

Dietetics

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and School of Human Environmental Sciences

Dietetics prepares professionals who are recognized for expertise in food and nutrition. Graduates of the University of Kentucky Dietetics Program are prepared to become Registered Dietitians to function as entry level professionals with opportunities for practice in medical nutrition therapy, community dietetics, food systems management, and/or the business of dietetics. Becoming a registered dietitian involves a combination of academic preparation, including a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, and a supervised practice component.

The UK DHN Dietetics Program offers two options to earn a bachelor's degree in dietetics. Option A is the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and Option B is the Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP). Both options lead to the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and fulfill the foundation knowledge and/or competencies established by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, ACEND, the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, AND. The DPD and the CP are both fully accredited by ACEND. Option B, CP, is a selective admission program to which students must apply prior to beginning the major course work in the third year of the dietetics program.

Option A, designated as the Didactic Program in Dietetics, DPD, focuses on the foundation knowledge requirements provided by the academic component of dietitian education. A student must be a declared dietetics major in the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition to complete the DPD. Students must attain a grade-point average of **2.4** or above to progress into course work designated as major requirements.

Successful completion of the DPD curriculum enables graduates to apply to a ACEND-accredited supervised practice program, SPP, in a post-baccalaureate Dietetic Internship.

Upon successful completion of the Dietetic Internship the individual is eligible to sit for the national registry exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, CDR, the credentialing agency of the AND, which grants use of the nationally recognized credential "RD" Registered Dietitian.

Graduates of the UK DHN Option A may apply for placement in the Dietetic Internship program offered by the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, School of Human Environmental Sciences, or any other ACEND-accredited dietetic internship outside the department. Students must consider the highly competitive scenario in competing for acceptance into a Dietetic Internship.

Option B, designated as the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, CP, provides the foundation knowledge requirements provided by the academic component of dietitian education (see DPD above) **and** an ACEND-accredited supervised practice component. Students who have completed the pre-major requirements and are interested in the Coordinated Program to attain the academic preparation and supervised practice program through the UK DHN Dietetics Program may apply for admission to Option B, the CP. Option B requires three additional semesters of didactic course work in the major requirements prior to beginning the 1,200 hour supervised practice program. Students in the CP must successfully complete the didactic and supervised practice component to receive the B.S. in Dietetics degree.

The ACEND-accredited CP is a selective admission program. Admission to the University of Kentucky DHN Dietetics Program does not guarantee admission to the Coordinated Program, CP. A limited number of students who have completed the required preprofessional courses will be admitted on the basis of cumulative grade-point average, potential qualities for becoming a successful dietitian, leadership potential and professional involvement and commitment.

The application deadline for the UK DHN CP is February 1, prior to potential fall admission in Year Three of the Dietetics Program. Year Three of the Dietetics Program is the beginning of the Major Requirements for completion of course work. Program application materials should include an application form, a letter of professional goals and qualifications, three letters of reference, and record of academic performance.

The CP Admissions Committee considers grade-point average, letter of application, work experience, honors and extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation. Students who apply to the UK DHN CP will be granted an interview where the applicant's goals, communication skills, knowledge of the profession, and organizational and leadership skills are evaluated.

Successful CP applicants will be notified of provisional acceptance into the CP before UK's priority registration dates for the ensuing fall semester. Final acceptance depends on successful completion of the work in progress at the time of the application and throughout the remaining didactic component prior to beginning the supervised practice component of the undergraduate dietetics program.

Transfer students are urged to contact the Advising Resource Office, 112 Erikson Hall, for a preliminary evaluation of credits well in advance of the application date. Year Three of the Dietetics Program is the beginning of the Major Requirements for completion of course work. CP applicants must be a declared major in the UK DHN dietetics program or if a transfer student, indicate intent to declare dietetics as their major. Students accepted into the CP must be majors in the UK DHN dietetics program.

Successful completion of Option B, the UK DHN CP, results in the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics degree. Graduates of Option B are eligible to sit for the national registry exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, CDR, the credentialing agency of the AND, which grants use of the nationally recognized credential "RD" Registered Dietitian.

The UK DHN ACEND-accredited Dietetic Internship, DI, is offered for students who have completed a Didactic Program in Dietetics at UK or other ACEND-accredited institutions. Qualified graduates compete for a limited number of positions in the UK DHN DI. For information regarding the UK DHN Dietetic Internship, the application and/or screening procedures, please contact:

**College of Agriculture, Food and Environment
and School of Human Environmental Sciences
Director, Dietetic Internship Program
Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition
203 Funkhouser Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY 40506-0054**

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Degree Requirements

Each student must complete the following:

1. Complete UK Core requirements.
2. Complete the School requirements listed below.
3. Complete 128 credit hours with a minimum grade-point average of 2.0.
4. Complete the required curriculum in the major program.

School Requirements

HES 100 An Introduction to Professions in Human Environmental Sciences	1
FAM 352 Issues in Family Sciences	3
Subtotal: School Required hours	4

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the *2013-2014 Undergraduate Bulletin* for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list 3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list 3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology
or
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3-4

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

CHE 105 General College Chemistry I 4
CHE 111 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry I 1

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I 3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II 3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list 3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:
An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning 3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list 3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list 3

UK Core hours **32-33**

Graduation Writing Requirement

After attaining sophomore status, students must complete a Graduation Writing Requirement course. Please see your academic advisor for courses that meet this requirement.

Graduation Writing Requirement hours **3**

Progression Requirements

Students must attain a grade-point average of **2.4** or above to progress into course work designated as major requirements. In addition, students must achieve a grade of **C** or better in all course work designated as major requirements.

Students must complete the following requirements:

Premajor Requirements

Hours

ACC 201 Financial Accounting I	3
BIO 152 Principles of Biology II	3
BIO 208 Principles of Microbiology	3
CHE 105 General College Chemistry I	4
CHE 107 General College Chemistry II	3
CHE 111 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry I	1
CHE 113 Laboratory to Accompany General Chemistry II	2
CHE 230 Organic Chemistry I	
or	
CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
CLA 131 Medical Terminology from Greek and Latin	3
ECO 201 Principles of Economics I	3
DHN 212 Introductory Nutrition	3
DHN 241 Food Service Sanitation	1
PGY 206 Elementary Physiology	3
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	4
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	3
Subtotal: Premajor hours	44

Major Requirements

Hours

Prior to beginning the major requirements, students should indicate a choice of Option A or Option B with the Advising Resources Office, 112 Erikson Hall, and the UK DHN Dietetics Program, 203 Funkhouser. Option B is a selective admissions program.

DHN 301 Dietetics Practice	2
DHN 302 Principles of Food Preparation	3
DHN 304 Experimental Foods	3
DHN 311 Nutritional Biochemistry	3
DHN 312 Nutrition and Wellness in the Life Cycle	3
DHN 340 Institutional Purchasing	3
DHN 342 Quantity Food Production	4
DHN 346 Human Resources Management for the Food and Hospitality Industries	
or	
MGT 301 Business Management	3
DHN 403 Community Nutrition and Wellness	3
DHN 408G Seminar in Food and Nutrition	1
DHN 510 Advanced Nutrition	3
DHN 512 Medical Nutrition Therapy I	4
DHN 514 Dietetics: Counseling and Communication Theories and Applications	3
DHN 517 Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3
Subtotal: Major hours	41

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Option Requirements

One option must be completed concurrently with the major requirements stated above.

Option A – Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

DHN 480 Dietetics Pre-Professional Practice 1-6

Subtotal: Option A 1-6

Option B – Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP)

Option B requires the student to apply to admission to the CP after completion of premajor requirements. See Bulletin for details.

DHN 800 Nutrition in the Life Cycle: Practicum* 1

DHN 808 Community Nutrition II: Supervised Practice* 2

DHN 810 Medical Nutrition Therapy I: Supervised Practice* 5

DHN 812 Food Service Systems Management:
Supervised Practice* 5

DHN 814 Food Service Systems Management II:
Supervised Practice* 3

DHN 816 Medical Nutrition Therapy II: Supervised Practice* 3

DHN 518 Evaluation of Dietetic Issues and Leadership 2

*800-level course requires admission to CP.

Subtotal: Option B 21

Electives

Electives should be selected by the student to lead to the minimum total hours required for graduation.

Subtotal: Minimum Elective hours 1-13

TOTAL HOURS: Option A 128

TOTAL HOURS: Option B 137

Requests for applications or further information may be directed to:

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