

Didactic Program in Dietetics Admission Requirements 2019

General Information

New students intending to pursue the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) option are first designated as being in the Nutrition-Pre-Dietetics major at Oregon State University. After completing at least 60 credits with specified prerequisite coursework and a minimum of 12 credits at Oregon State University (including [OSU Ecampus](#)), students complete an internal application for acceptance into the Didactic Program in Dietetics (see form in a separate file associated with these instructions). Admission to the Didactic Program in Dietetics is restricted to those students who have clearly demonstrated the ability to achieve the high academic standards necessary to be eligible and competitive to place in dietetic internships and ultimately, earn the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential.

Students must apply to the School of Biological and Population Health Sciences (BPHS) in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences for admission into the Nutrition major. The Pre-Dietetics option is added once the student has met with an academic advisor. Only students accepted into the DPD will be allowed to enroll in upper-division, dietetics-restricted NUTR courses (most 300 and 400 level NUTR courses).

Complete the following checklist items to apply for the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD):

- Declare the Pre-Dietetics option. (Graduate students in Nutrition can bypass this, but must communicate with the DPD Director, Dr. Neilann Horner, about their academic plans).
- Complete the Pre-Dietetics courses listed below at OSU or another accredited institution offering coursework declared equivalent. [Articulation tables](#) are available describing courses accepted by OSU. Confirm with OSU academic advising that any transfer courses are seen as equivalent to meet the prerequisite, not just accepted as general credit. Applicants must earn a grade of B- or higher in each of the NUTR courses listed, a grade of C- or higher in each of the other courses listed, and a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the listed courses as a whole. Applicants who have not completed the prerequisite coursework cannot apply for acceptance into the DPD.
 - WR 121 English Composition 3 credits
 - NUTR 104 Orientation to the Nutrition Major 1 credit P/NP
 - PSY 201 General Psychology 3 credits
 - CH 121, 122, 123
or CH 221, 222, 223 General Chemistry 15 credits
 - BI 212 Principles of Biology 4 credits
 - MB 230 Introduction to Microbiology 4 credits
 - NUTR 240 Human Nutrition 3 credits
 - NUTR 241** Applications in Human Nutrition 1 credits
 - NUTR 325 Life Cycle Nutrition 3 credits
 - CH 331 or CH 334 Organic Chemistry 4 credits
- Achieve an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher on all coursework to be applied to this degree [cumulative transfer and OSU credit], including the prerequisite courses listed above. At least 12 credit hours must be completed at OSU or OSU Ecampus prior to application to the DPD.
- Submit a typewritten application with a signature from your academic advisor; attach a typewritten resume and a copy of your most current unofficial transcripts with DPD prerequisite courses highlighted. Please allow your academic advisor at least 72 hrs. (3 business days) to review and sign your application prior to its due date/time.

** Must be taken at OSU or via OSU Ecampus.

Application Process:

1. Students submit the Didactic Program in Dietetics Application during spring term (April 29, 2019 by 5 pm) after completion of the prerequisite courses and required total credits. The Didactic Program in Dietetics Application form (see <http://health.oregonstate.edu/bphs/dietetics> , pre-dietetics CANVAS community site module, or academic advisors in WB 105) should be completed and submitted with the unofficial transcripts and a formal, typewritten resume to Milam 103, Dr. Neilann Horner's mailbox. The required prerequisite

courses MUST BE highlighted on the unofficial transcripts. An academic advisor's signature is required on the application. For any repeated courses, list the most recent grade achieved and use this in GPA calculations. [College policy](#) currently allows a maximum of two attempts to meet the minimum grade criteria including attempts at other institutions. The University replaces the prior grade with that from the latest attempt. Additional attempts do not count toward GPA calculations.

2. Applications are only accepted spring term by April 29, 2019 5pm. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Applicants will be notified by email letter of final acceptance or denial. Accepted students become part of a cohort year (e.g., 2021 this year, which indicates the spring term of program completion). Students must adhere to their cohort course requirements and sequence for timely program completion. After acceptance into the DPD, students will be transferred from the Pre-Dietetics Community to the Dietetics Community site on CANVAS and have access to resources relating to continued professional development, experiential opportunities, and dietetic internship application.
4. Post-baccalaureate and transfer students meeting the minimum credit requirements may apply for acceptance after completing the prerequisite courses and accumulating at least 12 credit hours of course work at OSU or OSU Ecampus. Biology 212 may need to be taken in winter or summer term before applying if an equivalent is not available at the transfer institution. Week 5 of spring term is the only application opportunity offered.

Transfer Students

Transfer students will need careful academic advising and advanced planning to ensure that they transfer to OSU at the appropriate time and can complete the Dietetics (DPD) program in a timely manner. The year the student is qualified to apply to the DPD and how long to program completion depend on courses taken at the time of transfer. DPD application can only be made after completing at least 12 credit hours at OSU and all #-marked, prerequisite coursework. Therefore, students starting at another institution may want to consider transferring to OSU in the sophomore year to be able to complete the program in a total of 4 years. Transfer students should apply to the Nutrition major at OSU and meet with an academic advisor who can submit Pre-dietetics as the option. OSU Ecampus offerings are expanding so it may be useful to consider these options for meeting prerequisites. However, fall and/or winter term coursework after transferring to OSU, and before applying to the DPD program, may include NUTR 104, NUTR 240, NUTR 241, NUTR 325, BI 212 and CH 331. If accepted to the DPD program, transfers will follow the cohort sequence (see <http://health.oregonstate.edu/nutrition/dietetics/description> for a typical course schedule).

Post-Baccalaureate Students

Post-baccalaureate students must apply to OSU as "degree-seeking post-baccalaureate students" majoring in Nutrition. An academic advisor can submit the option as Pre-Dietetics after meeting with the student. Community college and other university courses that articulate will be accepted, but 12 credit hours of enrollment at OSU or via OSU Ecampus are required to apply for admission into the DPD. Post-baccalaureate students who do not enroll at OSU for their prerequisite courses should refer to the procedures described for transfer students (above).

Frequently Asked Questions

I plan to be away from OSU for one term. Will that delay my graduation?

Admittance into the Dietetics (DPD) option places you in a cohort which moves through the Dietetics option courses as a unit. If you miss a term, you may delay your graduation by as much as one full year. Discuss your plans or situation with an advisor for recommendations *before* you divert from your planned cohort schedule. Many Dietetics option courses are offered only once per year and absences can have an impact on completion. Students who do not enroll in DPD courses for more than two full terms will need to resubmit an application to the program to be reinstated. If you are considering an international exchange program, look at winter term of your 3rd (junior) year as a possible option or summer opportunities for study abroad.

I did not earn a grade high enough for acceptance into the program. Can I repeat the course and apply again?

Repeating courses to get acceptance into the Dietetics (DPD) option should be considered cautiously. The College of Public Health and Human Sciences allows only two attempts (at OSU or other institutions total) to

meet grade criteria. If early coursework is a challenge, you may want to consider other professional options. Repeated courses are visible on transcripts submitted as part of the dietetic internship application, and may put you at a competitive disadvantage preventing placement in an internship. Poor grades that are not typical of your academic record MAY be repeated but re-taking courses when your grade point is near the minimum (3.0 or below) is probably not going to improve your potential success in internship placement. You may not continue to higher level restricted courses (NUTR 235, 307, 311, 407, 417, 418, 423, 430, 431, 432, 446, 439 and 447) while you are repeating prerequisites to get a qualifying grade as only those who have been admitted to the DPD will be allowed to enroll in those courses. You may apply to the Dietetics (DPD) option a maximum of twice. If accepted, the program takes approximately six terms to complete. Post-bac and transfer students with additional credits will also need six terms to complete related to how the courses are scheduled for cohorts though some may be able to complete required courses on a part-time schedule.

**For additional information, call or contact the CPHHS Advising Office: WB 105; 541.737.8900.
Or the School of Biological and Population Health Sciences Office: Milam 101; 541.737.2643.**

The OSU Dietetics Program maintains a web page with additional information useful in pursuing a career in dietetics. <http://health.oregonstate.edu/bphs/dietetics>.

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