

# DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

<https://colsa.unh.edu/agriculture-nutrition-food-systems/program/certificate/didactic-program-dietetics>

## Description

The Didactic Program in Dietetics Certificate is a two semester program that prepares students to enter a dietetic internship. This certificate program is designed for students who previously received a bachelor's degree and are seeking a Verification Statement, which is the documentation required to enter a dietetic internship. Eligibility criteria include a previous bachelor's degree (in any field) and successful completion of the prerequisite courses.

The path to becoming a registered dietitian includes earning a bachelor's degree (in any field), completing an accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (this may be completed at the undergraduate or graduate level), completing an accredited Dietetic Internship, and passing the National Registered Dietitian Exam. The University of New Hampshire's DPD curriculum is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Coursework includes a variety of science and professional courses that meet the ACEND required knowledge. Course instructors incorporate a variety of educational techniques including in-class learning and hands on clinical and simulation experiences. Approximately 70-80% of our graduating students who apply for dietetic internships are matched to an internship during their final semester.

## Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree with GPA  $\geq$  3.0
2. Completion of prerequisite courses within the past 10 years with a combined GPA  $\geq$  3.2
3. Earned  $\geq$  B in the introductory nutrition course (NUTR 400 Nutrition in Health and Well Being or equivalent)
4. Earned  $\geq$  C+ in the Anatomy and Physiology I or Chemistry I course (BMS 507 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or CHEM 403 General Chemistry I or approved equivalent)

## Prerequisite Courses at UNH (or approved equivalent from outside institution):

Code	Title	Credits
<b>DPD Professional Courses</b>		
ENGL 401	First-Year Writing	4
HMP 401	United States Health Care Systems	4
NUTR 400	Nutrition in Health and Well Being	4
NUTR 403	Culinary Arts Skills Development	4
NUTR 476	Nutritional Assessment	4
NUTR 504	Managerial Skills in Dietetics	4
NUTR 550	Food Science: Principle and Practice	4
NUTR 610	Nutrition Education and Counseling	4
NUTR 650	Life Cycle Nutrition	4
PSYC 402	Statistics in Psychology	4
or SOC 402	Statistics	
SOC 400	Introductory Sociology	4
or PSYC 401	Introduction to Psychology	

## DPD Science Courses

BMCB 658	General Biochemistry	3
BMS 501	Microbes in Human Disease	4
BMS 507	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BMS 508	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHEM 403	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM 404	General Chemistry II	4
CHEM 545	Organic Chemistry	3
CHEM 546	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2

## Prerequisite Courses at UNH (or approved equivalent from outside institution): DPD Science Courses

All prerequisite courses must have been completed within the past 10 years at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

## Requirements

The Didactic Program in Dietetics Certificate is a two semester, **21-credit** program that prepares students to enter a dietetic internship.

## Certificate Program Coursework:

Code	Title	Credits
NUTR 800	Career Development in Dietetics	1
NUTR 820	Community Nutrition (May be taken fall or spring)	4
NUTR 850	Nutritional Biochemistry	4
NUTR 875	Practical Applications in Medical Nutrition Therapy	4
NUTR 873	Clinical Nutrition	4
NUTR 880	Critical Issues in Nutrition	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>