A nutrition professional or nutritionist is any person who specializes in food and nutrition. Some nutritionists have additional credentials, such as a registered dietitian (RD) or dietetic technician, registered (DTR), signifying they have completed an accredited training program and have passed a national registration exam. The specialist in nutrition usually has an undergraduate or graduate degree in nutrition, food or related area of study. Many nutritionists may also complete advanced degrees in nutrition and food science, counseling, education or public health.

**Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; Dietetic Careers**
**American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN)**
**American Society for Nutrition (ASN)**
**Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN); Health Equity Internship Program**
**Become a Dietitian/Nutritionist**
**Become a Registered Dietitian**
**Clinical Dietitian Career Information**
**Clinical Dietitian Education Requirements and Career Info**
**Columbia University Institute of Human Nutrition Webinar and Open House Events**
**Columbia University One-Year MS in Human Nutrition Program Open House, April 6, 2020**
**Commission on Dietetic Registration**
**Dietetic Internship Search**
**Dietetic Technician Interview**
**Dieteticians Career Options**
**Dieteticians Careers Fact Sheet**
**Dietitian and Nutritionist Career Information**
**Dietitian and Nutritionist Job Profile**
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**Dietitian Career Information**
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**Dietitian Interview**
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