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## What is a dietetic technician?

The dietetic technician is a technically skilled person who functions as a member of the dietetic team to provide meals in a food service environment. Upon completion of the program, dietetic technician graduates can take the registration exam to become a dietetic technician registered. The dietetic technician works under the supervision of a registered dietitian.

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## What duties does a dietetic technician perform?

Dietetic technicians may perform such duties as:

- Plan and implement nutritionally appropriate menus for food service facilities
- Procure and receive food, supplies and equipment
- Maintain quality standards in food production and service
- Plan and implement effective cost control procedures
- Conduct in-service education programs
- Calculate nutrient intakes
- Plan and evaluate nutritional care
- Utilize effective communication techniques in food service operations
- Utilize technology in daily food service activities

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## Where does a dietetic technician work?

A dietetic technician may work in:

- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Restaurants
- School lunch programs
- College food services
- Elderly feeding programs
- Commercial food companies
- Health department

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## What is the income potential for a dietetic technician?

Income varies depending on the type of dietetic technician position. The median income for the U.S. is \$27,000 and the median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$26,000.

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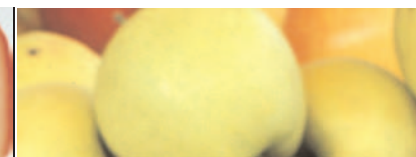
## What will the dietetic technician degree allow me to do?

Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree at Southwest and enter the job market immediately upon graduation or transfer coursework to a four-year dietetic program to pursue becoming a dietitian.

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## What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the dietetic technician program?

Southwest's employment rate for dietetic technicians is 100 percent each year.



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### Why choose Southwest?

- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Small classes for more personalized attention
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- Affordable tuition
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### How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

- Complete application for Southwest.
- Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
- Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:  
[Southwest Tennessee Community College](mailto:SouthwestTennesseeCommunityCollege@tnc.edu)  
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780
- Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
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