - Semester 4
    - Apply for Graduation
    - o Complete Supervised Practice 400 hours
    - o Complete End-of-Program Exam (Dietetic Technician Practice Examination)
- i. Link to financial aid at Pierpont: https://www.pierpont.edu/financial-aid
- j. Distance Education Requirements: <u>https://www.pierpont.edu/current-students/student-distance-learning</u>
- k. Supervised practice rotations will be coordinated by the program director for each eligible student meeting all program requirements for FOSM 2229N-Food Service Internship Nutrition & Dietetic Technology.

- I. Credit for Prior Learning Experiences:
  - Students seeking credit for courses earned at another accredited college or university:
    - Request official transcripts from colleges or universities previously attended be sent to:

Office of the Registrar Pierpont Community & Technical College 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 26554

- Students seeking EDGE Credits from approved EDGE Pathways to Pierpont:
  - o Complete a request for EDGE Transcript at <a href="https://www.pierpont.edu/edge-request">https://www.pierpont.edu/edge-request</a>