

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS DPD CERTIFICATE

Program Description

The only undergraduate DPD program in the Seattle area, this Nutrition and Dietetics DPD Certificate allows students with an existing bachelor's degree in any field to pursue a verification statement required for dietetic internships. The course of study requires students to complete requirements for the Didactic Program in Dietetics (i.e., DPD) and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 upon program completion to obtain the verification statement.

Along with the accredited curriculum, our courses offer opportunities for students to practice 21st-century skills, provide service to communities, and demonstrate critical thinking – all skills and attitudes reflected in our program learning outcomes.

Your previous academic work, if completed within the last seven years, will be considered for meeting DPD requirements. A transcript review by the DPD director will determine the courses that you must complete to fulfill requirements.

If you are completing the requirements for a second baccalaureate degree, you may be eligible for federal student financial aid; non-degree students are not eligible for financial aid.

Admission Requirements

If you have been awarded a baccalaureate degree from a degree-granting institution accredited by a nationally recognized¹ accreditor, and you wish to complete a second undergraduate degree at Seattle Pacific University, you may apply through the transfer admissions process in Undergraduate Admissions.

If you have earned credit from an institution outside the U.S., see how credit from an international institution transfers (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/applying-international-student/transferring-international-credits/>).

Required materials for admission consideration include the following:

- Complete and submit the Common Application Transfer Application (<https://www.commonapp.org/>), the SPU Transfer Application (<https://spu.edu/apply/>), or the SPU Nursing Application (<https://spu.edu/apply/>).
- A \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- An official transcript from each institution where you completed courses that contributed to your bachelor's degree.
- An official copy of the final transcript from the institution that granted your baccalaureate degree (showing the granted degree).
- Any additional transcripts showing post-baccalaureate work.
- Review standards governing completion of a second bachelor's degree (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/post-baccalaureate-degree-requirements/>).

Please note that post-baccalaureate students are not eligible for merit-based financial aid.

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To be “nationally recognized” means that the institution’s accreditor has been reviewed and accepted as a national accreditor by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation or the U.S. Department of Education.

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109 Credits Minimum, Including 25 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Family and Consumer Sciences Core		
FCS 4899	FCS Senior Capstone	3
Section Credits Required		3
Food and Nutritional Sciences Core		
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
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BIO 3351	General Microbiology	5
FCS 2365	Food Science	5
FCS 3321	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle	3
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition	5
FCS 3352	Nutrition Education and Counseling	5
FCS 3365	Nutrition and Meal Planning	5
FCS 4330	Advanced Nutrition and Metabolism	5
FCS 4352	Community Nutrition	3
FCS 4367	Experimental Foods	5
FCS 4370	Nutrition Research	3
MAT 2360	Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	5
Section Credits Required		59
Chemistry Groups		
Select one of the following Groups:		15-35
Group A:		
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry	
CHM 1330	Survey of Organic Chemistry	
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry	
Group B:		
CHM 1211	General Chemistry I	
CHM 1212	General Chemistry II	
CHM 1330	Survey of Organic Chemistry	
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry	
Group C:		
CHM 1211	General Chemistry I	
CHM 1212	General Chemistry II	
CHM 3371	Organic Chemistry I	
CHM 3372	Organic Chemistry II	
CHM 3373	Organic Chemistry III	
CHM 4361	Biochemistry	
CHM 4362	Biochemistry	
Section Credits Required		15-35
Dietetics Specialization		
ACCT 2361	Financial Accounting	5
BUS 3614	Organizational Behavior for Managers	5
	or BUS 3657 Human Resource Management	
FCS 2375	Food Production and Management	5
FCS 3310	The Profession of Dietetics	2

FCS 4340	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	5
FCS 4341	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	5
Select one of the following:		5
ANT 2250	Cultural Anthropology	
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology	
Section Credits Required		32
Total Credits		109-129

Professional Licensure Disclosure

If you plan to become a registered dietitian (RDN), note that eligibility and procedures for certification/licensure vary from state to state. Further, requirements for certification/licensure can change without notice.

The state professional licensing boards make the ultimate decision as to whether or not an individual will be eligible for licensure based on the rules and regulations in place at the time the individual submits their application for licensure. Find information here (<http://spu.edu/academics/professional-licensure-and-certification/>) about certification/licensure in the state where you intend to practice your profession.