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FSU DIETETICS

**Didactic Program in Dietetics
2025-2026 Handbook**

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WHAT IS AN RD/RDN?

A Registered Dietitian (RD), also known as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), is a health professional who has special training in diet and nutrition. The title Registered Dietitian (RD) has been used by practitioners for over 50 years. Many registered dietitians have transitioned to Registered Dietitian Nutritionist to emphasize his or her nutrition expertise.

Many states have a certification or license requirement to practice dietetics. Each state is different, and information can be found on that individual state's Dietetic Association website. Florida has a [licensure requirement](#) for dietitians.

There is no educational or accreditation requirement to use the title "nutritionist". Someone with no nutrition education may call themselves a nutritionist. In other words, all dietitians are nutritionists, but not all nutritionists are dietitians.

EMPLOYMENT

Registered Dietitians Nutritionists are employed in hospitals and other healthcare facilities, government and public health agencies, for-profit companies, non-profit food and/or nutrition-related organizations, schools and universities, private practice, sports teams, and a variety of other settings. Opportunities for RDNs to be employed in wellness and sports nutrition programs, as well as sales and marketing for business and industry are also increasing.

Career opportunities for graduates include:

- Clinical Dietitian/Nutritionist (in a health care setting, including acute and long-term care and facilities specializing in rehabilitation and eating disorders)
- Public Health or Community Dietitian/Nutritionist
- Private Practice or Consultant Dietitian
- Sports Dietitian
- Nutrition Educator or Teacher
- Nutrition Specialist (for food industries)
- Restaurant Manager
- Supermarket Dietitian
- Food Service Director (in acute care hospitals, extended care facilities, educational institutions)
- Pharmaceutical/Medical Sales Representative
- Dietitian in Nutraceutical Industry
- Corporate Wellness Dietitian
- Culinary Arts Dietitian/Chef
- Dietitian working in Public Policy Development
- Non-profit Advocacy Groups/Organizations
- National and International Health Organizations
- Research/Academic
- Nutrition Writer

SALARIES:

The median hourly wage amongst all practicing Registered Dietitians and Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (in all positions) was \$35.50 per hour. The median average salary is about \$73,850 per year according to the <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dietitians-and-nutritionists.htm> Compensation varies based on the type of position, length of employment, geographic location, and supply of RDNs.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME AN RD

- A bachelor's degree
- A master's degree
- One of the above degrees must meet academic requirements as set by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics** (ACEND)
- A supervised practice experience (also known as a dietetic internship) accredited by ACEND
- Successfully pass the Registration Examination for Dietitians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)

**At FSU, the BS degree in dietetics is a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD), the academic requirements are met in the bachelor's degree.

WELCOME FROM THE FSU DPD DIRECTOR

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) in the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Science (HNFS) at Florida State University (FSU).

Students earning a degree in dietetics benefit by being part of the Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Science. The department also offers degrees in exercise physiology, food science, and athletic training. Dietetics students have an opportunity to learn from nationally recognized exercise physiologists, food scientists, dietitians, and nutrition experts. The undergraduate DPD provides a foundation for developing knowledge and competencies in the core areas of dietetics practice (i.e., clinical dietetics, community nutrition, and food service/systems management). Students may choose electives to further their knowledge in performance nutrition and food science.

Students gain experience through participation in group projects, case studies, counseling scenarios, and behavioral projects. This combination of knowledge- and application-based learning provides a solid foundation for critical thinking and problem-solving. In addition, students may choose to participate in a food- or nutrition-focused summer study abroad course located in Italy, Spain, and Greece.

Our program emphasizes critical and didactic skills, ensuring student success in internships. Graduates of the program consistently report feeling well-prepared for graduate school and internships. Graduates also appreciate the dedicated faculty. Faculty are committed to the success of their students.

Our DPD program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (the Academy or AND), 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 1-800-877-1600.

If you would like additional information on the FSU DPD program, please email me at jefarrell2@fsu.edu.

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ABOUT ANNE’S COLLEGE

The roots of FSU Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences date back to the university’s establishment, and it is the oldest college of its kind in Florida. Recently expanded in 2023, the College is home to six academic departments united through a common goal to maximize human potential. In total, the College includes the Department of Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Department of Educational Psychology & Learning Systems, Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Sciences, Department of Human Development & Family Science, Department of Sport Management, School of Teacher Education, numerous research centers, and three laboratory schools (Florida State University School, FSU Pembroke Pines Charter School, and The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City). In 2024, the college was named after alumna and teacher Anne Spencer Daves.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND FOOD SCIENCES

The Department of Health, Nutrition, and Food Sciences consists of four innovative programs which analyze physical performance, health, and wellness through a foundation in scientific research, technical knowledge, and practical skill-building. At the undergraduate level, those degrees include Exercise physiology, athletic training, food science, and dietetics. Today’s growing attentiveness to healthy lifestyle habits has generated a greater demand for careers in these fields.



ABOUT THE DIETETICS PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Health, Nutrition, and Food Sciences (HNFS) Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) is to prepare competent individuals for entry-level positions in a variety of food and nutrition settings and for entry into post-baccalaureate dietetic internships and/or graduate school.

The program provides a curriculum leading to a baccalaureate degree upon completion. The DPD graduate will have the requisite knowledge requirements as part of a rigorous science-based curriculum to successfully pursue and complete an accredited supervised practice program leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become a registered dietitian.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOME MEASURES

Goal 1. Graduates will achieve success pertaining to post-baccalaureate opportunities leading to careers in the field of nutrition and dietetics.

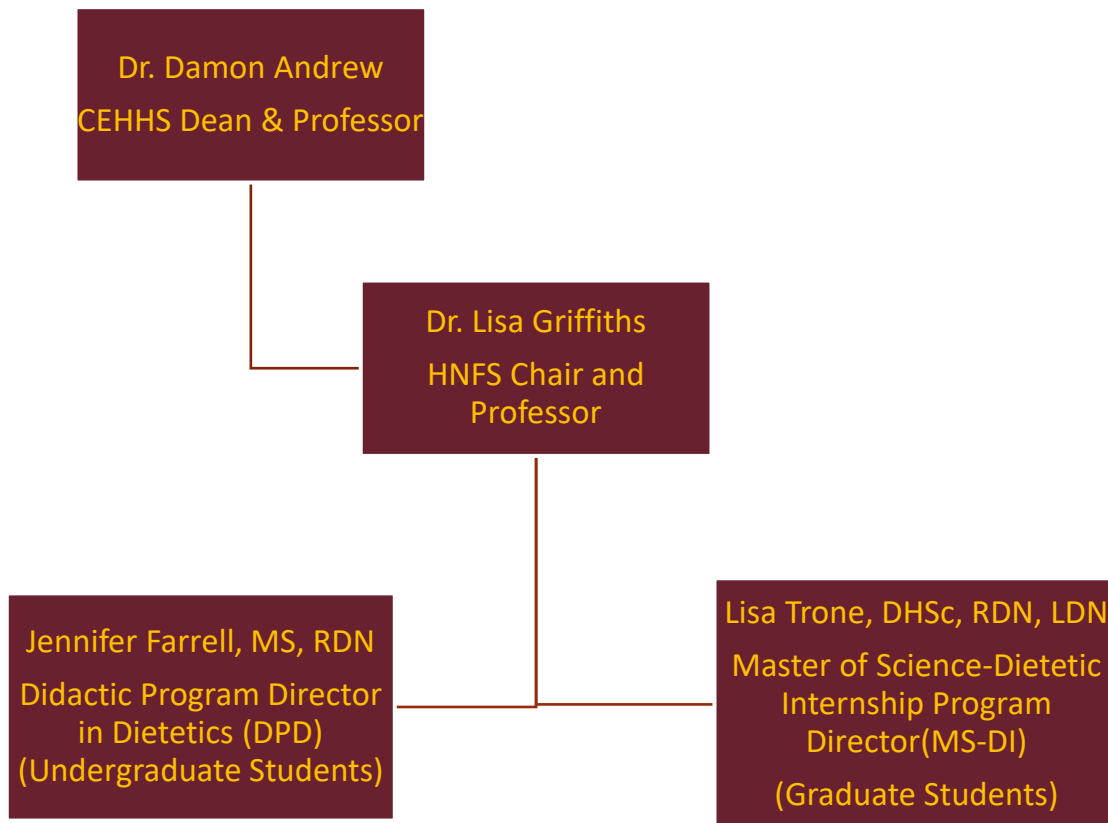
- Objective 1: At least 80% of program students complete the program/degree requirements within 3 years (150% of the program length)
- Objective 2: At least 70% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
- Objective 3: Of program graduates who apply to dietetic internships, at least 80% are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.
- Objective 4: Supervised practice program directors will rank 80% of program graduates as “prepared” for supervised practice
- Objective 5: The program’s one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of the first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

Goal 2. The program will prepare graduates who demonstrate a commitment to community and professional service.

- Objective 1: 80% of program graduates will have been a member of a related professional or pre-professional organization (such as: Student Dietetic Association, Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics or Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) prior to program completion.
- Objective 2: 80% of program graduates will have completed >20 hours of volunteer or philanthropic activities prior to program completion.

Data for program objectives are available upon request

DIETETICS ADMINISTRATION (CHART/DIAGRAM)



THE FSU ROUTE TO BECOMING A DIETITIAN

1. Admission to FSU
2. Admission to the Dietetics DPD program
3. Successfully complete program requirements to earn a BS in Dietetics and a DPD Verification statement. The verification statement allows students to apply to any accredited supervised practice experience.
4. Graduate School (MS) and a Dietetics Internship. At FSU we offer:
 - a. MS in Food and Nutrition or MS in Exercise Physiology
 - b. Dietetic Internship with an emphasis in clinical nutrition or performance nutrition

All coursework is offered in person on the main campus. This is not a distance program.

ADMISSION TO FSU

For more information about Admission to the FSU: <https://admissions.fsu.edu/>

Transfer students: Prospective transfer students should review FSU's Transfer Student Services website.

The dietetics program is Specialized Admissions, which means students must be admitted to the University and then apply to the major. Students must be admissible to BOTH the major AND the University in order to begin an academic career at FSU. The FSU Admissions Office first checks to see if you meet the transfer student criteria to be admitted to the University: <http://admissions.fsu.edu/transfer/>. They then forward your application to the college for major eligibility.

Students must have each of the prerequisites (listed below) completed (or be in the process of completing at time of application) in order to receive admission consideration into the major.

- MAC 1105 College Algebra (w/final grade of C minus or better)
- CHM 1045+L General Chemistry 1 + Lab (w/final grade of C minus or better)
- CHM 1046+L General Chemistry 2 + Lab (w/final grade of C minus or better)
- ECO 2000 Intro. to Economics **OR** ECO 2013 Macroeconomics **OR** ECO 2023 Microeconomics (w/final grade of C minus or better)
- HUN 1201 Science of Nutrition (w/final grade of C or better)
- Overall college GPA of 2.75+ (EVERY college course ever taken at any institution, no "forgiveness" calculated)

Completion of a Florida AA Degree is also highly recommended as this increases a transfer student's chance for admission to FSU and ensures General Education/CoreFSU requirements transfer.

If admitted to the University, you must then attend a required Transfer Student orientation to meet with an advisor and register for courses.

Coursework taken at institutions outside of the state of Florida and/or at private universities will be reviewed by the specific academic department during the admissions process to FSU to determine if the coursework is equivalent to that required at FSU. Detailed course syllabi must be submitted by the student for coursework to be reviewed. Please see Policy section regarding assessment of prior learning for more information about transfer coursework and credits.

It is very important that we receive all examination scores reports (AICE, AP, IB, CLEP) directly from the agency that administered the examination so that the appropriate credit can be awarded by FSU. The FSU Office of Admissions cannot post examination credit from another college or university's transcript.

Please contact our Mapping Coordinator, Ms. Sanderson and Mrs. Farrell as you navigate the transfer process.

ADMISSION TO THE DPD PROGRAM

The DPD program is a specialized admission program. Specialized admissions allow a unique dietetic education. Students must apply and be accepted into the major, therefore all students are dedicated to the common goal of becoming registered dietitians. The program accepts up to 40 students each year.

Students enjoy smaller, more intimate classes and form strong connections with classmates. Core dietetics courses have approximately 30 students. Once admitted to the program, students typically move through the program in a cohort – taking classes with the same classmates each semester and graduating with those same classmates. The smaller program allows faculty to get to know their students and mentor them. Our faculty are committed to educating and graduating a knowledgeable and capable group of students who will become the next generation of registered dietitians.

Application materials:

1. Prerequisite coursework:
 - MAC 1105 College Algebra (w/final grade of C minus or better)
 - CHM 1045+L General Chemistry 1 + Lab (w/final grade of C minus or better)
 - CHM 1046+L General Chemistry 2 + Lab (w/final grade of C minus or better)

- ECO 2000 Intro. to Economics **OR** ECO 2013 Macroeconomics **OR** ECO 2023 Microeconomics (w/final grade of C minus or better)
- HUN 1201 Science of Nutrition (w/final grade of B or better)
- DIE 3005, Intro to Dietetics. This course is only offered in spring and summer semesters at FSU.
- Organic Chemistry- highly suggested. Students must complete Organic chemistry in the first fall term after being admitted to the major. Organic chemistry is a rigorous course and offerings may be limited or inconsistent. Therefore, it is recommended this course be completed before admission to the major.
- Overall college GPA of 2.75+ (every college course ever taken at any institution, no “forgiveness” calculated)

Students must have each of the above required prerequisites completed (or be in the process of completing at the time of application) in order to receive admission consideration into the major.

2. **Personal Statement.** The personal statement should be written at a collegiate level, indicate your interest in the field, and be about 1-2 pages in length. Personal statements provide the admissions committee with insight into your writing ability, written communication skills, and your level of interest in becoming an RD.
3. **Minimum 2.75 GPA.** Most internships and graduate programs require a minimum 3.0 GPA for admission to their program. The higher the GPA the more competitive you will be for post-baccalaureate programs. If a student has a GPA of 2.75, they will be able to raise their GPA to a 3.0 by earning a combination of As and Bs in their last 60 hours. If you have extenuating circumstances such as a large number of credit hours, a previous degree, etc. please reach out to the DPD director.

The link to the application is the garnet link located halfway down the Dietetics webpage. <https://annescollege.fsu.edu/programs/dietetics> The application opens at the end of the spring semester and closes at the end of the summer term. Admission decisions are made at the end of the summer term. If admitted, students enter the fall term as Dietetics majors. Admission decisions are made by a committee comprised of dietetics faculty.

After admission to the program:

Students are notified of committee decisions via email sent to their FSU email address between the summer and fall term.

You must attend the new Dietetics Orientation meeting at the beginning of the fall semester.

You will be sent an invitation to the Dietetics Canvas site. It is imperative that you accept this invitation. Dietetics faculty will use this site for communication, posting important documents, tracking your progress towards DPD, and more.

SAMPLE DIETETICS CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE

This is not intended to be used to plan your schedule. Please refer to full dietetics curriculum, academic map, and utilize your advisors and tracking systems at myFSU to ensure you are selecting electives and CoreFSU courses to meet all graduation requirements.

Suggested Schedule

Term 1 (Fall)	Title	Cr. Hrs
ENC 1101		3
MAC 1105	College Algebra	3
ECO 2XXX	Economics	3
Elective		3
CoreFSU Humanities /Cultural Practice		3
		15

Term 2 (Spring)	Title	Cr. Hrs
ENC 2135		3
HUN 1201	Science of Nutrition	3
CHM 1045 and CHM 1045L	General Chemistry I and lab	4
CoreFSU History		3
Elective		3
		16

Term 3 (Fall)	Title	Cr. Hrs
CHM 1046 and CHM 1046L	General Chemistry II and lab	4
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
STA 2122 or STA 2023	Statistics	3
CoreFSU requirement		3
CoreFSU requirement		3
		16

Term 4 (Spring)	Title	Cr. Hrs.
CHM 2210 or other approved organic chemistry	Organic Chemistry I	3
DIE 3005	Introduction to Dietetics	1
MCB 2004 and MCB2004L (or approved food microbiology, FOS4224)	Microbiology for Health Services and Lab	4
CoreFSU Digital Literacy		3
CoreFSU Oral Competency		3
		14

Mapping Milestones

Term 1
ENC 1101
MAC 1105

Term 2
ENC 2135
HUN 1201
CHM 1045 and lab

Term 3
CHM 1046 and lab

Term 4
CHM 2210
DIE 3005 (grade of "S")
Application opens for the dietetics program
GPA (≥ 2.75)

Summer		
DIE3005 (transfer students)	Introduction to Dietetics	

Admissions decisions are made at the end of summer term. If you are not admitted, please meet with your advisor to change your major.

Term 5 (Fall)		
FOS 3026 and FOS 3026L	Foods and Lab	4
PET 3322 and PET 3322L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab	4
CHM 2011	Organic Chemistry II	3
Elective/CHM 2011L*	Organic Chemistry II Lab	3
		14

Term 6 (spring)		
HUN 3224	Intermediary Metabolism I	3
FSS 4312	Food Service Management	3
HUN 3403	Life Cycle Nutrition	3
DIE4434	Nutrition Counseling	3
		12

Summer		
HUN 3226	Intermediary Metabolism II	3

Term 7 (Fall)		
DIE 4310	Community Nutrition	3
BCH 3023 or other approved biochem*	Survey to Biochemistry	3
FSS 4135	Food Economics	3
DIE 4243	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3
HUN 4941	Nutrition Practicum and Professionalism in Dietetics	3
		15

Term 8 (Spring)		
FOS 4114C	Food Sciences	4
DIE 4244 and DIE 4244L	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	4
Electives		7
		15

Summer
Apply to the Dietetics Program

Term 5
FOS 3026
Civic Literacy Requirement

Term 6
PET 3322 and Lab
HUN 3224
FSS 4312
Complete 1 st Scholarship in Practice course

Term 7
HUN 3226
FSS 4135
Complete pre-graduation check

Term 8
Apply for graduation in 1 st two weeks
Complete 2 nd Scholarship in Practice Course

*A note about chemistry requirements:

Organic chemistry II lab (CHM2211L) nor Biochemistry lab are required for the dietetics degree nor are they required for the MS in programs in nutrition, food science or exercise science at FSU. However, students may consider taking organic chemistry II lab graduate programs outside of FSU.

FSU offers a large selection of electives which allows students to further their knowledge in a desired area. These include:

FAD 2230 Family Relationships

CHD 2220 Child Growth and Development

APK 2001 Medical Terminology

FOS 4209 Food Safety and Quality

HUN 2112 Food and Society

Suggested electives for students interested in Sport/Performance Nutrition:

PET 3361 Sport Nutrition

PET 3323 and Lab Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab

APK 3110C Applied Ex Physiology

PET 4114C Exercise Testing and Prescription

Graduate Courses as an undergraduate student

Students who intend to complete the MS program at FSU and have met gpa and credit hour requirements may take graduate courses in their senior year. Please see Mrs. Farrell for more information

Mapping Milestones

FSU utilizes academic mapping to ensure students are on track for timely graduation. The milestone courses listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule is a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. Missing milestones will result in one of two types of map registration stops. The first level (Degree Map Off Track) is placed following grade posting if the student has missed a milestone (course and/or GPA) for the first time in the major. If a student is out of compliance with milestones for two (2) consecutive semesters (excluding summers) a Major Change Required stop is placed in the student's registration. Students must meet with their advisor to have the mapping hold lifted.

Requirements for Graduation

The FSUcore and Elective courses must be thoughtfully selected to satisfy areas required for graduation. University graduation requirements are located in the [undergraduate bulletin](#).

VERIFICATION STATEMENTS

A verification statement verifies that a graduate has successfully completed all required components of an accredited dietetics program. A DPD verification statement is required to apply to an accredited Dietetic Internship.

To earn a DPD verification statement students must:

1. Earn a BS degree
2. Complete required coursework in various subjects such as chemistry, biology, psychology, and nutrition. These courses are built into the Dietetics curriculum.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of specific nutrition-related outcomes. Students demonstrate knowledge by earning a 70% or better on the assignments in nutrition-related courses. These assignments are labeled as KRDN assignments in the syllabus of the course. A full listing of these assignments and their courses can be found on the Dietetics canvas site.

At the end of each semester, instructors will record your progress on the Canvas site. You may track your progress by clicking on the grade book. If you do not earn a 70% or better on a KRDN assignment, you will need to notify the DPD Director, Mrs. Farrell and the instructor of that course. You, your professor, and Mrs. Farrell will design a one-credit hour Directed Individual Study HUN 4941 to allow you to complete an equivalent assignment which will allow you to make up the deficient KRDN. You will be fee liable for this course and it will appear on your transcript.

Students who complete all coursework and FSU degree requirements but do not earn a 70% or better on KRDN assignments may graduate with a degree in dietetics but will not earn a verification statement.

Verification statements are sent to graduates after degrees are conferred and official graduation lists have been compiled. This is usually 4 – 6 weeks after graduation. Graduates must fill out the Senior Survey in Canvas to receive their statement.

Students should save this statement in a secure location where other important documents are stored. Students will need to provide this statement to internship directors and may need to produce this statement to licensing and credentialing agencies. If a graduate misplaces their statement, the FSU DPD director retains records of all verification statements. Please allow time for the DPD director to process this request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Estimated costs for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 for Instate students

Tuition	\$5,604
Fees	\$50
Housing	\$8,420
Food	\$5,600
Books	\$800
Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment (lab goggles, lab coat, etc.)	\$400
Transportation	\$2,460
Personal	\$2,432
Total	\$25,766

HEALTH INSURANCE- All students are required to have health insurance. If you do not currently have coverage, you will need to purchase a [Student Health Plan](#)

TECHNOLOGY- The DPD program does not have specific computer requirements. If you have questions about computers, software, and other equipment, FSU can assist you in determining your needs. <https://servicecenter.fsu.edu>

While core dietetics coursework is offered in person on campus. Many courses and instructors utilize Zoom, honorlock, and other programs that require a web camera and microphone. Students may purchase computers, accessories, and software at the FSU bookstore.

ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DPD PROGRAM

It is highly suggested that students join:

-The [Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#). A student membership is \$58. A state affiliation is included with this membership. Students should select "Florida" to become a member of the [Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics](#).

-FSU Student Dietetic Association, membership \$20/semester or \$30/year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Florida State University provides multiple types of financial aid for students who apply. From institutional, state, and federal awards, to [private scholarships](#) and loans, funding options are available for all. Please see the [Office of Financial Aid](#) and [Anne's College scholarships](#) website more information.

Organizations such as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics also offer scholarships to dietetics students.

FSU also provides a [Financial Planning Sheet](#) to assist students.

ADVISING

Undergraduate academic advising is located in 207 Sandels building. You may schedule an appointment by going to myFSU and click on Campus Connect 'CC' icon. It is imperative that you meet with your advisor regularly throughout your academic career, at least once per semester.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The DPD program adheres to all FSU policies found in the Undergraduate Bulletin, including but not limited to:

EQUITABLE TREATMENT: Florida State University is committed to nondiscrimination in matters of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans' or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status

ACADEMIC MAPPING

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REMEDICATION OF COURSEWORK

The University offers a variety of resources to assist students in their academic achievements. An extensive list can be found at the [Division of Student Affairs](#).

TUTORING SERVICES are available at the [Academic Center for Excellence](#).

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

Any time a student's FSU cumulative GPA falls below 2.0, the student will have a designation of "[Academic Probation](#)" placed on their transcript and will be placed on academic probation for their next term of enrollment at FSU. Students who do not return to good academic standing after a semester on academic probation and who earn a term GPA of less than 2.5 will be dismissed from the university.

GENERAL ACADEMIC APPEALS

Students who allege that academic regulations and procedures have been improperly applied in specific instances may have their grievances addressed through the [general academic appeals](#) process.

GRADE APPEALS

The purpose of the [grade appeals system](#) is to afford an opportunity for an undergraduate or graduate student to appeal a final course grade under certain circumstances. Faculty judgment of students' academic performance is inherent in the grading process and hence should not be overturned except when the student can show that the grade awarded represents a gross violation of the instructor's own specified evaluation (grading) statement and therefore was awarded in an arbitrary, capricious, or discriminatory manner. The evaluation (grading) statement utilized during the grade appeals process is the one contained in the instructor's syllabus at the beginning of the semester.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet [University and State requirements](#) in addition to program requirements. Students should work closely with their advisor to select electives that meet CoreFSU requirements.

Students are encouraged to complete their degree in a timely manner. FSU does not restrict students to a maximum time allowed for completion of a degree. However, students not enrolled in classes for two semesters in a row must apply for and be readmitted to the University. They will be required to follow degree requirements in place at the time of the new admission date. Also, FSU charges and [excess credit hour fees](#).

STUDENT CONDUCT

Students are expected to exhibit academic integrity according to the [academic honor policy](#) and conduct themselves in a manner congruent with FSU's high standards as found in the [Student Code of Conduct](#). The University handles all procedures and disciplinary actions.

DISTANCE INSTRUCTION

Dietetics coursework is offered in person on the main campus. However, students will utilize online learning tools and assessments. These tools and assessments will be available through your canvas site, access requires a secure login.

WITHDRAWAL AND REFUND OF TUITION AND FEES

FSU has established deadline dates and procedures for withdrawal and [refund of tuition](#) and fees.

SCHEDULING AND PROGRAM CALENDAR

The DPD Program follows the Florida State University [academic calendar](#) which is available on the FSU Registrar.

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF INFORMATION (CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS)

Florida State University, in accordance with the State University System rules, state statutes, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (i.e. the Buckley Amendment) assures the confidentiality of student educational records. However, student educational records may be released without the student's consent to school officials who have a legitimate educational interest to access the records, and the university may disclose information from a student's educational records to either individuals or entities permitted under applicable federal and state law. Information on records confidentiality is available in the FSU General Bulletin Undergraduate.

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS AND FILES

Access to student records, including transcripts, can be viewed at my.fsu.edu using your FSUID.

POLICIES SPECIFIC TO THE DIETETICS PROGRAM:

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING, PERFORMANCE, AND PROGRESS. Course syllabi for all dietetics courses include the evaluation method used in the specific course. Evaluation methods may include exams, case studies, presentations, individual and team projects, etc. Students receive a letter grade for the course as well as individual grades for assignments and exams.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL FILES

Except for verification statements, the DPD program does not hold student files. Student files and transcripts may be viewed at my.fsu.edu, login using your FSUID. Tracking of individual assignments required to meet KRNDs may be accessed via the dietetics canvas site. Students have access to their graded assignments and rubrics through their respective course sites.

ASSESSMENT OF PRIOR LEARNING

As part of the admissions process, the University will determine course equivalencies. Please see University policy for a full explanation of credit for: [AP, EC, dual enrollment and college courses with the same course numbers](#). Students may submit the syllabus to determine course equivalencies for upper-division major courses that do not fall within those listed above. This is completed as part of the transfer student process. The program does not grant credit for prior experiences such as internships, shadowing, or employment.

It is important to note that courses are different than KRNDs. KRNDs are only met through ACEND accredited DPD programs. KRNDs are met by assignments embedded within the dietetics coursework. Both coursework and KRNDs must be met to earn a verification statement.

The University does not evaluate KRNDs through the University admissions office. A course may be deemed equivalent but not the KRNDs as required by the FSU DPD program. In this situation, a student may need to retake the course at FSU to meet the required KRND.

The FSU dietetics program may accept KRDNs from another accredited dietetics program. Students transferring from an accredited DPD program should submit a request to the FSU DPD director. This request should be accompanied by documentation including course syllabi, course assignment instructions, and evidence of completion of the KRDN. The DPD faculty committee will determine KRDN equivalency.

VERIFICATION STATEMENTS

A verification statement verifies that a graduate has successfully completed all required components of an accredited dietetics program. A DPD verification statement is required to apply to an accredited Dietetic Internship.

To earn a DPD verification statement students must:

1. Earn a BS degree
2. Complete required coursework in various subjects such as chemistry, biology, psychology, and nutrition. These courses are built into the Dietetics curriculum.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of specific nutrition-related outcomes. Students demonstrate knowledge by earning 70% or better on the assignments in nutrition-related courses. These assignments are labeled as KRDN assignments in the syllabus of the course. A full listing of these assignments and their courses can be found on the Dietetics canvas site.

At the end of each semester, instructors will record your progress on the Canvas site. You may track your progress by clicking on the grade book. If you do not earn 70% or better on a KRDN assignment, you will need to notify the DPD Director, Mrs. Farrell and the instructor of that course. You, your professor, and Mrs. Farrell will design a one-credit hour Directed Individual Study HUN 4941 to allow you to complete an equivalent assignment which will allow you to make up the deficient KRDN. You will be fee liable for this course and it will appear on your transcript.

Students who complete all coursework and FSU degree requirements but do not earn a 70% or better on KRDN assignments may graduate with a degree in dietetics but will not earn a verification statement.

Verification statements are sent to graduates after degrees are conferred and official graduation lists have been compiled. This is usually 4 – 6 weeks after graduation. Graduates must fill out the Senior Survey in Canvas to receive their statement.

Students should save this statement in a secure location where other important documents are stored. Students will need to provide this statement to internship directors and may need to produce this statement to licensing and credentialing agencies. If a graduate misplaces their statement, the FSU DPD director retains records of all verification statements. Please allow time for the DPD director to process this request.

GRIEVANCE/COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The DPD program adheres to University policies concerning student complaints and appeals. Florida State University offers several pathways for student complaints and appeals in the appropriate areas. Communication and feedback from students are considered key to the improvement of the institution. In addition to the multitude of complaint pathways, students are encouraged to resolve conflicts through less formal pathways such as direct contact with the person(s) involved. Many of the [student grievance processes](#) also encourage students to seek resolution at the point closest to the origin of the problem. Students will find this [step-by-step guide](#) helpful as they resolve academic problems.

If the concern is regarding ACEND accreditation standards, the student has the right to file a complaint with ACEND, the accrediting agency of the DPD program. The procedures are listed on the ACEND website, [Filing a Complaint](#)

PAID COMPENSATION

Students will not receive paid compensation during any experiential learning that may be required by the program.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

FSU offers a variety of student resources through the [Division of Student Affairs](#).

These include resources for:

- new students
- life on campus
- health & wellness
- academic support
- career planning
- culture, Identity & spirituality
- information technology
- money and finances

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

It is strongly recommended that you gain hands-on practical experience through work, volunteer, or shadowing opportunities in dietetics-related areas, thus providing opportunities to learn about the field and strengthen your application for a dietetic internship. Most internships require additional experience beyond coursework.

You can do this during the summer or the school year. You are encouraged to contact local dietitians (or dietitians in your hometown where you will be on weekends or school breaks) and request volunteer experience. Opportunities for volunteer experiences are also sent through canvas announcements.

Keep a record of your hours and experiences for your internship application and resume. You may also submit them for [servscript](#) hours. Servscript hours appear on your transcript.

STUDENT DIETETICS ASSOCIATION

FSU SDA meets monthly and has guest speakers of local dietitians and faculty. Activities of FSU SDA include sponsor/chairing a 5k annually, and fundraiser activities.

<https://www.instagram.com/fsusda/>

DIETETIC PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)

<http://www.eatright.org>

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the nation's largest professional organization for dietitians. Students enrolled in an accredited dietetics program have the opportunity to become a student member of the organization. Benefits of membership include:

- The Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (JAND)
- Members-only website, which includes access to the Evidence Analysis Library
- Student Center with information about career planning, student news, and a listserv
- Continuing education programs and materials
- Professional publications
- Member discounts on publications and merchandise
- Annual meeting discounts
- Membership opportunities in dietetics practice groups (DPG)
- Membership in state dietetic organization
- Job announcements
- Scholarship opportunities

The most important advantages to Academy student members are the eligibility for AND-sponsored scholarships, the Journal, networking, and the chance to improve your marketability. Students get all of this for a small annual membership fee – currently \$58. Although you are strongly encouraged to join as a freshman or sophomore, membership isn't required until you are a junior and senior. To be a student member of the Academy, you must complete a membership application and submit the dues payment.

The Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND)

www.eatrightflorida.org

The Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is Florida's professional organization for dietitians. Students who are AND student members are automatically members of the FAND (unless a different state affiliation is selected on the membership application). The Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics hosts an annual symposium every year, usually in April. This three-day symposium includes national speakers, an extensive exhibit hall, and many opportunities to network with dietetics professionals and other students. You are highly encouraged to attend. FAND offers student stipends for students who are willing to volunteer during the meeting.

POST BACCALAUREATE PLANNING

DIETETIC INTERNSHIPS

Completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics is the first step required to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. The next step is the completion of an accredited internship.

Dietetic internships provide hands-on experiences and are approximately 1000 hours. Each internship has a director. The director coordinates rotations at various sites. At each site you will work with a preceptor who will guide you through that portion of your internship. While at that site, your preceptor will serve as your teacher/supervisor, and ensure you are learning the necessary skills in that area (ie hospital, county health department, etc). They will report back to your internship director. You will visit several sites throughout your internship. At the end of your internship, your director will verify that you have met all required experiential learning components and submit documents so that you may sit for the national RD exam.

In your senior year you will take the course professionalism and practicum. This course will walk you through the application process. You are encouraged to research prospective internships. Be sure to note their application deadlines, fees, costs, GPA minimum, requirements for volunteering, shadowing, etc. You may find a list of internships at the [ACEND program directory](#). As a dietetics student, you can access the Applicant guide through the canvas site. The [FSU career center](#) assists with resume writing, letter of intent/personal statements, and interview coaching.

Once you have selected your potential internships and gathered your application materials, you will apply to internships through a centralized application system called [DICAS](#).

It is important to let your DPD director know which internship you have been accepted to. If you are not accepted into an internship, reach out to your DPD director. They have several resources and can assist you further.

Upon completion of an internship, you will sit for [the National Registration Examination for Dietitians](#). Many study guides and programs are available to help you prepare for success in this final step. When you take the exam, you have the option to release your name. Please release your name so your program directors can track your progress.

DIETETIC TECHNICIAN, REGISTERED (DTR)

<https://www.eatright.org/become-an-ndtr>

There are two routes to become a Dietetic Technician. 1. Attend a dietetic technician program. Dietetic technician programs are two-year programs with at least 450 hours of experiential

learning. Or 2. Complete a DPD program. Upon graduation from the DPD program, you may sit for the DTR exam. This is a great option for those who opt to take time before an internship or graduate program. Please see your DPD director if you would like to register for the DTR exam.

EMPLOYMENT

The [FSU career center](#) assists with resume writing, cover letters, interview coaching, and a closet for interview clothing.

In addition to general online resources for job postings. Also keep in mind that internships are a great way to meet potential employers. Your DPD director and DI director receive employment notifications. Reach out to them. Network through your Professional organizations (national, state and local), they also post-employment opportunities.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has resources to assist you with salary negotiations. However, you must be an AND member to access the Career Development resources.

STATE LICENSURE

State licensure is required for many RDNs. Each state has different licensure laws and application procedures. Students should check on the individual licensure requirements of the organization they choose to work for and the state where they reside. The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) program does not license or certify students. The program is part of a pathway that provides students with eligibility to become a registered dietitian, nutritionist and potentially obtain state licensure.

Florida has a licensure requirement for dietitians. In Florida, completion of accredited DPD and dietetic internship programs and then passage of the national Registration Examination for Dietitians allows individuals to apply for "licensure by endorsement."

FSU's DPD program's curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure in Florida (after completion of a dietetic internship and passage of the national RDN Examination).