Program Description

The B.S. degree prepares entry-level dietitians to join the profession and contribute to the wholeness of humankind. The graduate is awarded the Bachelor of Science degree and is eligible to write the Registration Examination of the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association. This program is comprised of didactic and supervised professional practice experiences in an environment of liberal arts education to prepare an educated graduate. Admission to the professional program at this University begins with the junior year of college. The applicant will present at least two years of education from an accredited college or university to meet specific subject requirements.

By successfully passing the Registration Examination for Dietitians, practice opportunities as a specialist in medical nutrition therapy, administrative dietetics, nutrition education, community nutrition, or research are available. There is increased recognition of the importance of nutrition in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and health promotion—with emphasis on fitness and optimal well-being. This indicates that the dietitian's scope of practice is steadily broadening.

The professional program of seven quarters includes theory, laboratory, research, and clinical experiences. Ten weeks of clinical experiences are scheduled at the end of the junior year and during the Spring Quarter of the senior year. Students participate as active members of the nutrition care team in multiple clinical settings. Administrative affiliation experiences involve decision-making assignments in volume-feeding operations in school food service or health care.

Program Length

2 years (7 quarters)

Possible Careers

The majority of RDs work in the treatment and prevention of disease (administering medical nutrition therapy, often part of medical teams) in hospitals, HMOs, private practice or other health-care facilities. In addition, a large number of RDs work in community and public health settings and academia, and research. A growing number of RDs work in the food and nutrition industry, in business, journalism, sports nutrition, and corporate wellness programs. Reference – AND (Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) www.eatright.org

Application Deadlines

There are currently no published application deadlines.

Admissions Requirements

Admission to the program is based upon a selective process. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must:

- Complete program prerequisites
- Have a 3.0 G.P.A. or above, in both science and non-science prerequisite courses
- Complete an online application
- Provide recommendations
- Complete an interview
Prerequisites

- Humanities – 20 quarter units or 14 semester units minimum (choose minimum of three areas from: history, literature, philosophy, foreign language, art/music appreciation, or art/music history)
- If attending a Seventh-day Adventist college, four quarter or three semester units of religion per year is required.
- College Algebra (or higher, i.e., Pre-Calculus, Calculus)
- Anatomy and Physiology with laboratory (complete sequence)
- General Chemistry with laboratory (complete sequence)
- Microbiology with laboratory
- A Psychology course
- A Sociology course
- Social Science Elective (Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, or additional Psychology or Sociology)
- English Composition (complete sequence)
- Speech
- Two physical activity courses
- Human Nutrition
- Provide a certificate of completion for a Medical Terminology course

Discipline Accrediting Agency

Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1920, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040, ext 5400. Website: www.eatright.com/ACEND, Fax (312) 899-4817, Email acend@eatright.org

Expected Cost of Attendance

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<th>Academic Year</th>
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Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education.
The cost of attendance varies from year to year. Please contact the office of Student Finance for up-to-date costs.

**Estimated Living Expenses**

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**Notes**

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.