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****UT Southwestern Department of Clinical
Nutrition to host special program Feb. 17

The Department of Clinical Nutrition at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas will have a special program from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, to explain its curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree.

Prospective students, school counselors, families and friends are invited to come to seminar room E6.200 on the UT Southwestern campus, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd. at Butler Street, to find out more about clinical nutrition, a profession that combines an affinity for science with an affinity for people.

During the morning, students and counselors will tour the medical center classrooms and library facilities, get information on careers in clinical dietetics, learn the requirements to become a registered dietitian, meet faculty and students and receive individual counseling.

A clinical dietitian is a key member of the health care team. Diet can make or break a normal person's health, but the diet of a person with a medical problem is even more

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significant. The dietitian knows which foods the body needs and how it uses those foods to promote optimum health.

Settings as diverse as a general hospital, a fitness center, a kidney dialysis unit, a city children's clinic or a private corporation's wellness program need the skills of a clinical dietitian.

Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School offers a bachelor's degree in clinical dietetics. Graduates are eligible to take the national examination administered through the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association without additional clinical experience or internship.

Students enter the UT Southwestern program with 60 hours of prerequisite courses. They take five semesters of undergraduate courses, including the clinical experience required to become a registered dietitian. This allows UT Southwestern graduates to begin professional careers as registered dietitians as much as one year sooner than graduates of some non-clinical nutrition programs administered by home economics departments.

For more information about the Feb. 17 program or the degree program in clinical nutrition and dietetics, call 214/688-2840.

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Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.