I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of This Classification Specification

This classification specification is the basic authority under Wis. Admin. Code ER 2.04 for making classification decisions relative to present and future positions that perform technical work assisting professional dietitians in the provision of dietetics services within state institutions. This classification specification is not intended to identify every duty that may be assigned to positions, but is intended to serve as a framework for classification decision making in this occupational area.

Classification decisions must be based on the “best fit” of the duties within the existing classification structure. The “best fit” is determined by the majority (i.e., more than 50%) of the work assigned to and performed by the position when compared to the class concepts and definition of this specification or through other methods of position analysis. Position analysis defines the nature and character of the work through the use of any or all of the following: definition statements; listing of areas of specialization; representative examples of work performed; allocation patterns of representative positions; job evaluation guide charts, standards or factors; statements of inclusion and exclusion; licensure or certification requirements; and other such information necessary to facilitate the assignment of positions to the appropriate classification.

B. Inclusions

This classification encompasses positions that provide technical assistance to professional dietitians in providing dietetics services to staff and patients, residents, or inmates in state institutions.

C. Exclusions

Excluded from this classification are the following types of positions:

1. Positions meeting the statutory definition of supervisor or management in Wis. Stats. 111.81(19) and (13) as administered and interpreted by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission.

2. All other positions more appropriately identified by other classification specifications.

D. Entrance Into This Classification

Employees typically enter positions within this classification by competitive examination.
II. DEFINITION

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Within a state institution or special program, these positions perform technical work assisting a professional dietitian and other members of a multi-disciplinary care team in providing nutritional care and treatment to patients, inmates, residents or other clients. Duties include maintaining records of dietary status for individuals, generating meal-specific diet slips individualized for each patient in accordance with their overall nutritional care plan, ensuring diet indications are implemented during meal service, and assisting the dietitian in patient assessment, nutrition counseling, and food service staff training.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications required for these positions will be determined at the time of recruitment. Such determinations will be made based on an analysis of the goals and worker activities performed and by an identification of the education, training, work, or other life experience which would provide reasonable assurance that the knowledge and skills required upon appointment have been acquired.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This classification was created effective May 21, 2000 and announced in Bulletin CLR/SC-112. This action results from partial implementation of the Food Service Occupations Survey initiated on September 11, 1997 by Bulletin CC/SC-71. Employees in this classification were previously classified in the Dietetic Technician 1, 2 series, abolished effective with the creation of the new Dietetic Technician-Clinical classification.

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