

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD
GRADUATE STUDENT GUIDELINES
POLICY FOR THE COMPLETION OF DIDACTIC REQUIREMENTS IN DIETETICS

Upon completion of the didactic requirements for Dietetics, a student becomes eligible to apply to an Accredited Dietetic Internship program. Successful completion of both the Didactic Program and the Dietetic Internship makes a student eligible to write the registration exam to become a Registered Dietitian in the United States. Graduate students may partially meet didactic requirements while concurrently completing a Master's Degree in Nutrition. The following criteria must be met to achieve the requirements for the Didactic Program:

I. Admission to the University of the Incarnate Word Graduate Program is based on criteria as stated in the University Bulletin.

II. Students must show evidence of having successfully completed the following undergraduate courses. These courses may have been completed at any accredited institution of higher learning.

Subject	Semester Hours	Date Completed	Equivalent	Grade
College Writing	6			
Behavioral Sciences (Psych. or Soc.)	3			
Statistics	3			
Accounting	3			
Business Management or Human Resource Management (Theory)	3			
Microbiology w/Lab	4-6			
Chemistry w/Lab	6-8			
Organic Chemistry	3-8			
Biochemistry*	3			

III. The following courses are nutrition courses or requirements for the master's of science degree in nutrition and must be completed to meet the Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements. It is strongly encouraged that graduate students complete the graduate option for these courses.

Subject		Semester Hours	Date Completed	Equivalent	Grade
Graduate Option	Undergraduate Option				
Advanced Human Physiology (BIOL 6392)* ^s	Anatomy and Physiology w/Lab	6-8			
Advanced Nutrition I & II (NUTR 6325 & 6330)*	Human Nutrition & Metabolism (NUTR4470) [#]	4-6			
	Clinical Nutrition (NUTR 4475) * [#]	4			
	Community and World Nutrition (NUTR 4460) [#]	4			
Life Cycle Nutrition (NUTR 6342)	Nutrition in the Life Cycle (NUTR 3342)	3			
Practicum in Nutrition (NUTR 6290)		2			
Nutrition and Health Behavior (NUTR 6465)	Nutrition Education and Counseling (NUTR 4335)	3-4			
Advanced Nutrition I (NUTR 6325)	Clinical and Nutritional Assessment (NUTR 4340)	3			
Four (4) Graduate courses in Nutrition, which must include either Issues in Food and Nutrition (NUTR 6250) or Master's Project (NUTR 6XCS)	Business and Professional Speech (SPCH 2341)	3			

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Special Topic Food Preparation- one week intensive course	Principals of Food Preparation w/Lab (NUTR 2231, 2131)	3			
Advanced Nutrition Services Administration (NUTR 6414)	Food and Nutrition Services Management I (NUTR 3433)	4			
	Food and Nutrition Services Management II w/Lab (NUTR 3234, 3134)	3			
	Experiment Foods (NUTR 3332)	3			

*Students must show evidence of having completed at least six semester hours of these courses within the past five years at an accredited institution of higher learning. A student completing an undergraduate clinical nutrition class more than 5 years ago is strongly encouraged to take Advanced Clinical Nutrition (NUTR 6366).

§Students must complete at least 6 semester hours of anatomy and physiology.

A total of two of these courses may be counted toward master's of science degree in nutrition.

IV. A "C" must have been earned in each course taken for the Didactic Program in Dietetics to receive a verification statement. In addition, an overall GPA of 2.5 must be earned in the DPD courses to receive a verification statement.

When the student has met all of these requirements, the Didactic Program Director (who has been approved by the American Dietetic Association and is a member of the UIW faculty) will provide the student with five copies of the official verification statement.

Receiving a verification statement does not guarantee admittance into a dietetic internship. It is strongly recommended that students have higher grades than the minimum required to receive a didactic verification statement, work experience, community service, and leadership experience