

Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program

1. What will the Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program prepare me to do?

This program will prepare you to work in a variety of healthcare settings. You may be employed in an acute care, long-term care, work in community and public health settings such as school or day care centers, correctional facilities, weight management clinics and WIC programs as nutrition counselors

2. How long will it take me to complete the Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program?

The Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program is a one semester (16 weeks) certificate program.

3. Will I be able to work while I am enrolled in the Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program since this is a full-time, day-time program?

Yes, many students continue to work while they attend school. However, it is difficult to maintain a full-time job while carrying a full-time course load in college. The Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program courses are offered online; however, you must complete clinicals/supervised practice activities at the college or with a preceptor in your local area.

4. What material will be covered in the Certified Dietary Manager Certificate Program?

Your training includes a minimum of 120 hours of online classroom instruction, backed up by at least 150 hours of hands-on practice in dietary management. Four core courses cover foodservice management, nutrition and medical nutrition therapy, human resources management, and food safety/sanitation.

5. Do we wear uniforms in this program?

Yes, uniforms are worn during the semester.

6. What kind of job can I get with this degree?

CDM, CFPPs are experts at managing dietary operations. They are trained and qualified to administrate menus, food purchasing, and food preparation; and to apply nutrition principles, document nutrition information, ensure food safety, manage work teams, and much more.

7. What is the salary range for a Certified Dietary Manager?

According to the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals 2012 Salary & Benefits Survey the range was from \$36,401 to \$52,094. It varies according to location of facility, employment status, position, number of employees reporting to you, and geographic region.

8. Do you guarantee me a job when I complete the program?

No, we do not guarantee you a job. Your performance will speak for itself. We will do everything we can to help you as you seek employment and will offer you helpful guidelines for interviews.

9.. When can I take the Certified Dietary Manager Examination?

You are eligible to take the Certified Dietary Manager Examination once you meet the certificate program requirements of 120 hours of didactic education plus 150 hours of field experience.

10. How much will it cost me to take the Certified Dietary Manager?

The cost of the Certified Dietary Manager Examination is \$399.00.

11. When can I start using the credentials?

After you pass the exam, you need to activate your certification so you can begin using the CDM, CFPP credential. At the time you pass the exam: If you do not yet belong to ANFP, you will receive a letter from ANFP with instructions and an invitation to join for a discount on your certification fee (Membership is not mandatory).

12. How do I maintain the credentials?

Once you earn the credential, you will also need to maintain it with continuing education and keep up your annual certification fee. For more information about how you will maintain your credential, please visit the Association of Nutrition & Foodservice Professionals website.