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## Western Area Massachusetts Dietetic Association Membership Qualifications

*The Association has three membership classes. They are:*

### **1. Active Member:**

A. An individual holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, and meeting the academic requirements specified by the American Dietetic Association; and one more of the following criteria may apply for membership:

1. A Registered Dietitian (RD) credential by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)
2. Has completed an academic and/or supervised practice program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE).
3. Is a graduate of a baccalaureate degree program that meets current academic and recency of education requirements specified by ADA.

B. An individual holding a master's or doctoral degree, and a degree (baccalaureate, master's, doctoral) in one of the following areas may apply for active membership: Dietetics, Food and Nutrition, Community Nutrition/Public Health Nutrition, Food Science, or Food Service Systems Management. An accredited college or university must confer each degree.

C. An individual meeting one or more of the following criteria may apply for Active membership:

1. A Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR) credentialed by the CDR or has established eligibility to take the examination for technicians
2. Has completed a CADE approved associate degree program for dietetic technicians
3. Holds a baccalaureate degree and meets the above requirements specified by CADE, and has completed an accredited/approved dietetic technician's program experience.

### **2. Retired Members:**

Any member of the Association that is no longer employed or actively engaged in dietetic practice or education and is at least sixty-two (62) years of age or is retired on total permanent disability may apply for Retired Membership.

### **3. Student Members:**

Student classification can be held for a maximum of six (6) years. An individual meeting the following criteria may apply for membership.

A. A student enrolled in a CADE accredited/approved program.

B. A student enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university who state his/her intent to enter a CADE accredited/approved program.

C. Active members returning to school on a full-time basis for a baccalaureate or graduate degree in a dietetic related course of study may apply for student membership status.