

**IC 25-14.5**  
**ARTICLE 14.5. DIETITIANS**

**IC 25-14.5-1**  
**Chapter 1. Definitions**

**IC 25-14.5-1-1**  
**Applicability of definitions**

Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.  
*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-2**

**"Board"**

Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the Indiana dietitians certification board established by IC 25-14.5-2-1.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-3**

**"Agency"**

Sec. 3. "Agency" refers to the Indiana professional licensing agency established by IC 25-1-5-3.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.1-2006, SEC.435.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-4**

**"Certified dietitian"**

Sec. 4. "Certified dietitian" refers to a person certified under this article to practice dietetics. Activities of a certified dietitian do not include the medical differential diagnoses of the health status of an individual.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-5**

**"Commission on dietetic registration"**

Sec. 5. "Commission on dietetic registration" refers to the Commission on Dietetic Registration that is:

- (1) a national certifying agency for voluntary professional credentialing in dietetics; and
- (2) a member of the national commission for health certifying agencies.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-6**

**"Degree"**

Sec. 6. "Degree" means a degree received from a college or university that:

- (1) was located in the United States; and
- (2) was regionally accredited;

at the time the degree was conferred.  
*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-7**

**"Dietetics"**

Sec. 7. "Dietetics" means the integration and application of principles derived from the science of food and nutrition to provide for all aspects of nutrition therapy for individuals and groups, including nutrition therapy services (as defined in section 12 of this chapter) and medical nutrition therapy (as defined in section 9 of this chapter).

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-8**

**"Examination"**

Sec. 8. "Examination" means an examination for the certification of dietitians used or approved by the board. The examination may be created by the board, created by a person as determined by and approved by the board, or created in part by the board and in part by a person or entity other than the board.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-9**

**"Medical nutrition therapy"**

Sec. 9. "Medical nutrition therapy" means the component of nutrition therapy that concerns:

- (1) determining and recommending nutrient needs based on nutritional assessment and medical problems relative to medically prescribed diets, including:
  - (A) tube feedings;
  - (B) specialized intravenous solutions; and
  - (C) specialized oral feedings;
- (2) interactions of prescription drugs with food and nutrients; or
- (3) developing and managing food services operations that have the chief function of providing nutrition therapy services and providing medically prescribed diets.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-10**

**"Medically prescribed diet"**

Sec. 10. "Medically prescribed diet" means a diet that is:

- (1) prescribed when specific food or nutrient levels need to be monitored or altered, or both, as a component of a treatment regimen for an individual whose health status is impaired or at risk due to disease, injury, or surgery; and
- (2) performed as initiated by or in consultation with a physician licensed to practice medicine in Indiana or ordered by a qualified dietitian.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.131-2015,*

SEC.2.

**IC 25-14.5-1-11**

**"National commission for health certifying agencies"**

Sec. 11. "National commission for health certifying agencies" refers to the national organization that:

- (1) established national standards for certifying bodies that attest to the competence of individuals who participate in the health care delivery system;
- (2) grants recognition to certifying bodies that voluntarily apply and meet the established standards; and
- (3) monitors the adherence to those standards by the certifying bodies that the national commission for health certifying agencies has recognized.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-12**

**"Nutrition therapy services"**

Sec. 12. (a) "Nutrition therapy services" means the following services that are directed toward humans:

- (1) Assessing the nutritional needs of individuals and groups, considering the resources and constraints in the practice setting.
- (2) Establishing priorities, goals, and objectives for therapy that meet nutritional needs of individuals and groups and that are consistent with available resources and constraints.
- (3) Providing nutrition counseling in health and disease.
- (4) Developing, implementing, and managing:
  - (A) nutrition therapy of; and
  - (B) food service systems for;individuals and groups.
- (5) Maintaining appropriate standards of quality in food and nutrition therapy services for individuals and groups.

(b) The term does not include the retail sale of food products or vitamins.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-13**

**"Practice experience"**

Sec. 13. "Practice experience" means a preprofessional, documented, supervised practice in dietetics services that is acceptable to the board in compliance with requirements for certification. It may be or may include a documented, supervised practice experience that is a component of the educational requirements for certification.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-14**

**"Practice of dietetics"**

Sec. 14. "Practice of dietetics" means the integration and

application of the principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, physiology, management, and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain people's health through the provision of nutrition therapy services.

*As added by P.L.124-1994, SEC.7.*

**IC 25-14.5-1-15**

**"Qualified dietitian"**

Sec. 15. "Qualified dietitian" means an individual who is certified under this article.

*As added by P.L.131-2015, SEC.3.*