Dietetics H40004BST Didactic Program

The following information has official approval of the **School of Nutrition and Dietetics**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, following the sequence of classes as listed below, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your Academic Advisor.

All students begin in the Didactic program as a major in Dietetics.

- All courses marked with an (*) must be completed prior to the entry to the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).
- **Bolded Courses** require a grade of "C" or better for the Verification Statement. Refer to the last page for an explanation of the differences between the Didactic and Coordinated Programs.

***Preadmission courses: A grade of "C" or higher is <u>required</u>.** A minimum combined 3.0 GPA is required. Early transfer to the College of Health Professions can occur after completing 12 credits at the University of Akron, completion of at least one core science course and earning a 3.0 GPA at The University of Akron.

<u>Italicized</u> courses fulfill General Education requirements. Unless a course is specified, refer to the General Education guide at http://www.uakron.edu/advising/docs/General_Education_Guide.pdf

1st Year	**Fall Semester**	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
*3300:111	*English Composition I*	3	Appropriate placement by advisor
*3470:260 **or** *3470:250	*Basic Statistics* ***-OR-*** *Statistics for Everyday Life*	3 4	3450:100 or appropriate placement Appropriate placement by advisor
*3150:110	***Intro to General, Organic & Biochemistry I Lecture***	3	
*3150:111	***Intro to General, Organic & Biochemistry I Lab***	1	corequisite: 3150:110
*3850:100	*Introduction to Sociology*	3	
*7760:120	**Career Decisions in Nutrition**	1	
Total		**14**	

1st Year	**Spring Semester**		
*3300:112	*English Composition II*	3	3300:111 or equivalent
*3150:112	***Intro to General, Organic & Biochemistry II Lecture***	3	3150:110/111
*3150:113	**Intro to General, Organic & Biochemistry II Lab**	1	corequisite: 3150:112
*7600:105 **or** *7600:106	*Introduction to Public Speaking* ***-OR-*** *Effective Oral Communication*	3	
*7760:133	***Nutrition Fundamentals***	3	
*3100:130	***Principles of Microbiology*** *(Lecture/Lab)*	3	
Total		**16**	

2nd Year	**Fall Semester**		
3100:200	**Human Anatomy & Physiology I**	3	
3100:201	**Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab**	1	corequisite: 3100:200
7760:250	**Food Science Lecture** **Available in fall or spring semester**	3	7760:133, 7760:320, 3150:110, 3150:111, 3150:112, 3150:113; corequisite: 7760:251
7760:251	**Food Science Lab** **Available fall or spring semester**	1	7760:133, 7760:320, 3150:110, 3150:111, 3150:112, 3150:113; corequisite: 7760:250
7760:228	**Introduction to Medical Nutrition Therapy**	3	7760:133, 3150:110, 3150:111, 3150:112, 3150:113
3750:100	***Introduction to Psychology***	3	
Total		**14**	
2nd Year	**Spring Semester**		

3100:202	**Human Anatomy & Physiology II**	3	3100:200
3100:203	**Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab**	1	corequisite: 3100:202
6200:201	**Accounting Principles I** (Note b)	3	24 credits completed
3400:210 **or** 3400:221	*Humanities in the Western Tradition* ***-OR-*** *Humanities in the World since 1300*	4	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent 32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	Humanities Requirement	3	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	Elective (Note a)	3	
Total		**17**	

3rd Year	**Fall Semester**		
7760:400	**Nutrition Communication and Education Skills**	4	7760:133 or7760: 316
7760:426	**Human Nutrition** (Fall only)	3	7760:133, 7760:228, 3100:202, 3100:203, 3150:112, 3150:113; corequisite: 7760:443
7760:443	**Nutrition Assessment** (Fall only)	3	7760:133, 7760:228, 3100:202, 3100:203, 3150:112, 3150:113; corequisite: 7760:426
6500:480	**Introduction to Management of Healthcare Systems**	3	Upper college standing
	Elective (Note a)	3	
Total		**16**	

3rd Year	**Spring Semester**		
7760:310	**Food Systems Management I** (Spring only) (Note c)	4	7760:250, 6200:201 or 2420:211 and 2420:212; 7760:315 corequisite
7760:315	**Food Systems Management I Clinical** (Spring only)	2	7760:250 prerequisite 7760:310 corequisite
7760:328	**Medical Nutrition Therapy I** (Spring only)	3	7760:133 or 7760:316, 7760:228, 7760:426, 7760:443
6500:301	Management Concepts and Principles	3	48 credit hours
	Elective (Note a)	3	
Total		**15**	

3rd Year	**Summer Semester**		
7760:489	Professional Preparation for Dietetics	1	
Total		**1**	

4th Year	**Fall Semester**		
7760:413	**Food Systems Management II** (Fall only)	3	7760:310
7760:428	**Medical Nutrition Therapy II** (Fall only)	3	7760:328
7760:480	**Community Nutrition I** (Fall only) (Note c)	3	7760:316 or 7760:426 prerequisite
	Humanities Requirement	3	32 credits & 3300:112 or equivalent
	Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
Total		**14**	

4th Year	**Spring Semester**		
7760:447	Senior Seminar: Critical Issues: Nutrition and Dietetics	1	Senior standing
7760:403	**Advanced Food Preparation** (Spring only)	3	7760:141 or 7760:250 or permission
7760:424	**Nutrition in the Life Cycle** (Spring only)	3	7760:316 or 7760:426, or permission of the instructor
7760:482	**Community Nutrition II** (Spring only)	3	7760:480
7760:487	**Sports Nutrition** (Spring only)	3	7760:133, 3100:202, 3100:203, 3150:112, 3150:113 or permission of the instructor
	Area Studies / Cultural Diversity Requirement	2	
	Elective (Note a)	3	
Total		**18**	

	Minimum Credits for Degree	**125**	

ALERT: 1) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have completed your General Education

English, Math, and Oral Communication (Speech) requirements; 2) By the end of your first 48 credit hours attempted, you should have declared a major and transferred to (been accepted by) a degree granting college at The University of Akron.

NOTES:

a. A student in the Didactic program will complete 11 credits hours of electives. A student in the Coordinated Program is required to complete Introduction to Entrepreneurship (6300:201) and 5 credit hours of electives.

   Recommended Electives: Medical Terminology (2740:120); Legal and Social Environment of Business (6400:220); Basic Pharmacology (2740:230); Human Cultures (3230:150); Methods of Social Research I (3850:301); Anthropology of Food (3230:420); Intercultural Communication (7600:325); First Aid and CPR (5550:211); Introduction to Entrepreneurship (6300:201); Introduction to Ethics (3600:120).

b. 2420:211, Basic Accounting I *AND* 2420:212, Basic Accounting II may be substituted for 6200:201, Accounting Principles I.

c. A $35.00 fee for Liability Insurance is collected as part of course fees and provides you with required malpractice coverage.

ACADEMIC ADVISING: Students can transfer to the College of Health Professions with 12 credits, 3.0 GPA, and 1 pre-requisite science completed. Admitted students will be considered pre-admits to their desired major and will receive advising from the College of Health Professions' Student Success Center in Mary Gladwin Hall 313. Once the student meets or is in progress to complete the first year requirements with a 3.0 GPA and a C or better, then the student will be eligible to apply for the Didactic Program. Students admitted to the program will be assigned a faculty adviser.

STUDENT DIETETIC ASSOCIATION (SDA): The University of Akron Student Dietetic Association is open to all interested undergraduate and graduate students at the University. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in the dietetic profession, orient members to The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and organize activities to involve members in programs for the public to help promote nutrition education. Contact the faculty advisor (330-972-8664), watch the Schrank bulletin board for meeting notices, and/or talk to one of the student officers for more information. New officers are elected yearly, and names are posted on the dietetics bulletin board.

DIDACTIC or COORDINATED PROGRAM: The first year of the dietetic curriculum for both the Didactic Program (DP) and the Coordinated Program (CP) are identical. Both programs meet the DP requirements of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. To be eligible for active membership in The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and subsequent registration, graduates of the Didactic Program are required to complete a dietetic internship following completion of their course work at the University of Akron. Effective Fall 2015, students must apply for admission to the Didactic Program. Application information is available on the Nutrition/Dietetics website.

The CP includes over 1200 hours of pre-professional practice within the final two years of study, during which students gain knowledge as well as clinical experience in three main areas: food service administration, medical nutrition therapy, and community nutrition. CP graduates are eligible for active membership and may take the national registration examination following graduation. State licensure requirements must also be satisfied prior to practice in Ohio. Information about limited permits and licensure are provided during the program.

Information regarding official application to Coordinated Program is available in course 7760:320 Career Decisions in Nutrition. Applications are available in 215 Schrank Hall South. Students applying to the Coordinated Program should have a minimum GPA of 3.0, a 3.0 science GPA, and be prepared for heavy time commitment. Students accepted to the Coordinated Program complete a new Academic Program Agreement, and are then advised by the Coordinated Program Director. Deadline for application submission is February 1st.

VERIFICATION STATEMENTS: The Didactic and the Coordinated Programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The student's Academic Program Requirements include courses which meet the verification statement requirements.

Upon graduation, verification statements are signed by the Didactic or the Coordinated Program Director, indicating satisfactory completion of the program requirements. To earn a Verification Statement in DP or CP, students must obtain a grade of "C" (2.0) or better in the following courses (unless waived): 3100:130, 200-201,202-203; 3150:110,111,112,113; 3470:250 or 260; 3750:100; 3850:100; 6200:201 or 2420:211 and 212, 6500:301, 480; 7600;105 or 106, 7760:133, 228, 250, 251, 310, 315, 320,

328, 400, 403, 413, 424, 426, 428, 443, 447, 480, 482, 487, 489 (DP only). In addition CP students must complete the following courses with a minimum of a B or with CR: 7760:315, 329, 429, 444, 481, 484, 486, 485. Please note: Recency of education requirements may need to be satisfied.

IMPORTANT:

- If courses are taken out of the recommended sequence, graduation may be delayed.
- If your General Organic Biochemistry classes were completed more than 5 years ago. Please see contact the School of Nutrition and Dietetics for additional evaluation.
- To progress in the Nutrition majors, *students may not repeat any course required for the verification statement more than once*. If, after the first repeat, a student has not earned a "C" or better in a course, they will be dropped from the program.
- Once dropped, students will not be permitted to re-enter the dietetics programs.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: Students are required to comply with the rules and regulations necessary to meet the foundation knowledge and skills for dietetics. Medical insurance, proof of immunization and a thorough criminal background check (BCI/FBI) for clinical experiences are required. The background check may reveal a student's unsealed and sealed criminal record.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are available from various sources (including the School of Nutrition/Dietetics and The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) throughout the school year. Information regarding scholarships is posted on the dietetics bulletin board in Schrank Hall South. Deadlines for applications will vary; it is the student's responsibility to: 1) request application forms, 2) request letters of recommendation from the faculty if required, forms are generally available at the front desk, and 3) mail all materials to be received before the posted deadline dates. ROTC and Air Force Scholarships are also available.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNTIES: A student majoring in Dietetics gains some knowledge and experience in all three areas of specialization: management, medical nutrition therapy, and community dietetics. Thus, rewarding positions may be found in a variety of settings: hospitals, schools and colleges, commercial food services, community agencies, health care agencies, with manufacturers and distributors, with family practice units and private physicians requiring the professional services of a registered dietitian, or in the area of food and nutrition research. Average salary for dietitians is approximately $45,000 annually.

FURTHER INFORMATION: A more detailed curriculum guide, explaining the four-year programs and standards for grades in specific courses, is available in the Office of Nutrition and Dietetics, Schrank South 210, 330/972-7319. Please contact the Dietetics faculty or the Career Center, Student Union 211, for more information.

TRANSFER TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: Students should apply to the college upon the attainment of:

- **an overall 3.0 grade point average or higher.**
- **at least 12 credits completed at the University of Akron**
- **at least one prerequisite science course completed**

Students can arrange inter-college transfers through an appointment with their academic advisor; advisor contact information is listed in "My Akron."

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