

NUTRITION

Bachelor of Science (BS)

ADMISSION TO NUTRITION MAJOR – DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD) TRACK

The Declaration of Major does not constitute admission to the program. Students may complete the Declaration of Major form and be assigned an advisor in the Department of Allied Health, Kinesiology, & Sport Sciences any time after they have been admitted to the University and have begun attending classes. Students wishing to be formally admitted into the Didactic Program in Dietetics must meet the following admission criteria:

- Completion of 45 semester hours with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall including the following course work (or equivalent) with a minimum grade of "C": BS113; CH181; EN140; FN235; MA115/MA116.
- Completion of all developmental courses (if applicable).

Admission Procedures:

To apply to the DPD, prospective students must complete the DPD Application Form during their time in FN340: Professional Dietetic Seminar. The application is due by the second Monday in February. Applications are reviewed by the DPD Director. Following application review, the Program Director will send an acceptance decision letter to applicants by the first Monday in April. There are three potential outcomes associated with application to the DPD:

1. Regular acceptance to the DPD
2. Provisional acceptance to the DPD
3. Application rejection

Regular acceptance: Applicants that achieve regular acceptance to the DPD will receive guidance on progressing through the DPD from their advisor and the DPD director.

Provisional acceptance: Students that apply to the DPD may be provisionally accepted to the program if they do not have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or have not completed all required prerequisite courses.

Provisional acceptance to the DPD does not guarantee issuance of a Verification Statement at the time of program completion. A student provisionally accepted to the DPD must meet the following requirements in order to earn a Verification Statement:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 at the time of DPD completion
- Completion of all required DPD courses at the time of graduation
- Demonstrated adherence to the DPD Attendance Policy in all DPD courses

Provided that the attendance policy is met in all DPD courses, a student will transition from "provisional" acceptance to "regular" acceptance when the minimum GPA requirement is attained and/or the prerequisite courses are completed.

Retention Requirements:

Students will be retained in the DPD, provided the following criteria are met:

- Completion of all required courses as outlined in the degree requirements in the undergraduate bulletin
- Maintenance of a 3.0 cumulative overall grade point average each semester
- Maintenance of a 3.0 grade point average in all DPD Professional Courses and DPD Science Courses
- A minimum score of "meeting expectations" for all KRDNs, as assessed in assignments provided in DPD courses
- A minimum score of "meeting expectations" for all DPD Knowledge Requirements (KRDNs), as assessed in assignments provided in DPD courses. A complete list of knowledge requirements is provided in the DPD Handbook.*
- Adherence to the DPD Attendance Policy, which is described in the DPD Handbook.*

*The DPD handbook is available upon request.

Criteria for Issuance of Verification Statement

In order to receive a DPD Verification Statement, students must meet all requirements put forth for both admission and retention and be approved for graduation by the Registrar at Southeast Missouri State University. The plan of study for the DPD outlines courses required to meet graduation requirements. The DPD Verification Statement is provided for graduates of the DPD who have successfully met all requirements for retention as a major, completed all requirements for the degree and met all core knowledge requirements set forth by ACEND. The director of the program gives this documentation to all graduates after graduation. A copy of the Verification Statement is also kept on file electronically by the DPD Director.

The DPD Verification Statement provides eligibility to sit for the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician, Registered (NDTR) examination for the NDTR credential, as well as eligibility to apply for dietetic internships and graduate programs requiring the Verification Statement.

Admission/Retention Grievance Policy

Any student denied admission or retention to the dietetics program will be notified through email by the Program Director. Students are given the opportunity to discuss the rationale of the decision with the Program Director. If a student is not satisfied with the explanation, the student may request a review of the decision by the Chair of the Department of Allied Health, Kinesiology, and Sport Sciences. An official request for review must be received by the Department Chair in writing within 10 business days from the mailing date of the denial letter.

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DEGREE MAP

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