

# Trocaire College

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## ***Dietetic Technology A.A.S.***

A Dietetic Technician is someone who has been specially trained in the area of food and nutrition. A Dietetic Technician works as a member of the food service or health care team, and may be responsible for nutrition assessment, intervention, monitoring and evaluation of nutrition care under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian. Combining Trocaire's history of excellence in health care education with the Russell J. Salvatore School of Hospitality & Business, the curriculum combines the science of nutrition with the knowledge and skills of foodservice management.

### **Curriculum Overview**

The Dietetic Technology Program at Trocaire offers a combination of learning in both the traditional classroom setting, as well as planned supervised practice experiences in the community. Supervised practice opportunities are located in area hospitals, long term care facilities, and community agencies. Students will have the opportunity to obtain ServSafe certification and participate in professional association activities to enhance career opportunities.

### ***Full Time Curriculum***

#### **Fall—Year 1**

DT 101 Nutrition & Wellness  
DT 102 Introductory Foods  
DT 103 Nutrition Care Process  
CH 111 General Chemistry I  
CH 111L General Chemistry I lab  
EN 101 or EN 200  
GS 100 College Seminar

#### **Spring—Year 1**

DT 104 Community Nutrition  
HM 204 Food & Beverage Service  
and Sanitation  
BIO 109 Essentials of Anatomy  
& Physiology  
BIO 109L Essentials of A&P lab  
Math elective (MA 107 or higher)  
Literature elective

#### **Fall Year 2**

DT 201 Diet & Disease I  
DT 202 Supervised Practice—  
*Long term care settings*  
DT 203 Nutrition Education  
DT 204 Foodservice Management  
& Operations I  
Social Sciences elective  
Philosophy/Religious Studies elective

#### **Spring—Year 2**

DT 205 Diet & Disease II  
DT 206 Supervised Practice—  
*Acute Care settings*  
DT 207 Seminar in Dietetic Technology  
DT 208 Foodservice Management  
& Operations II  
Social Sciences elective  
Philosophy/Religious Studies elective

### **Admission Requirements**

- High school diploma (minimum 80% average) or GED diploma with a minimum score of 2625
- High school biology and chemistry with an overall average of 80% in each course.
- One year of high school algebra or integrated mathematics with an overall average of 80%.
- Course credit or supervised practice hours may be granted for prior learning, please contact program director for more information.
- 2.0 cumulative average with minimum grades of "C" in laboratory sciences for current and transfer students.

### **Possible Work Settings**

The majority of dietetic technicians work with registered dietitians in a variety of employment settings including health care (assisting dietitians in providing medical nutrition therapy), in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and hospices. In addition, a large number of dietetic technicians work in foodservice settings developing menus, performing nutrient analysis, overseeing food safety, production and service. A growing number of dietetic technicians work in the community and public health setting such as schools or day care centers or other community agencies.

### **Average Salary**

According to a recent survey by the American Dietetic Association, half of all dietetic technicians who have been working in the field full-time for four years or less earn between \$26,500 and \$36,800 per year. Salary levels vary with region, employment setting, scope of responsibility and supply of dietetic technicians.

### **If you already have a degree**

If you have already completed college course work or have a degree that is not in dietetics and are interested in becoming a dietetic technician, contact the program director to review your college transcript. The program director, in consultation with the registrar will evaluate your previous academic preparation and for official credit evaluation.

### **Financial Aid**

Trocaire College awards financial aid in accordance with New York State and Federal regulations. The majority of students at Trocaire receive some form of financial aid such as scholarships, grants, loans or employment. The two major sources are the Federal Pell Program and the State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). To apply for financial aid, complete a Free Application at Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov)

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