What can I do with a degree in… Dietetics?

UW Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Students interested in Dietetics will initially major in the Family and Consumer Sciences Human Nutrition & Food option. After completion of about 60 credits of prerequisite coursework, students will apply to the Didactic Program in Dietetics, a fully accredited program which prepares students to meet the requirements for a career as a Registered Dietitian. Median salary for Dietitians is $52,150 annually (ONet, 2011). This major prepares students to assist individuals, families and communities in achieving their respective nutritional needs and goals. Internships, which are required to be eligible for the examination for Registered Dietitians, are highly competitive. Visit the Family and Consumer Sciences website for more specific information about the major: www.uwyo.edu/fcs

Employers of Recent Graduates

Hospitals
Renal Care Centers
Sports Teams
Dietitian on medical team for private practice

Career Options

- Clinical Dietetics
- Management (Meal Planning)
- Administrative Dietetics
- Pediatric Nutrition
- Cooperative Extension
- Community Programming/Planning
- School Food Service and Nutrition Education
- Preventative Health Care
- College/University Food Service
- Employee Wellness & Health
- Research
- Nutrition Consulting
- Sports Nutrition

For More Information
Center for Advising and Career Services
Phone: 307-766-2398
Email: uwcacs@uwyo.edu Website: www.uwyo.edu/cacs
Job Websites

Dietitian Central
http://www.dietitiancentral.com/index.cfm

U.S. Government Jobs (e.g. FDA)
www.usajobs.gov

American Dietetic Association
http://www.eatright.org/

Health Careers
www.healthcareers.net/careers

Nutrition Careers
http://www.nutritionjobs.com/

Wyoming Department of Health
www.health.wyo.gov/main/hr/jobs.html

WY Department of Workforce Services
www.wyomingatwork.com

Internships?

♦ Post-baccalaureate dietetic internship programs are highly competitive, and must be CADE accredited.
♦ Acceptance into an accredited internship program is much more likely if the following qualifications are met:
  * Excellent grades (above 3.0 GPA)
  * Relevant work experience
  * Involvement in volunteer activities
  * Leadership experience/skills
  * Flexibility & willingness to relocate
♦ After successful completion of an internship, students must pass the National Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Potential Employers

♦ Assisted Living & Long Term Care Facilities
♦ Athletics
♦ Businesses & Industry
♦ Colleges/Universities
♦ Community Centers
♦ Developmental Centers
♦ Federal Government/Military
♦ Hospitals
♦ Public and Home Health Agencies
♦ Public & Private Schools
♦ Rehabilitation Centers
♦ State Nutrition Services

Internship Websites

American Dietetic Association
http://www.eatright.org/CADE-DI/

Various Universities (see specific University websites)

Various State Departments of Health
(see specific state websites)

Various State Dietetic Association Websites

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