
**Assessment Criteria and Instructions for
Application:
Certification of Proficiency in Dietetics**



**Ceylon Medical College Council
Sri Lanka**

This document has been prepared in accordance with current globally accepted competencies and minimum standards by the relevant bodies in dietetics.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Introduction

This document lists the competencies and minimum standards which must be met by a candidate applying for the Certificate of Proficiency in Dietetics issued by the Ceylon Medical College Council and the information and documentary evidence to be provided by the applicant in support of having met these competencies.

COMPETENCY STANDARDS EXPECTED OF A DIETICIAN

1. Practice safely and effectively within the scope* of their practice
2. Apply key concepts of knowledge, regularly acquiring new knowledge in nutrition and dietetics
3. Maintain records and reflect on and review practice
4. Practice as an independent professional within their professional judgement
5. Practice within ethical and legal boundaries of their practice maintaining confidentiality, honesty and responsibility
6. Practice safely and effectively with cultural awareness and responsiveness within Sri Lankan legal and ethical requirements
7. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication and interpersonal skills across varied cultural, socioeconomic, professional and organizational backgrounds to optimize performance outcomes
8. Collaborate with nutrition, dietetic and inter sectoral professional colleagues, clients and other stakeholders to establish and achieve common goals as a multidisciplinary care team member
9. Develop nutrition and dietetic expertise through lifelong learning and continuing professional development activities, contribute to research initiatives that enhance practice and provide relevant training to dietetic and other healthcare professionals.
10. Demonstrate effective management skills to optimise service quality and leadership in professional practice

* The scope is defined as a professional who:

- Applies the science of food and nutrition to promote health, assess nutrition, prevent and treat disease to optimize health and well-being of individuals, groups, communities and populations and in food service management.
- Practices evidence-based dietetics as part of the health care team in hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities at individual and community level.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Complete as indicated in the application form.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REQUIRED

General information: in this section of the application (**starting from page 2**), the required qualifications and experience are listed under subsections along with accepted forms of evidence for each requirement.

- Complete all tables relevant to your qualifications given under this section
- Submit evidence in the form of a page numbered set of annexures
- Report the page numbers in the relevant tables. (Please note that providing one type of evidence e.g., certified copy of a transcript, is sufficient for each requirement. In the case of web documents, a printout of the relevant page is required).
- Highlight the relevant section of the document submitted as evidence.

1. BACHELOR'S QUALIFICATION IN DIETETICS

Minimum requirement:

Bachelor's Degree in the areas of dietetics/ human nutrition/food science and nutrition /or an equivalent degree with a duration of 3 or 4 years.

Evidence: Certified copies of degree certificates should be annexed.

1.1 Additional supporting documents required with respect to Bachelor's qualifications in nutrition / dietetics

Minimum standard:

A bachelor's degree with a specialization in nutrition/dietetics at Level 6 of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) or equivalent.

Evidence: Complete table and provide annexures as indicated.

1.2 Courses completed with respect to Bachelor's qualifications in nutrition/dietetics

Minimum standards:

1. Medium of instruction in the degree programme should be English (if not, evidence of proficiency in the English language should be provided).
2. Adequate coverage of content in human biosciences and food and nutrition science within the degree programme.
3. Application of science in the practice of nutrition and dietetics in an evidence-based manner.

Evidence:

Indicate courses/subjects under the core areas listed. The table (**page 3 and 4**) provides examples of potential courses/subjects that may fulfil the content areas listed. You may add any other relevant course names in place of those given. Certified copy of the transcript is mandatory and course outlines/syllabi/handbook pages may also be included for courses/subjects other than those listed.

2 CERTIFICATION OF PROFICIENCY AS A DIETICIAN WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN DIETETICS

Those who do not have a BSc in dietetics but who have a Master's degree in dietetics with a 1000 hour clinical/dietetic attachment are eligible (**Page 5**).

Evidence:

Complete table and certified copies of degree certificates must be annexed.

2.1 Additional supporting documents required with respect to Master's qualification in dietetics

Minimum standard:

A Master's degree with a specialization in nutrition/dietetics at Level 9 or above of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) or equivalent.

Evidence: Complete the table and include annexures.

2.2 Courses completed with respect to Master's qualifications in dietetics

Minimum standards:

1. Adequate coverage of content in food and nutrition science and dietetics within the postgraduate degree programme.
2. Application of science in the practice of nutrition and dietetics in an evidence-based manner.

Evidence:

Indicate courses/subjects under the core areas listed (**page 6**) and provide details. You may add any other relevant core areas done. A certified copy of the transcript is mandatory and course outlines/syllabi/handbook pages may also be included for core areas other than those listed.

3. PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT (MINIMUM OF 1000 HOURS)

Minimum standard:

Adequate depth and breadth of experiences demonstrating competence in recognizing the multiple factors that affect nutrition in health and disease and acting to change the environment to improve health or aid the treatment impact in disease.

Standard achieved through:

- A minimum of 1000 hours overall of practice-based learning is expected to be covered either during or following the degree programme
- Practicing evidence-based dietetics in a range of co-morbidities, in acute and ambulatory care in a hospital-based setting: advising on menu planning, food preparation, processing, nutritional standards and requirements of service users.
- Long term follow-up care of hospital patients post discharge.

Please provide the following details in support of the above:

The supervised placement should mandatorily cover the appointments marked by an asterisk in the table given in **page 7**. Candidates may also cover any of the other possible appointments listed.

Evidence:

1. The completed table
2. A certified logbook corresponding to all the appointments that were covered.
3. A supervisor's endorsement certifying that the candidates log book entries are true.

Details of the supervisor/s

Supervisors are expected to have a minimum of two (2) years of experience post registration with the SLMC or equivalent authority.

Evidence: Complete the table with supervisor's details.

4.DECLARATION AND ENDORSEMENT

This section should be completed as indicated on the application form.

Endorsement by a current SLMC Registered dietician is required.

Endorsement should be requested only once all relevant details have been completed in this form and annexures have been attached.

Certification by the head of the institute/s where clinical training was carried out, detailing the facilities offered in the multiple disciplines stated above.