

# DIETITIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM (B.S.)

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## Health, Nutrition and Dietetics Department

### Bachelor of Science (HEGIS 1306)

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SUNY Buffalo State's Dietitian Education Program (DEP), a coordinated program, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In 2024, the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) will require a master's degree for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist credential. In response to this new CDR requirement, the SUNY Buffalo State DEP is being reorganized as the prerequisite degree for the accredited Future Education Model (FEM) graduate program, a competency-based education curriculum. The FEM is currently in the SUNY/State Ed approval process.

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The program began in 1971 and had been the only coordinated program in the SUNY system. The program combines theoretical learning with 1000 hours of supervised practice; therefore, the program, in combination with the accredited master's degree, will provide students with the academic and supervised practice requirements established by ACEND for entry-level dietitians/nutritionists. Graduates of the program receive a verification statement signed by the DEP program director. Graduates are then eligible to apply to take the registration examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Passing the registration examination earns the credentials of registered dietician (RD) or registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN).

### Admission Requirements

All students with sophomore, junior, or senior status meeting the eligibility requirements must apply for admission to the program during the designated period. Eligibility requirements are admission to Buffalo State, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 and completion of the following prerequisite courses prior to beginning the program in the fall:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIO 100	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	
BIO 308	SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	
BIO 309	LABORATORY SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	
CHE 111	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY I	
CHE 112	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY II	
CHE 113	LABORATORY FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY I	
CHE 114	LABORATORY FOR FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY II	
CHE 321	PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY	
CHE 322	BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY	
NFS 100	INTRODUCTION TO FOOD PREPARATION	
NFS 102	INTRODUCTORY NUTRITION	
NFS 200	APPLIED FOOD CHEMISTRY	
NFS 211	APPLIED MANAGEMENT IN DIETETICS I	
NFS 230	INTRODUCTION TO DIETETICS	
NFS 302	ADVANCED NUTRITION	
NFS 315	LIFE CYCLE AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION I	
PSY 101	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	

Selection is based on GPA, completion of prerequisite courses, personal statement, faculty interviews, faculty/employer recommendations, and volunteer/work experience. Up to 16 students are accepted into this program each year.

Individuals interested in applying to the DEP coordinated program must contact the department for application information, which is available by December 1 of each year.

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Intellectual Foundations Requirements ([http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF\\_Courses](http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses))

24 credit hours	24
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<b>Didactic Courses Required for the Major</b>	<b>42</b>
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*Required Courses (40 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

*Required Supervised Practice Courses*

To satisfy the clinical requirements of ACEND students are required to take the following courses, which may be substituted for electives.

NFS 445	NUTRITION CARE A	3
NFS 446	NUTRITION CARE B	3
NFS 447	NUTRITION CARE C	5
NFS 448	NUTRITION CARE D	5
NFS 449	NUTRITIONAL CARE E (NUTRITIONAL CARE OF LONG-TERM PATIENTS)	2
NFS 450	SENIOR PRACTICUM IN DIETETICS	4
NFS 451	SPECIALTY PRACTICE	1
NFS 471	EXPERIENCES IN HEALTH CARE FOOD SERVICE SYSTEMS	3

**Requirements Outside the Major (32 credit hours)**

ACEND requires completion of subjects outside nutrition to satisfy academic requirements. Courses meeting these requirements are identified below; they may be taken as electives or used in fulfilling the Intellectual Foundations requirements.

BIO 100	PRINCIPLES OF BIOLOGY	3
BIO 210	MICROBIOLOGY	3
BIO 308	SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	3
BIO 309	LABORATORY SURVEY OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	1
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
MAT 311	INTRODUCTORY PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS (or equivalent)	3
PSY 101	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>125</b>