

Certified Clinical Transplant Dietitian (CCTD) Eligibility Criteria

The CCTD certification is valid for three years, after which an application must be submitted for recertification. Initial eligibility requirements are listed below. Eligibility will be evaluated by the CCTD Workgroup.

**** Important: Please read all FAQs prior to application submission ****

Core Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet both core requirements and one additional eligibility requirement:

❖ Active Registered Dietitian

- Active with the Commission of Dietetic Registration (CDR) credential or a body determined to be equivalent if not located in the United States.

❖ Transplant Dietitian Experience – Minimum of **4,000 hours** (2 full years) of transplant experience

Examples of transplant dietitian experience include the following:

- Interaction with transplant candidates, recipients, and living donors
- Participation in multidisciplinary transplant meetings (e.g., MRB, QAPI)
- Attendance at transplant rounds and involvement in research or quality improvement initiatives
- Providing transplant-related nutrition education to staff

Additional Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for certification as a CCTD, individuals must meet both core requirements outlined above and have completed at least one of the following in the prior **5 years**:

Option	What Counts	Documentation Required
Published Work	Peer-reviewed transplant nutrition article or book chapter	Copy of manuscript
Oral Presentation	Presentation on transplant nutrition at a national transplant or national nutrition conference (including roundtable/panel)	Copy of presentation + conference agenda
Webinar Presentation	Webinar on transplant nutrition for a national transplant or nutrition organization	Copy of webinar presentation
Poster Presentation	Poster on transplant nutrition at a national transplant conference	Copy of poster + conference agenda
Committee Service	Served ≥1 year on a national committee related to transplant/transplant nutrition	Written proof from committee lead including hours/time served
Continuing Education (CEUs)	Minimum of 30 transplant-specific CEUs	Spreadsheet to include title of education presentation, date of completion, CEU credits and type (CDR, Category 1 CME/AMA PRA, CEPTC), copy of certificate

Tip: Regional or hospital-based presentations may qualify for partial CEU credit. See FAQs for full guidance.

Certification Fee

Applicant Type	Fee	Includes
Existing NATCO Member	\$220	\$25 administration fee, application cost, a one time - 1-year NATCO membership extension
New NATCO Member	\$220	\$25 administration fee, application cost, 1-year NATCO membership
Non-NATCO Member	\$245	\$25 administration fee, application cost only

Note: Administration fee is non-refundable if the application is denied. Contact **Kelia Southwick** (Kelias@natco1.org) for payment.