**Nutritionist Job description**

**Job brief**

The Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) provides nutrition consultation and education for patients and their families who are screened at nutrition risk, identified with nutrition risk, and/or referred by physicians or other healthcare providers for nutrition-related problems, chronic disease management, management of nutrition support, to meet regulatory requirements, or for prevention and wellness.

**Responsibilities**

* Evaluates and assesses nutrition status of patients, and screens patients for nutritional risk in accordance with established department protocols and standards.
* Plans and initiates medical nutrition therapy to patients if indicated by patient requirements and clinical protocol.
* Certifies patients for specific program benefits.
* Educates and counsels patients and families on nutritional issues, either individually or in groups.
* Communicates individual nutritional care plans to other health care providers as a member of a health care team.
* Monitors store participation; identifies and resolves problems between stores and patients.
* Orders and maintains inventory of program supplies, including patient checks, for all clinics.
* Performs various administrative duties related to public health nutrition programs.
* Maintains professional growth and development through completion of required departmental competencies.
* Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned.

**Requirements**

**Education & Registration:**

• BSc Human Nutrition or equivalent as recognized by Department of Health

• Registered with CORU

**Experience & Knowledge:**

• Minimum of 6 months post graduate dietetic experience

• Evidence of continuing professional development

• Complies with relevant professional ethics, code of professional practice, CORU code of practice

• Good oral and written communication skills

• Good presentation skills

• Basic computer skills using Word, PowerPoint and dietary analysis program

**Personal Attributes**:

• Confident

• Self-motivated, reliable and able to work independently

• Active advocate of the patient

• Flexible, adaptable and creative

• Able to reflect and appraise own performance

• Able to maintain effective working relationships with relevant stakeholders