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# SUPERSEDES

# TITLE Dietitian I CLASSIFICATION GRADE 05

# SPECIALTY GRADE 27

### BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Uses Nutrition Care Process to assess, evaluate, and provide Medical Nutrition Therapy and nutrition counseling for patients in program areas as assigned.

#### CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Provides quality patient care including nutrition screening, evaluation, assessment, treatment, and documentation of patient care plan appropriate for patient.

Educates students with on-the-job training. Evaluates students. Provides students with necessary support and assistance to ensure work is completed.

Assesses nutrition status and instructs/counsels patient on appropriate diet.

Participate as part of the medical team concerning problems affecting patients' food habits and needs and participate in health team rounds concerning patient care.

Assist in the implementation of studies and short-term projects.

Performs special projects as assigned.

Participates as active member of departmental/hospital committees.

Review and analyze production, maintenance of standards, costs and personnel utilization records to evaluate progress of work and to control or reduce costs.

Maintain effective working relationships with faculty, staff, students and the public.

Assists other dietitians as needed.

*In addition to the duties and responsibilities noted above, the position description must include statements from*[*UI Health Care Core Values (WECARE)*](https://medcom.uiowa.edu/theloop/employee_info/icare-core-values)*for Health Care positions or*[*Universal Competencies*](https://hr.uiowa.edu/careers/competencies/universal-competencies)*for all other positions.*

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Supervision is received from an Assistant or Associate Director, FNS. Dietitian II or other designated official.

##### SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Functional supervision is exercised over Diet Clerks.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

A Master’s degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Candidates registered prior to January 01, 2024 a Bachelor’s degree in Foods and Nutrition or Dietetics is required.

Licensure by the State of Iowa is required.

Registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration is required.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required.

Demonstrated competency of patient care in pediatric, adult, and geriatric populations across a wide range of medical conditions in the inpatient and outpatient setting is desirable.

Experience in making enteral and parenteral recommendations and selecting appropriate formulas is desirable.