PURPOSE:
To define the roles and responsibilities for a Masters Degreed Nutritionist (MDN) in the local agency (LA) setting.

POLICY:
I. The MDN must possess a master’s degree in a clinical nutrition-related field. The California Business and Professional Code sections 2585 – 2586.8 allows these individuals to provide the services of nutritional assessment, education, and treatment, if they possess a master’s degree or higher in a field covering clinical nutrition services from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation agency.
II. MDNs may provide services to participants with any nutrition need.

PROCEDURE(S):
I. Requirements
A. A MDN must possess a master’s degree or higher in a field covering clinical nutrition services from a college or university accredited by a regional accreditation agency.
B. See the DN Standards for Competency worksheet in WPPM 130-50, for a list of degrees in nutrition-related fields. If the degree is not on this list, consult with your Regional Nutritionist for approval.
C. LA must complete and maintain the Standards for Competency worksheet and review college transcripts. Upon request, a LA must provide CDPH/WIC with verification of the MDN’s qualifications.
D. If an employee has previous WIC experience, the LA must request and retain copies of these forms and documents, from the previous agency or from the employee.
E. The LA must retain the verification forms and documents for a minimum of three years following the termination of an employee.
F. Every five years a MDN must complete 75 continuing education units that are equivalent to those allowable for an RD or DTR.
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AUTHORITY:
7 CFR §246.2
7 CFR §246.6(b)(2)
California Business and Professional Code §§2585 – 2586.8

CROSS REFERENCE:
WPPM 130-50 Degreed Nutritionist (DN): Requirements and Responsibilities