

Nutrition and Dietetics-DPD Program Application Information 2023-24 Application Cycle



Electronic Applications are due January 19th.

The Nutrition and Dietetics-Didactic Program Dietetics (DPD) at WCU is permitted by the Accreditation Council on Education and Dietetics of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to accept 24 students into the upper division ND program each fall semester.

Minimum Requirements to Apply

The application for admission is based on the following minimum standards:

- Overall GPA 2.8 or better
- Pre-Requisite GPA 3.0 or better
 - 'B' or better in ND 239 and ND 330 (or approved equivalents)
 - 'C' or better in all other pre-requisite courses:
 - MATH 170, PSY 150, CHEM 139, CHEM 140, BIOL 291, BIOL 292, and BIOL 313 (or approved equivalents)
- At least one paid and/or volunteer experience related to nutrition and dietetics.
- Completed recommendation form from one college instructor teaching nutrition or other pre-requisite courses.
- Engagement in at least one extracurricular activity/club after starting college is encouraged.

Required Application Materials

Note before starting: The required electronic application will become available on [the program website](#) on December 1. Students should wait for fall grades to be finalized before completing and submitting their application. Students with questions regarding the application should contact the [ND-DPD Program Director](#) or [SHS Student Services](#) prior to the application deadline.

For your application, you will need:

- Access to your Degree Evaluation (courses, grades, GPA, etc.)
- A list of your experiences related to nutrition and dietetics.
 - You will be asked to list employer/organization, start and end dates, hours, supervisor contact information, and a brief explanation of your responsibilities.
- A clearly written personal statement (not to exceed one page) that addresses the following:
 - Your reasons for majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics at Western Carolina University.
 - Applicants should address their short-term and long-term career goals within their statement.
- A list of organizations/involvement, scholarships, honors, certifications, professional memberships after beginning college. -If applicable-

- **The contact information of two college instructors who taught nutrition or other pre-requisite courses, and who will submit a recommendation on your behalf.** *While you only need one completed recommendation form to meet the minimum requirements, the program would like you to submit two names in your electronic application.*
 - You will need to ask your potential reference(s) ahead of time if they would be willing to complete a recommendation and submit it by the due date.
 - You will complete the Student Section of the Recommendation Form and give the form to the reference(s) you have selected.
 - The reference(s) are responsible for completing the Instructor Section of the Recommendation Form. They will submit the completed form to the program by the due date using instructions on the form. Students do not collect and/or submit the Recommendation Forms.

After You Apply

-Students will receive an email notification of acceptance no later than Feb. 9th. -

Students will have until February 16th to accept the offer. After a student accepts the offer for admission to the ND program, the ND-DPD Program Director will email follow-up information for onboarding and initiate the request for an official major change and assignment of a ND faculty advisor.

Note: Academically strong students who are lacking more than one pre-requisite course at the end of the spring semester may be conditionally admitted pending satisfactory completion over the summer.

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