



How You Can Benefit from Meeting with a Nutrition Coach

The reality today is that 70 percent of Americans are overweight, which can directly affect health issues such as high blood pressure, type-2 diabetes, and heart disease. However, these diseases are mostly preventable through proper diet and exercise. Meeting with a nutrition coach for an individualized meal plan is one way to help employees gain more control over their health. After meeting with a dietitian, employees can benefit in these ways:

- **Gaining sound, reliable advice:** There are so many nutrition “experts” doling out advice or products online, in magazines, and on television. However, anyone can create a diet, write a blog, or push a supplement. Be leery of grand expectations and empty promises. A personal nutrition coach who retains credentials as a registered dietitian will discuss realistic goals, and will use information based on research and education to come up with a plan.
- **Prompting self awareness:** It is not just knowing what to eat that is important to your health and productivity, but also figuring out why you are eating. Meeting with a nutrition coach can help employees answer this question and come up with a plan that works for them and their situation. Cookie-cutter meal plans typically aren’t effective as a long-term solution, but figuring out individual eating patterns and the motivations behind them can be extremely eye-opening.
- **Learning how to prepare or order balanced meals and snacks:** Busy schedules have some people away from home two meals and two to three snacks per day. Knowing what and when to eat can be a constant struggle. However, with simple suggestions and guidance from a nutrition coach, meals and snack times will become easier to navigate, thus leading to healthier and more balanced meals and snacks.
- **Improving productivity:** Getting regular exercise and eating a balanced diet can strengthen the immune system, which leads to fewer sick days and more days with increased energy and mental sharpness. Also, moods are balanced, so there is more positivity displayed at work, allowing employees to handle more tasks with confidence.

Meeting with a nutrition coach who is credentialed as a registered dietitian can be a vital tool to achieving wellness goals. Providing an opportunity for employees to meet with a nutrition coach is a great way to get them started on the right path to a healthier lifestyle.

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