

DIETETICS

DEGREE: B.S./M.S.

The dietetics program is a five-year, entry-level master's degree coordinated program with admission at the freshman year. Transfer students will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Students who complete all requirements specified by the five-year course of studies will be awarded both a B.S. and an M.S. degree in dietetics at the time of graduation and are eligible to take the national examination to become a Registered Dietitian (RD).

The program has been approved and registered by the New York State Education Department and is currently granted accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students admitted into the coordinated program (senior and graduate years) are considered graduates of an accredited program after their successful completion of the program and are eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians after graduation. Each graduate will also be provided a verification statement, which documents completion of all academic, supervised practice and degree requirements for the coordinated program and D'Youville College.

D'Youville College guarantees placement in the coordinated program if the student maintains the college's and department's academic standards. The coordinated program combines the classroom instruction and professional practice experiences required to become a registered dietitian.

Students gain practical experience in local facilities that support the development of professional skills in clinical dietetics, community nutrition and food service management. In addition, the program's concentration in advanced nutrition practice provides higher level coursework and experiences in:

- treating patients with complex conditions, such as trauma, pediatric hospitalizations, renal failure with complications and nutrition support
- planning, developing and implementing nutrition intervention programs
- developing and managing a private practice
- planning and conducting research, including communicating findings of this research

MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing the importance of good nutrition in maintaining health and preventing disease, the dietetics program strives to serve the community by producing dietitians with the knowledge, skills and experience to meet the challenges of the diverse and changing field of dietetics. Our intent is to prepare students to fulfill prominent and varied professional roles and become leaders in their fields.

The program supports the principles of academic excellence, service to others and lifelong learning by fostering the student's professional and personal growth within a broad range of educational and practical experiences.

PROGRAM GOALS AND OUTCOME MEASURES

Goal 1: To attract, retain, and graduate well-qualified students
 Outcome Measures:

- Student and graduate satisfaction with curriculum
- Employer satisfaction with graduates
- Student completion of program
- Pass rate on RD exam
- Employment of graduates

Goal 2: To promote student and faculty community service
 Outcome Measure:

- Student and faculty participation in community service activities

Goal 3: To foster and support faculty and student scholarly activity
 Outcome Measures:

- Student and faculty participation in scholarly activity

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission requirements reflect the structure of the program as a five-year bachelor of science and master of science degree. In order to be considered for admission into the pre-professional phase, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Combined SAT scores of at least 900 or composite ACT score of 20;
2. High school average of at least 85 percent or 2.85 on a 4.0 scale;
3. Standing in the upper half of the graduating class.

Transfer students are encouraged to apply and are accepted on a competitive, space-available basis. Most graduates in diet technology or food service can transfer the equivalent of two years credit. Requests for transfer at the B.S. or B.A. level are welcome. A minimum 2.5 G.P.A. is required to be accepted into years one, two or three. Transfer students entering year four (supervised practice portion) must have a minimum 2.75 G.P.A.

All students must demonstrate successful completion of the following high school courses: two years of math, one year of biology and one year of chemistry. The students will be selected from the pool of applicants on the basis of the above criteria. Decisions will usually be made by March for the fall semester.

Late applications will be processed on a space-available basis.

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics is currently granted continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) of the American Dietetic Association. The address and phone number of CADE are: 210 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL, 60606-6995, 312.899.0040, ext 5400.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Dietetics academic policies are in addition to college policies and are as follows:

1. To be in good standing in the dietetics program in the first two years, students must maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5. Students who do not have the minimum average will not be allowed to progress to third-year courses.
2. In the third, fourth, and fifth years (junior, senior, and graduate status), students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.75. In addition, students must have a 3.0 average in dietetics courses.
3. Students must maintain a 3.0 average in 500- and 600-level courses. No more than two 500- and 600-level courses with grades less than a B (3.0) are applicable to the degree. A grade of C- (1.7) or lower is not applicable to any graduate degree.
4. A minimum of a B grade (3.0) is required in the following courses: DTC 410SP, DTC 420SP, DTC 511SP, DTC 512SP, DTC 521SP, DTC 522SP, DTC 631, and DTC 632. Students will be allowed to repeat only one of these courses. A minimum of a C grade (2.0) is required in all remaining dietetics courses. Students will be allowed to repeat a given course once upon recommendation of the dietetics faculty.
5. A minimum of a C grade (2.0) is required in all prerequisite courses for the dietetics major.
6. Students who receive an unacceptable grade in a course required for the major must repeat the course and receive an acceptable grade within two full-time semesters of initially taking this course. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.
7. Students who do not meet these academic standards will be placed on probation for the two full-time semesters that immediately follow the date of probation. The student must meet with his/her academic advisor within 30 days of the receipt of his/her letter to establish a written plan of correction. All students on probation must meet the academic standards for the program. Failure to meet academic standards will result in dismissal from the program.
8. Students must successfully pass a comprehensive examination within the deadline established by the program in order to be cleared for graduation from the dietetics program. The examination may be repeated one time. A second unsuccessful attempt on the comprehensive examination will result in dismissal from the program.
9. In addition to all college academic integrity policies, students are expected to maintain high standards of personal behavior and professional conduct in the academic and clinical environments. College policy regarding academic dishonesty will be followed. Professional misconduct or unprofessional behavior in the clinical setting will result in failure of the course regardless of course mastery and may result in immediate dismissal from the program.
10. A student who has not registered for consecutive semesters in the dietetic program (i.e., withdrawal, dismissal, leave of absence, failure to re-register) and desires to return, in addition to meeting college requirements, must schedule a personal interview with the dietetic department chair. This interview must be conducted before a decision can be made regarding continuing with the program.

COSTS OF THE PROGRAM

Students should be aware of the costs necessary for their supervised practice education in addition to tuition or class fees*. Program costs are estimates and are subject to change without prior written notice.

Additional Program Cost (2011-2012)

Transportation to SP site**.....	\$100/semester (junior/summer)
	\$175/semester (senior year)
	\$350/semester (fifth year)
Lab coat/ID.....	\$50
Liability Insurance.....	\$50/lab/semester
ADA Student Membership.....	\$50/year
Registration Exam	\$200

*See the Expenses and Financial Aid Section of the current college catalog.

**Estimated \$.50 per mile, with an average trip of 12 miles plus parking

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

In the specific area of concentration:

	Credits
DTC 101 Orientation to Dietetics	0
DTC 205 Food Science	3
DTC 210 Food and Culture	2
DTC 306 Principles of Nutrition	3
DTC 409 Food Service Management I	2
DTC 409L Quantity Food Preparation	2
DTC 319 Nutritional Biochemistry	3
DTC 327 Nutrition Throughout the Lifecycle	3
DTC 328 Nutrition for Fitness and Athletic Performance	2
DTC 410 Food Service Management II	3
DTC 410SP Food Service Management Supervised Practice	1
DTC 418 Introduction to Professional Practice.....	1
DTC 420 Introduction to Nutrition Care.....	3
DTC 420SP Introduction to Nutrition Care Supervised Practice.....	1
DTC 426 Nutrition Education and Counseling.....	3
DTC 511 Medical Nutrition Therapy I	2
DTC 511SP Medical Nutrition Therapy I Supervised Practice	3
DTC 512 Medical Nutrition Therapy II	2
DTC 512SP Medical Nutrition Therapy II Supervised Practice	3
DTC 521 Community Nutrition	3
DTC 521SP Community Nutrition Supervised Practice I	2
DTC 522SP Community Nutrition Supervised Practice II.....	1
DTC 524 The Nutrition Entrepreneur	3
DTC 600 Nutrition Theory and Practice.....	3
DTC 601 Research Methods in Dietetics.....	3
DTC 620 Nutrition Seminar	2
DTC 622 Professional Seminar	1
DTC 631 Advanced Nutrition Practice I	8
DTC 632 Advanced Nutrition Practice II	8

In other academic areas required for this major:

BIO 107/107L Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BIO 108/108L Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BIO 208 Microbiology	4
BIO 303/303L Biochemistry/Lab	4
CHE 101/101L General Chemistry/Lab	4
CHE 102/102L General Chemistry/Lab	4
CHE 219/219L Organic Chemistry/Lab	4
MAT 123 Applied Statistics	4
MGT 305 Principles of Management	3
HSA 613 Management in Health Care Organizations.....	3
GRA 610 Thesis Seminar	3
GRA 629 Thesis Advisement	3

Undergraduate major requirements..... 67

Core requirements 48

Graduate major requirements 53

Total 168

NOTE: These courses meet the knowledge and competencies established by the accreditation standards for entry-level education programs set by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education and are subject to change.