

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS (B.S.)

Bachelor of Science Program

Program Code: BS-SP

Major Code: NAD

Health, Nutrition and Dietetics Department

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The program provides students with the academic requirements established by ACEND for entry-level dietitians/nutritionists. Graduates of the program receive a verification statement signed by the DPND program director. Graduates are then eligible to apply for an ACEND-accredited supervised practice program via dietetic internships or individualized supervised practice pathways that are available throughout the country. After completing the supervised practice requirements, individuals may take the registration examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Passing the registration examination earns the credentials of Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist (RDN). Career opportunities are available to dietitians in health facilities, food service organizations, government agencies, and consulting work. Some individuals use this program to prepare for graduate study in nutrition-related areas.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) will require a minimum of a master's degree to be eligible to take the credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN). In addition, CDR requires that individuals complete coursework and supervised practice in program(s) accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). In most states, graduates also must obtain licensure or certification to practice. Graduates who successfully complete the ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics at Buffalo State are eligible to apply to an ACEND-accredited supervised practice program/apply to take the CDR credentialing exam to become an RDN.

Academic Requirements

All DPND students are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 to continue as juniors as defined by the program. DPND student cumulative GPAs will be reviewed prior to starting any DPND junior courses (NFS 401 and/or NFS 330). Students failing to meet the GPA requirement cannot advance

in the program until they have met the required GPA and therefore, cannot graduate with a degree in dietetics.

Admission Requirements

Students are admitted as freshmen or transfers. Transfer students, undeclared students, or students changing majors or desiring a major in this program must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in previous college credit. Undeclared students or those changing majors to dietetics must fill out a Change of Major form.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)		
33 credit hours		33
Nutrition and Food Service Major Requirements (46 credit hours)		
NFS 100	INTRODUCTION TO FOOD PREPARATION	3
NFS 102	INTRODUCTORY NUTRITION	3
NFS 200	APPLIED FOOD CHEMISTRY	1
NFS 211	APPLIED MANAGEMENT IN DIETETICS I	3
NFS 230	INTRODUCTION TO DIETETICS	2
NFS 302	ADVANCED NUTRITION	3
NFS 311	APPLIED MANAGEMENT IN DIETETICS II	3
NFS 315	LIFE CYCLE AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION I	3
NFS 316	LIFE CYCLE AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION II	3
NFS 330	INTEGRATIVE AND FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION	1
NFS 401	MEDICAL NUTRITIONAL THERAPY I	4
NFS 402	MEDICAL NUTRITIONAL THERAPY II	3
NFS 403	MEDICAL NUTRITIONAL THERAPY III	3
NFS 405	PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION EDUCATION	2
NFS 430	INTRODUCTION TO NUTRITION RESEARCH	3
NFS 420	DIETETIC EXPERIENCE	3

NFS 495	SPECIAL PROJECT	2
Requirements Outside the Department (37 credit hours)¹		
BIO 100	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	3
BIO 308	SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	3
BIO 309	LABORATORY SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	1
BIO 355	SURVEY OF MICROBIOLOGY	3
CHE 111 & CHE 113	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY I and LABORATORY FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY I	4
CHE 112 & CHE 114	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY II and LABORATORY FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY II	4
CHE 321	PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	4
CHE 322	BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	4
CIS 101	COMPUTER FUNDAMENTALS ²	3
LIB 100	INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY RESEARCH METHODS ²	1
MAT 311	INTRODUCTORY PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS (or equivalent)	3
PSY 101	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
Total Credit Hours		114

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Some of these courses meet the Intellectual Foundations requirement.

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This course is recommended but not required.