How to Become an RDN

RDN = Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Step 1: Bachelors Degree
- Earn a Bachelors of Science with Didactic Program in Dietetics
- (DPD) verification from an ACEND® accredited program
- ACEND® certifies colleges to offer degree programs in dietetics
- Idaho State University is ACEND® accredited

Step 2: Masters Degree and Dietetic Internship
- You must complete an accredited Dietetic Internship - anyone graduating the internship after January 1, 2024 will also need a Masters of Science
- Anyone finishing the Dietetic Internship after December 31, 2023 must also have a Masters of Science
- ISU has a combined Dietetic Internship and Masters of Science that is completed in four semesters!

Step 3: Registration & Licensure
- STUDY, then sign up to take the exam
- Pass the exam and you may use the RDN credential
- Apply for a state license to practice as a dietitian

National Median Pay:
- $63,090 per year
- $30.33 per hour

The number of jobs for RDNs is expected to increase by 11% between 2020 and 2030.

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