Register Dietitian Nutritionists

**Education and Training**

1. Completed a minimum of a four year degree in dietetics from an accredited college or university.
2. Completed an accredited supervised practice of at least 1200 hours in healthcare, food service, and community nutrition.
3. Passed a national registration examination.
4. Completes ongoing education and training.

**Mission**

Kansas registered dietitian nutritionists — RDNs — are credentialed food and nutrition experts who translate the science of food and nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living.

RDNs protect the health of Kansans by separating facts from fads, and assisting clients with prevention and wellness strategies, reducing the risk of chronic diseases, and providing recommendations and counseling for therapeutic diets for disease management.

**Serving Kansans**

Kansas RDNs are employed in hospitals, physicians’ offices, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, corporate wellness, food management, food industry, universities, research and private practice.

**Return on Investment**

RDNs provide a positive return on investment by reducing hospital stays, reducing the need for medications, and improving overall health outcomes.

For every dollar invested in the RDN-led lifestyle modification program, there is a return of $14.58.

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