

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPLETION DIDACTIC REQUIREMENTS IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

Upon completion of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPD), a student becomes eligible to apply to an Accredited Dietetic Internship program. Successful completion of both the DPD and a Dietetic Internship makes a student eligible to write the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) credentialing exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist in the United States. Students must apply and be accepted into the UIW DPD. Undergraduate students complete the didactic requirements while completing the Nutrition and Dietetics track of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition. Post undergraduate students may complete DPD requirements as a non-degree seeking student or as a graduate student who completes the DPD requirements while concurrently completing a Master's of Science Degree in Nutrition. The following criteria must be met to achieve the requirements for the DPD:

I. Admission to the University of the Incarnate Word DPD

Students must be a current student at UIW. Admission to the UIW Nutrition Programs is based on criteria as stated in the [University Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs](#). Enrollment is limited in the DPD program so admission to the Didactic Program in Dietetics is not automatic. Fulfillment of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Admission to the DPD program will be in accord with the University of the Incarnate Word's "Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy". This policy is published in the [University of the Incarnate Word Student Handbook](#). Admission criteria are listed below.

Student Admission Criteria to the UIW DPD

1. Student apply to the DPD when all DPD prerequisites have been completed. Students must be a current student at UIW to apply to the DPD program. Official transcripts of prerequisite courses must be on file with the University or Program. Students submit their application by December 20 for Spring semester admittance and by the third Monday of May for Fall semester admittance. Acceptance notification will be a week before classes start in January and by June 15 respectively.
2. Student academic performance including overall achievement and achievement in science coursework.
3. Students must have earned a minimum of a C in all prerequisite courses.
4. Students must have a minimum of a 2.8/4.00 GPA in their prerequisite coursework.
5. Two academic letters of reference (one from a Nutrition faculty member).
6. Students must show evidence of having successfully completed the following undergraduate courses, equivalent courses, or higher level courses.

DPD Prerequisite Courses	Credit Hours	Institution	Equivalent	Date Completed	Grade
ACCT 2301 Accounting for Non-Business Majors or higher	3				
BIOL 1402 General Biology I & Lab	4				
BIOL 2321/2121 Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab	7-8				
BIOL 2322/2122 Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab or 4 credits of Anatomy & Physiology and BIOL 6392 Advanced Human Physiology					

BIOL 2474 Intro. to Microbiology & Lab or BIOL 3471 General Microbiology & Lab	4				
BMGT 3340 Management Theory and Practice	3				
CHEM 1301/1101 Chemical Principles I and lab	4				
CHEM 1302/1102 Chemical Principles II and lab	4				
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3				
MATH 1304 College Algebra or higher	3				
NUTR 1102 Introduction to Dietetics ^{&}	1				
NUTR 2341 Intro. to Nutrition or higher	3				
NUTR 2231/2131 Principles of Food Preparation & Lab or NUTR 41XX ST Food Lab	3				
PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology or SOCIO 1311 Introduction to Sociology	3				

[&] Only undergraduate students.

II. DPD course requirements

Subject		Credit Hours	Institution	Equivalent	Date Completed	Grade
Undergraduate Option	Graduate					
CHEM 2350/2150 Survey of Organic Chemistry and Principles of Organic Chemistry & Biochemistry Lab OR CHEM 2311/2111 Organic Chemistry I & Lab and CHEM 2312 Organic Chemistry II						
CHEM 3450, Survey of Biochemistry						
MATH 2303 Intro to Probability & Statistics or PSYC/ SOCIO/ Statistics for Behavioral Sciences						
NUTR 3332 Experiment Foods						
NUTR 3325 Food Systems Management						
NUTR 3134 Food Services Management Laboratory						
NUTR 3323 Food and Nutrition Services Management II	NUTR 6414 Advanced Nutrition Services Administration					
NUTR 3342 Nutrition in the Life Cycle	NUTR 6342 Life Cycle Nutrition					

NUTR 4460 Community & World Nutrition						
NUTR 4470 Human Nutrition & Metabolism *#	NUTR 5470 Human Nutrition & Metabolism*#					
NUTR 4376 Medical Nutrition Therapy I*	NUTR 6332 Nutrition in the Prevention & Treatment of Chronic Disease*					
NUTR 4477 Medical Nutrition Therapy II*	NUTR 5477 Medical Nutrition Therapy II*#					
NUTR 4100 Dietetics and (NUTR 4139 Nutrition Practicum or NUTR 3310 Food Insecurity & Food Recovery)	NUTR 6290 Practicum in Nutrition					
NUTR 4335 Nutrition Education & Counseling	NUTR 6465 Nutrition and Health Behavior					

*Students must show evidence of having completed at least six semester hours of these courses within the past five years at an accredited institution of higher learning. Advanced Nutrition I & II (NUTR 6325 & 6330) may be used to update Human Nutrition & Metabolism (NUTR 4470).

These courses may be counted toward a master of science degree in nutrition.

III. Promotion and Retention Requirements for UIW DPD

Students must maintain satisfactory standards to progress in the DPD and must be complete all requirements to be eligible to graduate see UIW Catalog for graduation requirements. DPD requirements include:

1. A minimum grade of C is required in all DPD courses.
2. Students are required to take all prerequisites before enrolling in a course.
3. Students may only take a DPD required courses two times. If a student withdraws or does not earn a grade of C or better after two attempts they are dismissed from the DPD. Exceptions are if they withdrew from the class for verified nonacademic reasons such as a major illness or death in the family.
4. Students who withdraw or receive a final grade of less than a C in a DPD course will be allowed to repeat this course but a written plan will be developed in conjunction with the instructor, student, and DPD director and the agreement will be signed by the DPD director and the student.
5. The students dismissed from the DPD will not be eligible to receive DPD verification. If eligible, the student may continue in the degree program but not in the Nutrition and Dietetics track.
6. To remain in the DPD program student must:
 - Adhere to the [UIW Student Code of Conduct](#)
 - Demonstrate professional behaviors and attitudes complaint with department policies (see *UIW Nutrition Student Handbook*).

IV. DPD Verification Requirements

- Complete all requirements for baccalaureate degree at UIW or have already obtained a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or foreign equivalent. Information for international students regarding education and credentialing requirements may be obtained

at <http://www.eatrightpro.org/resource/acend/students-and-advancing-education/information-forstudents/obtaining-dietetics-credentials-with-a-foreign-degree>. □ Complete all course work requirements for the DPD program.

- A 'C' must have been earned in each course taken for the DPD to receive a verification statement □ Student must have earned a GPA of 3.0 in DPD courses.
- Complete a DPD Student Portfolio with all required documentation.

Students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit in designated DPD course requirements to obtain a DPD Verification Statement from UIW.

When the student has met all of these requirements, the DPD Director (who has been approved by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) and is a member of the UIW faculty) will provide the student with five copies of the official verification statement.

Receiving a verification statement does not guarantee admittance into a supervised practice program. It is strongly recommended that students have higher grades than the minimum required to earn a DPD verification statement, work experience, community service, and leadership experience. Please note that by Texas law, persons with a criminal history of a felony are ineligible to attain licensure.

Effective for students entering matriculating January 2018.