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Advance Your Career in Nutrition:

Complete Cal State LA's Online Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nutritional Science to Qualify for a Dietetic Internship and Become a RDN

Are you a dedicated WIC employee dreaming of advancing your career and becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)? If you've been held back by missing courses required for a dietetic internship, we have exciting news for you! The California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) College of Professional and Global Education now offers an online Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nutritional Science Program, designed specifically to help individuals like you qualify for dietetic internships and take that crucial next step in your professional journey.

Why Become a RDN?

To achieve RDN status, a candidate must complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, an accredited supervised practice program (such as a dietetic internship), and a graduate degree (e.g., a master's degree) in any field. For many, the challenge lies in the coursework required for entry into a supervised practice program. While some bachelor's programs include these courses, like a Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics, others do not. That's where the Cal State LA Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nutritional Science comes in—it's designed to fill in those educational gaps and set you on the path to RDN eligibility.

What Does the Program Offer?

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nutritional Science Program is a comprehensive, 35-unit program that provides the essential courses needed to qualify for supervised practice. This program is 100% online and designed with flexibility in mind, making it easier for full-time employees to balance their current job and education.

- **Three Semesters Long:** Complete the program in just three semesters.
- **Flexible Schedule:** Some courses are asynchronous, allowing you to complete coursework on your schedule, whether it's evenings or weekends. Other courses will meet in the evenings, possibly around 5:00 pm, although specific times are yet to be determined.
- **Transfer Credit:** Cal State LA offers free transcript assessments to determine if prior coursework can be transferred, with up to eight units eligible for transfer credit.
- **GPA Admission Requirement**: Minimum GPA of 2.5 in the last 60 semester or 90 quarter units
- **Affordable and Accessible:** The cost is $400 per credit, totaling approximately $14,000 for the full program. Financial aid and scholarships are available to help you invest in your future without financial stress.

Who Should Enroll?

This program is perfect for WIC employees who have already completed a bachelor's degree in a health-related field but need specific nutrition courses to qualify for a dietetic internship.

A Bridge to Your Future

This certificate program is more than just an educational opportunity; it's a pathway to a rewarding career as an RDN. As you build the skills and knowledge needed to advance your professional standing, you'll be opening doors not just for yourself, but for the communities you serve through WIC and beyond.

Ready to take the first step toward achieving your RDN goals? Contact Tina Canales, Career Development and Dietic Internship Coordinator for CDHP/WIC for more information and find out how Cal State LA's Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nutritional Science can transform your career. Don't let missing coursework hold you back—start building your future today!