The profession of dietetics is dedicated to improvement of the nutrition of human beings, advancement of the science of dietetics and nutrition and promotion of education in these and allied areas. The dietitians' responsibility for nutritional care is unique among professions because the dietitian is the only professional person who concentrates on the application of concepts of nutrition in everyday health care of individuals and groups.

Responsibility to Society

The dietitian, with commitment to excellence in the nutritional care of individuals and groups shares responsibility with associated professionals in meeting the health needs of the public.

The dietitian, with specialized knowledge of food and its implications for health, participates in the protection of the public against fraud, misinformation and unethical practices.

Responsibility to the Profession

The dietitian identifies and accepts those responsibilities requiring professional competence and delegates other functions to those qualified to perform them.

The dietitian participates in establishing and maintaining conditions of employment conducive to high quality nutritional care.

The dietitian recognizes that continuing education is an essential element in the development of personal competence and reliable professional performance.

The dietitian avoids conduct which may lower esteem for the profession.

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