

DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD) APPLICATION FOR UPPER DIVISION

Requirements for Upper Division

Nutrition and Dietetics students are eligible to apply for upper division once they have:

- Completed a minimum of 48 hours of credit from required lower division courses by the end of the quarter during which the application is made;
- RD Concentration:
 - Earned a curriculum grade point average of 2.85 with no grade lower than a C (If a student earns a grade of D or F, the course must be repeated; the last grade earned will satisfy the grade requirement; however, both grades earned will be factored into the GPA calculation).

Typically, students apply to upper division at the end of their sophomore year to enroll in upper division courses in fall of their junior year. Even after being admitted to upper division, students will only be allowed to enroll in courses for which they have satisfactorily completed prerequisites (with a grade of C or better).

Procedure

1. Complete the upper division application form on the reverse side of this page.
 - a. Indicate grades earned in all courses completed in the curriculum.
 - b. If transfer credit is used, indicate course title and name of university where course was completed.
 - c. For any required lower division course that you have not yet completed, indicate the date that you will take the course.
1. Carefully read, sign and date the statement below.
2. Obtain academic advisor's signature and submit application to the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics by the second week of the quarter before you plan to enroll in upper division classes.
3. If your application is accepted, you will be notified in writing by the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics prior to registration for the quarter you plan to enroll in upper division courses.

Application Statement: Please read carefully and sign below, acknowledging your understanding of these policies.

I understand that I will be allowed to take 400 level courses in Food and Nutrition only if I am admitted to upper division.

I understand that I must complete all of the required curriculum courses in the Nutrition and Dietetics program with a C or better.

RD Concentration Only:

I must maintain a curriculum GPA of 2.85 or above in order to progress in the program. If my curriculum GPA falls below 2.85 during any quarter, I will be placed on probation and will have one quarter to raise my curriculum GPA to 2.85. If by the end of that probationary quarter, my curriculum GPA is not at 2.85 or above, I will not be allowed to enroll in any other upper division food and nutrition courses until I raise my curriculum GPA to 2.85.

I understand that I must maintain a curriculum GPA of 2.85 or above, with no grade lower than a C in order to graduate and receive the ACEND verification statement signifying eligibility to apply for admission to an ACEND accredited dietetic internship.

I understand that completion of an ACEND accredited dietetic internship is required before taking the examination to be a registered dietitian (RD). I also understand that being a RD and LDN (licensed dietitian nutritionist) is required to practice dietetics in Louisiana.

I understand that application is necessary for admission to a dietetic internship, including the one at Louisiana Tech University. I also understand that completion of the BS degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and receipt of the ACEND verification statement does not guarantee acceptance into a dietetic internship.

Student's Signature

Date

Advisor's Signature

Date