



LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

LBEDN Mission Statement:

Our mission is to assure the consumer of qualified licensed professionals. In pursuing our goal, we provide a process by which consumers may file complaints against our licensees or persons practicing dietetics/nutrition without a license.

LBEDN NEWS

April 2024

Licensing Updates

LBEDN currently regulates **1727** licenses. During the first three quarters of this fiscal year, from **July 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024**, the Board received **195** applications, and has reviewed and approved a total of **162** applications. There is one quarter remaining in this fiscal year.

- LDN Application Approvals: 112**
- Provisional LDN Application Approvals: 18**
- Upgrade Request Approvals: 14**
- Reinstatement Application Approvals: 18**

Renewals Open April 15th

The renewal period opens on **April 15th**. Applications are available online only. *Please be prepared.*

- **LDNs:** Must upload a **PDF copy** of a **current CDR card or Credential Verification** which includes name, CDR number, and lapse date (*not an LDN ID card*).
- **Provisional LDNs:** Must attest to the required continuing education hours and upload **PDF copies of CE certificates**. Supervision Forms are also required if employed in Dietetics/Nutrition in Louisiana.

Upcoming Events

- Renewals Open - April 15th
- Board Meeting - April 26th
- Board Meeting - August 16th
- Board Meeting - November 15th

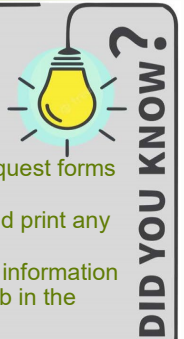
BOARD OPERATIONS

LBEDN continues to grow!
We are continuing to see an impressive number of licensees each fiscal year.

	07/01/2019 through 06/30/2020	07/01/2020 through 06/30/2021	07/01/2021 through 06/30/2022	07/01/2022 through 06/30/2023
New LDNs	94	96	108	178
Reinstated LDNs	18	20	19	20
Provisional LDNs	26	39	38	20
Upgraded Licenses	22	26	35	19
FISCAL YEAR TOTAL	160	181	200	237

Many online services are available on your Licensee Dashboard.

- Printable ID cards and Wall Certificates can be found on your Licensee Dashboard.
- Verification of Licensure and Name Change Request forms can be found under the FORMS tab.
- Selecting the FEES tab will allow you to view and print any fee receipt.
- You can update your personal and employment information as soon as changes occur by selecting the "EDIT" tab in the "ACCOUNT INFO" box.



Meet the Board

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Louisiana Licensure and Credential Designation

The Board recommends that a **Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist, who is a Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)**, use the following order of listed credentials:

1. Graduate Academic degree (e.g. MS, MPH, M.Ed.)
2. RD or RDN
3. RDN specialty certifications with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (e.g. CSG, CSO, CSP, CSSD, CSR)
4. Licensure Designation (LDN)
5. Other certifications (e.g. CDCES, CNS, CCHC, CNSD, etc.)
6. Fellow of the American Dietetic Association and/or Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FADA or FAND)

The recommended order of listed credentials for a Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist who is a Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) with the CDR Advanced Practice Certification in Clinical Nutrition is:

Graduate academic degree, RD-AP*, or RDN-AP* specialty certifications with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (e.g. CSG, CSO, CSP, CSSD, CSR), licensure designation, other certifications (e.g. CDR, CNS, etc.), Fellow of the American Dietetic Association (FADA).

Proper Use Examples:

Kerry Jones, MPH, RDN, LDN, CCHC, CDCES, FADA
E. White, MS, RD-AP, LDN, CNSD, CDR, FAND
Sue Smith, M.Ed., RDN, LDN

WRITTEN OR VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

When referring to your licensure status in written text or verbally, your license type is Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist. Your credential status is Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.

For example:

An introduction of a speaker might read: Jane Doe is a Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist, as well as a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist.



The Board recommends that a **Provisional Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist** use the following order of listed credentials:

1. Graduate Academic degree (e.g. MS, MPH, M.Ed.)
2. Registered Dietitian Eligible
3. Licensure Designation (Provisional LDN)
4. Other certifications (e.g. CDM, CFPP, etc.)

Proper Use Examples:

J. Smith, MS, Registered Dietitian Eligible,
Provisional LDN
Shannon Doe, MPH, Registered Dietitian
Eligible, Provisional LDN, CDM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



Minimum Education Requirement

Although LBEDN is not pursuing revisions to the Practice Act at this time, a graduate degree is the minimum degree requirement for those seeking to become eligible for the registration examination for dietitians. Because LBEDN accepts the CDR card, the minimum standard will be met.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

Is your group interested in having a Board member present information regarding licensure law, board activities or related topics? The Board is interested in addressing your needs. We especially welcome the opportunity to speak with student groups, interns, and district associations. We want to meet with you to share about our law and rules, and to answer your questions. To request a presentation, please email Tracy at tjeanmarie@lbedn.org. We ask that you make your request three months in advance if possible.

Thank you for your service

April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN

April has been a Licensed, Registered Dietitian for over 20 years.

April has several years of experience in Clinical Nutrition and Food Service Management, as well as academia. She currently holds the position of Corporate Director of Nutrition Services for Oceans Behavioral.

Ms. April Cintron served as a Board member from 2017 to 2023. The Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition would like to thank her for her many years of service.



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