



Board for
Certification of
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Specialists

State	License Required to Practice MNT	CNS Can Hold License or Certification	CNSs Can Participate in General Nutrition Education	Link to Practice Act / Statute	Link to Rules / Regulations	Link to Regulatory Body
Alabama	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	No	https://www.boed.alabama.gov/rules.aspx	https://www.boed.alabama.gov/PDF/R&R07-23-13.pdf	https://www.boed.alabama.gov/
Alaska	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/DietitianStatutes.pdf	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/DietitianStatutes.pdf	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/dietitiansnutritionists.aspx
Arizona	No	No	Yes	No current law		
Arkansas	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Act_392_1989_.pdf		
California	MNT allowed with a doctor referral	No	Yes	https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=BPC&division=2.&title=&part=		

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Colorado	No	No	Yes			
Connecticut	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/practitioner_licensing_and_investigations/plis/Diet/DietStatspdf.pdf?la=en		
Delaware	Yes	Yes	With license	https://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c038/index.html		
District of Columbia	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	With license	https://code.dc.council.gov/us/dc/council/code/titles/3/chapters/12/subchapters/VII		https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/dietetics-and-nutrition-licensing
Florida	Yes	Yes	Yes	http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0400-	https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/dietetic-nutrition/resources/_documents/laws-and-rules-handbook.pdf	https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/dietetic-nutrition/

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Georgia	No – please see exemptions in the law	No	Yes		https://rules.sos.ga.gov/gac/157?urlRedirected=yes&data=admin&lookingfor=157	
Guam	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws/GCA/10gca/10gc012B.PDF		https://guamhplo.org/gbaha/forms
Hawaii	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol10_Ch0436-0474/HRS0448B/HRS_0448B-.HTM	https://health.hawaii.gov/opppd/files/2015/06/11-79.pdf	https://health.hawaii.gov/ohca/state-licensing-section/
Idaho	Yes – CNSs cannot do MNT	No	Yes	https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title54/t54ch35/	https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/24/243307.pdf	https://dopl.idaho.gov/bom/
Illinois	Yes	Yes	With license	https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1297&ChapterAct=225%2%A0ILCS%2%A030/&ChapterI	https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801245sections.html	https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/boards/diet.html

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Indiana	No	No	Yes	https://iga.in.gov/laws/2019/ic/titles/25#25-14.5	http://iac.iga.in.gov/iac//iac_title?iact=844	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/medical-physicians-and-osteopathic-physicians-home/medical-board/
Iowa	Yes – CNSs cannot do MNT	No	No	https://www.legis.iowa.gov/DOCS/ACO/IC/LINC/Chapter.152A.pdf	https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/9906/download?inline=	https://hhs.iowa.gov/
Kansas	Yes – CNSs cannot do MNT	No	No	https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/ksa_ch65.html	https://kdads.ks.gov/docs/librariesprovider17/survey-certification-and-credentialing-commission/health-occupations-credentialing/regulations-statutes---certification-licensure-registration/statutes-regulations/dietitians/regulations.pdf?sfvrsn=b9eb7a05_3	https://kdads.ks.gov/kdads-commissions/survey-certification-and-credentialing-commission/health-occupations-credentialing

Kentucky	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://bdn.ky.gov/newstatic_Info.aspx?stati_c_ID=531&menuid=207	https://bdn.ky.gov/Documents/LAWS%20AND%20REGULATIONS%20September%202018%20Booklet.pdf	https://bdn.ky.gov/
Louisiana	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.lbedn.org/index.cfm/practice-act	https://www.lbedn.org/assets/docs/LBEDNrules_AdminCode09202015.pdf	https://www.lbedn.org/
Maine	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/32/title32ch104sec0.html	https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#344	https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-licensing-dietetic-practice
Maryland	Yes	Yes	With license	https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Laws/StatuteText?article=gho&section=5-101&enactments=false	https://health.maryland.gov/dietetic/Documents/dietreg.pdf	https://health.maryland.gov/dietetic/Pages/Index.aspx
Massachusetts	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXVI/Chapter112/Section201	https://www.mass.gov/lists/statutes-and-regulations-dietitians-and-nutritionists	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-of-dietitians-and-nutritionists
Michigan	Yes – see Non-MNT Exemption	No	Yes			

Minnesota	Yes – Defined as Nutrition Care Process instead of MNT	Yes	Yes	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/148	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/3250/	https://mn.gov/boards/dietetics-and-nutrition/
Mississippi	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	Yes - with disclosures		https://msdh.ms.gov/page/resources/135.pdf	https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,82.html
Missouri	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	Yes - with disclosures	https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneChapter.aspx?chapter=324	https://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20csr.asp#20-2115	https://www.pr.mo.gov/dietitians.asp
Montana	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	No	https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0370/chapter_0250/part_0030/sections_in dex.html	https://rules.mt.gov/gateway/Subchapterhome.asp?scn=24.156.13	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/medical-examiners/license-information/nutritionists
Nebraska	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	No	https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=38-1808	https://rules.nebraska.gov/	
Nevada	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	Yes	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-640E.html	https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-640E.html	https://dpbh.nv.gov/Reg/Dietitian/Dietitian_-_Home/

New Hampshire	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XX/326-H/326-H-mrg.htm	https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/diet.html	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-licensed-dietitians
New Jersey	Once Rules are passed	Not Yet	Yes	https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2018/PL19/331_.PDF		https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/dan/Pages/default.aspx
New Mexico	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/21%20Regular/bills/house/HB0147HCS.HTML	https://www.rld.nm.gov/uploads/files/Full%20Set%20of%20Rules.pdf	https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/nutrition-and-dietetics/
New York	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://www.ny.senate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/S1084 . https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/dietetics-nutrition/laws-rules-regulations/article-157	https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/dietetics-nutrition/laws-rules-regulations/article-157	https://www.op.nysed.gov/dietetics-nutrition
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes – with license	https://www.ncbdcn.org/media.ashx/generalst	https://www.ncbdcn.org/media.ashx/north-carolina-administrative-	https://www.ncbdcn.org/

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North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://ndbodp.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-Statute-Chapter-43-44.pdf		https://ndbodp.com/
Ohio	Yes	√ (reciprocity)	Yes – with license	https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/chapter-4759	https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/4759	https://med.ohio.gov/For-the-Public/Committees-and-Councils/Dietetics-Advisory-Council
Oklahoma	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/dietitians/download/815/LDLAW-NEW-1116.pdf	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/dietitians/download/12/LDRULES.pdf	https://www.okmedicalboard.org/dietitians#laws-rules
Oregon	MNT not defined in the law	Yes (reciprocity)	Yes	https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors691.html	https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/displayChapterRules.action?selectedChapter=8	https://www.oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-Licensed-Dietitians.aspx
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Yes	https://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/US/PDF/1951/0/0069..PDF	https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/049/chapter21/subchapGtoc.html&d=reduce	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Licensed-Dietitian-Nutritionist-Licensure-

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Puerto Rico	Yes	Yes	Yes – with license		http://app.estado.gobierno.pr/ReglamentosOnline/Reglamentos/4868.pdf	
Rhode Island	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	http://webserv.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-64/INDEX.HTM	https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/216-40-05-30	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=222
South Carolina	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c020.php	https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2040.pdf	https://llr.sc.gov/diet/
South Dakota	Yes – CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	No	https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/36-10B	https://sdlegislature.gov/api/Rules/Rule/20:83.html	https://www.sdbmoe.gov/
Tennessee	Yes - CNSs cannot practice MNT	No	No		https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/0470/0470.htm	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/dn-board.html
Texas	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/OC.701.htm	https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=4&ch=116&rl=Y	https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/diet/

Utah	MNT not defined in the law	v (reciprocity)	Yes	https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter49/C58-49_1800010118000101.pdf	https://adminrules.utah.gov/public/rule/R156-49/Current%20Rules?	https://dopl.utah.gov/certified-dietitian/
Vermont	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/fullchapter/26/073	https://sos.vermont.gov/media/yuamapkj/dietitian-rules.pdf	https://sos.vermont.gov/dietitians/
Virginia	No	No	Yes	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/dhpweb/docs/bhp/leg/Chapter27.1DietitiansNutritionists.pdf		https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/BHP/
Washington	MNT not defined in the law	Yes	Yes	https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=18.138	https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-822	https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/dietitian-and-nutritionist/licensing-information
West Virginia	No	No	Yes	https://www.wvbold.com/Portals/WVBOLD/docs/Laws/wvcode.pdf	https://www.wvbold.com/Home/Laws	https://www.wvbold.com/

Wisconsin	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes	https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/448/V/78	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/RulesStatutes/Dietitians.aspx	https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/BoardsCouncils/MEB/Dietitians/Default.aspx
Wyoming	MNT not defined in the law	No	Yes		https://dietetics.wyo.gov/rules	https://dietetics.wyo.gov/