

FAQs

My academic degree is not in dietetics, but it is nutrition related. How can I become a registered dietitian?

The College assesses internationally educated dietitians who are eligible to practice or already practicing as dietitians prior to coming to Canada. The College is not able to provide guidance on assessment of qualifications or upgrading to those who do not have specific academic coursework or practical training in dietetics. If you wish to complete dietetics studies in Canada, please contact dietetics program advisors at specific universities to determine if any of your current coursework would apply towards a dietetics degree. The University of British Columbia – Dietetics Major is the only dietetics program available in BC. However, there are many other dietetics programs across Canada.

I have completed a Master's or PhD with a dietetics focus, but my original Bachelor's degree is not dietetics focused – will you accept these credentials?

Yes, this is acceptable if there was also practical training or an internship associated with the degree.

My dietetic credentials are shorter than 4 years – will you accept these credentials?

Your credentials will be accepted if it is verified by an approved credential verification service to be equivalent to a Canadian Bachelor's degree with a focus in dietetics. However, please note a Canadian dietetics degree is four years with an additional year of practical training. If your degree is significantly different than the Canadian dietetic education standard this may be reflected in the results of the assessment step and require more upgrading to meet Canadian dietetic practice standards.

Do you accept diplomas or certificate programs?

No, as we require an equivalent to a Canadian bachelors' degree. Diploma and certificate programs will not be accepted as equivalent credentials.