



Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Medical and Public Health

DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Dietitian/Nutritionist provides clinical nutrition recommendations, nutrition education, public health nutrition programs, and may help oversee preparation and distribution of mass food services for nutritional content
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Palliative Care Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 3. This position receives additional just-in-time training specific to specialty areas or disaster response, as necessary

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Dietitian/Nutritionist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plans and conducts food service or nutritional programs to help promote health and control disease 2. Performs nutritional assessments in consultation with clinical providers to develop and implement nutritional care plans 3. Oversees the selection of food to address clinical and cultural needs 4. May help oversee preparation and distribution of mass food services for nutritional content 5. Counsels individuals and families in diet and nutrition 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bachelor degree in dietetics, food and nutrition, or related field, in accordance with nationally recognized standards on qualifying requirements, such as those from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2. Completion of a didactic program in Dietetics 3. Completion of a dietetic internship accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics 	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Two years of experience in a practice setting such as a hospital, health system, or agency, with service commensurate with the mission assignment	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moderate 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 3. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) immunization recommendations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions. 2. PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.



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CURRENCY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Functions in this position in a healthcare setting within the past three years2. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission assignment3. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within the past 12 months; a sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registered Dietitian (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) certification from the Commission on Dietetic Registration or its equivalent2. State, District of Columbia, or U.S. tribe or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a dietitian/nutritionist without restrictions, where applicable	Not Specified



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Palliative Care Team
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders