



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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