

# Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Dietetics prepares students to meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered (NDTR) exam. The BS in Dietetics is also designed to prepare students for graduate coursework and supervised practice in programs leading to eligibility for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential. To be successful in their field, NDTRs and RDNs need a strong science foundation along with courses in management, clinical and community nutrition, food science, communication, counseling, therapeutic nutrition, and nutrition for the lifespan. The BS in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) as a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

## Licensure and/or Certification

Graduates with a BS in Dietetics are eligible to sit for the Nutrition and Dietetics Technician, Registered (NDTR) exam from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

Please go to UAA's Authorization by State ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost\\_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshtml/](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshtml/)) website for information about licensure or certification in a state other than Alaska.

## Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Programs (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).
- All students will initially be admitted to a pre-major status. Admission as a pre-major does not guarantee admission to the dietetics program.
- Students may apply for admission to the full dietetics major in the spring semester in which they are completing the final prerequisites for the full major (see course list below). The application deadline for the BS in Dietetics is February 15. The application form and full requirements can be found on the UAA dietetics program website (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-allied-health/academics/dietetics-nutrition/bachelorofscience.cshtml/>). Applicants transferring credit from another institution should apply to UAA no later than November 1 prior to spring application to the dietetics program to allow sufficient time for application processing and transcript evaluation. Spring enrollment in another institution may postpone transcript evaluation and therefore affect program acceptance.
- Complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C and an overall GPA of 3.00\*. BIOL, CHEM and DN courses (or a higher level course in similar subject matter as approved by the program director) must have been completed within the past 10 years:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL A111	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL A112	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHEM A105 & A105L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	4
CHEM A106 & A106L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	4
DN A100	The Profession of Dietetics	1
DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
MATH A151	College Algebra for Calculus (or higher level math course or test score placement into higher level course)	4
	Humanities GER (language is recommended)	6
	Oral Communication Skills GER	3
PSY A111 or SOC A101	Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3
	Written Communication Skills GER	6
	At least 6 additional credits of required Dietetics and Nutrition (DN) coursework in residence at UAA (see Major Requirements).	6

\* *Conditional acceptance to the program can be granted if the students are in the process of taking any of the prerequisite courses during the spring semester. Students will need to provide official proof of course completion with a minimum grade of C prior to starting the program.*

## Special Considerations

Expenses beyond tuition generally include, but are not limited to, activity fees, lab fees, student organization membership, immunizations, fingerprinting and criminal background checks for practicums, cost of Serv Safe certification and food/supplies for some DN courses.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
- Meet the following GPA requirements:
  - A minimum overall GPA of 3.00 in major requirements.
  - A minimum grade of C in all courses that count toward the major.
  - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.
- Complete the following major requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Support Courses</b>		
BIOL A111	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4

BIOL A112	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL A108	Principles and Methods in Biology	6
CHEM A105 & A105L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	4
CHEM A106 & A106L	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Laboratory	4
HLTH A151	Breaking Trail on Your Health and Social Services Career	3
MATH A151	College Algebra for Calculus (or any course for which MATH A151 is a prerequisite or test score placement into higher level course)	4
Fine Arts GER		3
Humanities GERs (language recommended)		6
Oral Communication Skills GER		3
Social Sciences GER		3
PSY A111 or SOC A101	Introduction to Psychology Introduction to Sociology	3
STAT A200	Elementary Statistics	3
WRTG A111 or WRTG A1W	Writing Across Contexts Written Communication Skills GER	3
WRTG A212 or WRTG A213 or WRTG A2W	Writing and the Professions Writing and the Sciences Written Communication Skills GER	3
<b>Core Courses</b>		
BIOL A240	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
CHEM A321	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM A441	Principles of Biochemistry I *	3
DN A100	The Profession of Dietetics	1
DN A151	Nutrition Through the Life Cycle	3
DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
DN/CA A270	Culinary Nutrition	3
DN A275	Introduction to Culinary Medicine	3
DN A301	Nutrition Assessment	3
DN A312	Nutrition Communication and Counseling	3
DN A325	Food & Nutrition in Modern Alaska	3
DN A350	Foodservice Systems and Quantity Foods	4
DN A355	Weight Management and Eating Disorders	3
DN A360	Sports Nutrition	3
DN A401	Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3
DN A402	Medical Nutrition Therapy II	4
DN A415	Community Nutrition *	3

DN A430	Research Methods in Nutrition and Dietetics	3
DN A450	Dietetic Management	3
DN A475	Advanced Nutrition	3
DN A492	Senior Seminar in Dietetics	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>119</b>

**A minimum of 120 credits is required for this degree, of which 42 credits must be upper-division.**

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a BS in Dietetics will be able to:

- Integrate scientific information and the translation of research into practice.
- Demonstrate beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors for the professional dietitian nutritionist level of practice.
- Develop nutrition-related information, products and services to individuals, groups, and populations.
- Apply principles of management and systems in the provision of nutrition-related services to individuals and organizations.