



**Idaho State  
University**



# How to Become an RDN

*RDN = Registered Dietitian Nutritionist*

## Step 1: Bachelors Degree

- Earn a Bachelors of Science with Didactic Program in Dietetics
- (DPD) verification from an ACEND® accredited program
- ACEND® certifies colleges to offer degree programs in dietetics
- **Idaho State University is ACEND® accredited**

## Step 2: Masters Degree and Dietetic Internship

- You must complete an accredited Dietetic Internship- anyone graduating the internship after January 1, 2024 will also need a Masters of Science
- Anyone finishing the Dietetic Internship after December 31, 2023 must also have a Masters of Science
- ISU has a combined Dietetic Internship and Masters of Science that is completed in four semesters!

## Step 3: Registration & Licensure

- STUDY, then sign up to take the exam
- Pass the exam and you may use the RDN credential
- Apply for a state license to practice as a dietitian

**National Median Pay:**  
**\$63,090 per year**  
**\$30.33 per hour**

**The number of jobs  
for RDNs is expected  
to increase by 11%  
between 2020 and  
2030.**

## **Nutrition & Dietetics**

(208) 282-5719 | [isu.edu/dietetics](http://isu.edu/dietetics)

**ROAR**