

3250.0020 NUTRITIONIST REQUIREMENTS.

Subpart 1. **Generally.** To be eligible for licensure as a nutritionist, an applicant must submit a fully completed application on a form provided by the board, along with the applicable fee as provided in part 3250.0050, and meet one of the sets of requirements described in subparts 2 to 5.

Subp. 2. **Education and experience.** The applicant must provide the board with:

A. an official transcript showing that the applicant has received a postgraduate degree with a major in human nutrition, public health nutrition, clinical nutrition, nutrition education, community nutrition, or food and nutrition from a United States regionally accredited college or university; and

B. documented evidence of having completed a supervised preprofessional practice experience component in nutrition practice of at least 900 hours under the supervision of a registered dietitian, a state licensed nutrition professional, or an individual with a doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university who has completed a major course of study in human nutrition, nutrition education, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food system management. Supervised practice experience must be completed in the United States or its territories. Supervisors who obtain their doctoral degrees outside the United States and its territories must have their degrees approved by the board as equivalent to the doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university.

Subp. 3. **National registration.** The applicant must provide a notarized copy of a current certificate showing the applicant's diplomate status with the American Board of Nutrition.

Subp. 4. **Applicants petitioning for independent review.** The applicant petitioning for independent review must provide the board with:

A. an official transcript showing the applicant's completion of a master's or doctoral degree with a major course of study that includes an emphasis in human nutrition, as described in Minnesota Statutes, section 148.624, subdivision 3, paragraph (a); and

B. documented evidence of having completed a supervised preprofessional practice experience component in nutrition practice of at least 900 hours under the supervision of a registered dietitian, a state licensed nutrition professional, or an individual with a doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university who has completed a major course of study in human nutrition, nutrition education, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food system management. Supervised practice experience must be completed in the United States or its territories. Supervisors who obtain their doctoral degrees outside the United States and its territories must have their

degrees approved by the board as equivalent to the doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university.

Subp. 5. **Applicants holding foreign degrees.** The applicant holding a foreign degree must provide the board with:

A. documented evidence that an evaluating agency, preapproved by the board, has evaluated the applicant's transcript from a foreign college or university and has deemed that transcript to be equivalent to the transcript required under subpart 2, item A. The documented evidence must be received directly from the evaluating agency by the board; and

B. documented evidence of having completed within the last five years a supervised preprofessional experience component in nutrition practice of at least 900 hours under the supervision of a registered dietitian, a state licensed nutrition professional, or an individual with a doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university who has completed a major course of study in human nutrition, nutrition education, food and nutrition, dietetics, and food system management. Supervised practice experience must be completed in the United States or its territories. Supervisors who obtain their doctoral degrees outside the United States and its territories must have their degrees approved by the board as equivalent to the doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university.

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