ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Delaware State University’s (DSU) Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP) requires completion of a minimum of 129 hours of didactic instruction and 1200 hours of supervised practice experience in clinical nutrition, community nutrition, and food service management as delineated by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Upon successful completion of all facets of the program, students will be awarded a Bachelor’s of Science in Food and Nutritional Sciences with a concentration in the CP and receive an ACEND verification statement, enabling them to take the registration examination to become a registered dietitian (RD or RDN). In addition to obtaining the RD or RDN credential, students may need state licensing to practice as a dietitian/nutritionist. This is a requirement in Delaware.

Admission to the Food and Nutritional Sciences Program does not guarantee admission to DSU’s Coordinated Program in Dietetics, which is limited. Application for admission to the coordinated program should occur four semesters prior to the student’s anticipated date of graduation. This should allow students to complete their supervised practice in three semesters and one summer session.

Eligibility requirement for acceptance to DSU’s Coordinated Program in Dietetics:

- Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.
- Students must obtain a minimum of “B” grade in all core (HMEC or HMT) CP courses.
- Students must maintain an average of a 2.5 GPA or above in their support science courses with a “C” grade or better in each.
- Students must provide evidence of leadership, professionalism, and motivation needed to complete the rigors of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics through a detailed resume.
- If the student is a transfer student, he/she must complete a minimum of 9 hours at DSU before he/she can gain admission to the coordinated program.
- All transfer students are required to submit 3 letters of recommendation and official transcripts to the program director of the CP for review in addition to the required documentation for admission to Delaware State University.

Upon admission into the CP, students are required to further maintain a minimum grade of “B” in all core CP coursework. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be allowed to continue in the coordinated program unless the coursework is retaken and meets the outlined grade expectations.

Evaluation of the supervised practice performance will be conducted jointly by the director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics and preceptors at the sites where the student will complete supervised practice rotations.