

Process to Become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

- Complete a bachelor's degree or a master's degree and receive a Verification Statement from an ACEND®-accredited program (<u>Didactic Program in</u> <u>Dietetics, Coordinated Program, Graduate Program or Foreign Dietitian</u> <u>Education Program</u>) Note, effective January 1, 2024, a graduate degree will be required to be eligible to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration Exam.
- Complete an ACEND®-accredited supervised practice <u>Dietetic Internship</u>
 <u>program</u> or <u>Individual Supervised Practice Pathway</u> is an option. Supervised
 practice/experiential learning is combined with the <u>Coordinated Program and</u>
 <u>Graduate Program</u>.
- 3. Pass the Commission on Dietetic Registration's dietetic registration exam.
- 4. Gain licensure in your state of practice, if applicable.
- 5. Maintain continuing education.

Admission and Retention Requirements

Exceptions to any admissions requirements will be considered on an individual basis. Baccalaureate degree in nutrition or related field from an accredited university. All official transcripts must be provided.

Verification Statement from an ACEND-accredited Nutrition and Dietetics Didactic Program (DPD) or Foreign Dietitian Education program (FDE) obtained from the DPD director within the last five years. If the verification statement is greater than five years old, the student will be required to take a minimum of three hours of course credit in Clinical Dietetics and three hours of course credit in Administrative Dietetics.

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.700

Minimum GPA of 3.000 in all nutrition and dietetics courses

Minimum GPA of 2.500 in all science courses

Minimum GPA of 3.000 on any graduate course work previously taken at another accredited institution

Possess dietetics-related and/or food service work experience, volunteer or paid

Three letters of recommendation discussing the individual's potential success in graduate study.

International applicants or American citizens who learned English as a second language must score at least 550 (paper) or 79 (Internet) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language or at least 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System.

Graduation Requirements

Successfully complete all supervised practice rotations

Maintain a B or higher average in all courses

Required	Courses	Credit Hours
DIET 5003	Advanced Community Nutrition	3
DIET 5043	Nutrition Counseling	3
DIET 6013	Nutrition and Dietetics Research	3
DIET 6023	Supervised Practice I	3
DIET 6033	Advanced Administrative Dietetics	3
DIET 6053	Supervised Practice II	3
DIET 6063	Sports Nutrition	3
DIET 6073	Pediatric Nutrition	3
DIET 6083	Diabetes, Obesity, and Weight Management	3
DIET 6093	Trends in Nutrition	3
DIET 6103	Eating Disorders	3
DIET 6113	Nutrition and Dietetics Applied Statistics	3
TOTAL		36