

DIETETIC TECHNICIANS are trained food and nutrition practitioners who work closely with Dietitians. Their main task is to assist the Dietitian in developing nutritional care plans, assessing dietary needs, and supervising food production in institutions such as prisons, daycare centers, and schools.

Under the supervision of dietitians, Dietetic Technicians may plan and produce meals based on established guidelines, evaluate dietary histories of clients to plan nutritional programs, teach principles of food and nutrition, or counsel individuals.

### **Requirements**

- ▲ Completion of an associate of arts degree.
- ▲ Practical experience.
- ▲ Scientific aptitude.
- ▲ Good organizational and administrative abilities.
- ▲ Interest in the care of clients.
- ▲ Fingerprint clearance may be required by employer.

### **Wages**

- ▲ Dietetic Technicians  
Median hourly wage: \$13.94
- ▲ Average annual wage: \$30,128

*Source: Occupational Employment Survey of Employers 2008 by EDD/LMID.*

## Dietetic Technicians

### Job Outlook

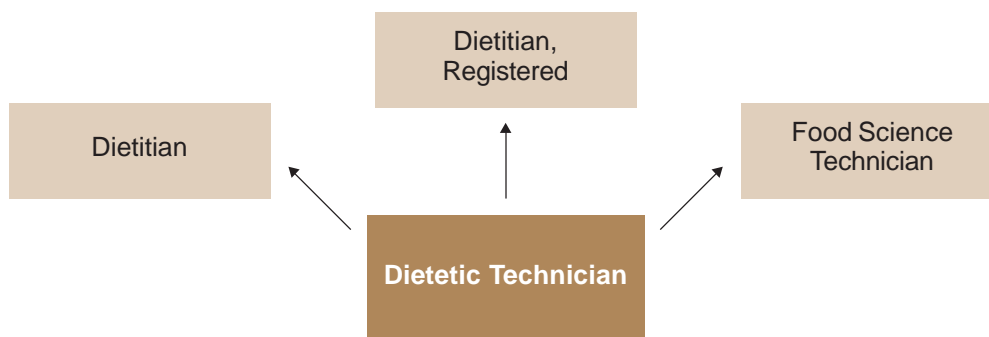
- ▲ Estimated number of Dietetic Technicians in 2006: 2,100
- ▲ Estimated number of Dietetic Technicians in 2016: 2,400
- ▲ Estimated annual job openings: 90

Source: Occupational Projections, EDD/LMID.

### Sources of Information

- ▲ American Dietetic Association  
(800) 877-1600, [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)
- ▲ California Dietetic Association  
(310) 822-0177, [www.dietitian.org](http://www.dietitian.org)
- ▲ *California Occupational Guides*  
[www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/occguides)  
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### Possible Career Paths



*The skills, knowledge, and abilities acquired for the primary occupation provide a solid foundation for further growth in health career occupations. Additional education or training is often required.*