# Bariatric Surgery Program: Diet for Life Sample Menu 



## BREAKFAST IDEAS:

Choose one food from each food group to create a balanced meal:

| Protein | Vegetable/ Fruit | Grain/ Starch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 poached egg | $1 / 4$ small ripe pear | $1 / 4-1 / 2$ piece of toast |
| 1 scrambled egg | 1 tomato slice | $1 / 2$ whole wheat English Muffin |
| $1 / 4$ cup of cottage cheese | $2-3$ strawberries | $1 / 2$ small bran muffin (half a <br> tennis ball) |
| 1 Tbsp. peanut butter or nut <br> butter | $1 / 4$ small banana | $1-2$ Ryvita crackers |
| 1 oz. lean ham | $2-3$ canned peach slices | $1 / 3$ cup high fibre cereal |
| $1 / 2$ cup of plain or artificially <br> sweetened yogurt | $1 / 4$ cup of diced melon | $2-3$ Tbsp Bran Buds |
| $11 / 2$ Tbsp of Beneprotein | $1 / 4$ cup of blueberries | $1 / 3$ to $1 / 2$ cup of oatmeal |
| $1 / 4$ of ricotta cheese |  |  |
| 1 whole cheese slice |  |  |

## Examples:

- 1 Tbsp of peanut or almond butter into $1 / 3$ cup of oatmeal (with hot water or milk), add a dash of cinnamon and sprinkle with fruit of your choice
- $1 / 4$ cup of cottage cheese with 2-3 diced canned peaches. Spread on 1-2 crackers or $1 / 2$ slice of whole grain toast
- $1 / 2$ cup of vanilla or plain yogurt with 2-3 tbsp of Bran buds and $1 / 4$ cup of berries
- $1 / 2$ whole wheat English muffin with Dijon mustard, tomato slice, $1 / 2$ slice of lean ham and 1 scrambled or boiled egg


## LUNCH IDEAS:

Choose one food from each food group to create a balanced meal:

| Protein | Vegetable/ Fruit | Grain/ Starch |
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| $1 / 4$ cup of deli ham or turkey | $1 / 4$ cup of steamed vegetables | $1 / 4-1 / 2$ piece of toast |
| $1 / 4$ cup of hummus | 2-3 cucumber slices | 3 Triscuits |
| $1 / 4$ cup or 2 oz. of canned tuna | $1 / 4$ cup of pineapple tidbits | 2 flatbread crackers |
| $1 / 4$ cup or 2 oz. of canned salmon | 2-3 slices of avocado (1/8 of an avocado) | $1 / 2$ small whole wheat flour tortilla |
| $1 / 2$ cup of spilt pea soup | 1-2 tablespoons of tomato bruschetta | 1-2 slices of toasted baguette |
| $1 / 2$ cup of chili | $1 / 2$ whole peeled apple | $1 / 2$ whole wheat pita |
| 1 ' cube of cheese | $1 / 2$ cup of chopped garden salad | 2-3 Tbsp of pearl barley |
| 1 babybel cheese / cheesestring/ laughing cow cheese |  |  |
| 1 whole cheese slice |  |  |

## Examples:

- $1 / 2$ whole wheat pita with $1 / 4$ cup of hummus and 2-3 cucumber slices
- $1 / 2$ cup of soup with 1-2 slices of toasted baguette topped with 1-2 tbsp of tomato bruschetta
- 1 English muffin topped with tomato sauce, diced chicken or ham, and shredded cheese
- $1 / 2$ piece of toast with $1 / 4$ cup of deli ham or turkey and 2-3 slices of avocado
- $1 / 4$ cup of canned tuna or salmon on 3 Triscuits with $1 / 2$ whole peeled apple


## DINNER IDEAS:

Choose one food from each food group to create a balanced meal:

| Protein | Vegetable/ Fruit | Grain/ Starch |
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| $1 / 4$ <br> or steak or 2oz. of beef, roast, | $1 / 4$ cup of steamed <br> vegetables | $2-3$ tbsp of sweet potato |
| $1 / 4$ <br> beup or 2 oz. of lean ground | $1 / 4$ cup of chopped tomato <br> and cucumber salad | $2-3$ tbsp of white potato |
| $1 / 4$ <br> tuna, or 2 oze of salmon fish | $2-3$ small spears of broccoli <br> or cauliflower | $2-3$ tbsp or quinoa |
| $1 / 4$ cup or 2 oz. of diced <br> chicken, turkey or pork | $1 / 4$ cup of zucchini | $2-3$ tbsp of whole wheat <br> couscous |
| $1 / 4$ cup of shrimp or scallops | $1 / 4$ cup of cooked <br> mushrooms | $3-4$ whole oven baked fries |


| $1 / 4$ <br> beans, baked beans and <br> lentils | $1 / 4$ cup of green beans | $1 / 2$ whole wheat roll or pita |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 / 4$ cup of edamame | $1 / 4$ cup of chopped garden <br> salad | $1 / 4$ oven-baked potato |
| $1 / 4$ cup of soft, firm tofu, TVP |  |  |
| 2 oz. veggie burger |  |  |

## Examples:

- 2 oz. of grilled chicken with $1 / 4$ cup of zucchini and $2-3 \mathrm{tbsp}$ of white or sweet potato
- $1 / 2$ homemade burger (extra lean ground meat) or $1 / 2$ veggie burger with $1 / 4$ cup of chopped salad and 3-4 baked fries
- $1 / 4$ cup bean salad with $1 / 4$ cup of chopped tomatoes with $2-3$ tbsp of whole-wheat couscous
- 2 oz of fish with lemon pepper with $1 / 4$ cup of steamed carrots and $3-4$ oven-baked potato fries

