

Job Title: Dietician

Location: NAA Diagnostic Care Centre - Dummar, Damascus

Salary: Competitive

Job Type: Permanent

Job Duration: 3 months probation and following acceptance, a long term contract

Responsible to: Clinic Manager

Responsible for: Establishing and delivering a comprehensive dietary service for NAA patients.

Job Profile

Dietetics is the interpretation and communication of the science of nutrition to enable people to make informed and practical choices about food and lifestyle, in both health and disease. They undertake the practical application of nutrition with both individuals and population groups to promote the well being of individuals and communities to prevent nutrition related problems. They are also involved in the diagnoses and dietary treatment of disease.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- ✓ Dietitian plays an important role in health promotion and education, particularly patients who need special diets as part of their medical treatment such as; renal and cardiovascular disease, food allergies, eating disorders, diabetes, oncology, gastroenterology.
- ✓ Accepts patients according to doctor's recommendation or person's desire to enroll the patient in a dietary plan.
- ✓ Her/his principle role will be to evaluate the dietary requirement of healthy people and different patient groups.
- ✓ Dietitians educate patients and their families on nutritional principles, dietary plans and diet modifications, and food selection and preparation.
- ✓ Her/his educator role and responsibilities will be extended to clients, doctors, nurses, health professionals and community groups in the form of print and non-print educational materials, presentations and seminars on nutritional topics.

Personal Specifications

Knowledge and Qualifications

- ✓ A recognized degree, MSc or post graduate diploma in nutrition and dietetics to work as a dietitian

Experience

- ✓ At least five years experience in a clinical and community setting.

Skills/Abilities

- ✓ A keen interest in science, people and food, to be able to effectively communicate with people from all areas of the community orally and in writing for patients to motivate them to apply the diet plan needed.
- ✓ An ability to explain complex ideas simply.
- ✓ A positive and motivating attitude and an understanding.
- ✓ An ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with patients.
- ✓ A friendly and non-discriminatory approach.
- ✓ Patience and a sense of humor.
- ✓ Mature manner to gain patients trust.
- ✓ Good counseling skills to deal effectively with individuals.