

Policy Statement for Didactic Program Dietetics/Nutrition Management Program Verification Statement

The Nutrition Management program (Didactic Program in Dietetics -DPD), of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). Completion of the DPD, culminating in a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, qualifies the students to apply for a Dietetic internship, the supervised practice requirement, also necessary for registration eligibility.

Upon successful completion of the required courses in the DPD curriculum the student will receive an ACEND Verification Statement issued by the DPD Director. In addition, a BS degree will be awarded. Students are then eligible to apply for the next phase of dietetic education, i.e. supervised practice.

DPD Verification Criteria

The following information applies to students who wish to complete the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) curriculum and receive the ACEND Verification Statement.

1. Students must be enrolled in the degree program at RIT.
2. Some courses required to complete the DPD may be taken at other accredited colleges or universities with the DPD Director's prior approval. Only courses in which the student earned a grade of "C" or better will be considered for credit toward the DPD with the exception of required science and nutrition courses which require a "B" or better for credit.
3. Students must receive a "B" or better in all nutrition courses (NUTR or equivalent).
4. All science courses required in the DPD Program must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.
5. Verification Statements cannot be issued until students complete all BS degree requirements including the completion of three cooperative work experiences, one of which must be in the healthcare food/nutrition industry.
6. Program Director retains the right to refuse to issue a Verification Statement in the event that the student does not meet the Professional Behavior standards outlined on page 10 & 11 of this document.
7. Students must complete program requirements within six years of entering the program or the Verification Statement will not be issued.

Qualified students who currently hold a BS or graduate degree from an accredited college or university must be enrolled in the Nutrition Management degree program at RIT and take courses toward verification/certification of completion of the DPD as established by RIT. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be completed at RIT to gain a BS degree as well as a verification statement.

Additionally, any student not completing an introductory food preparation course and a beginning nutrition course in a college or university in the United States or Canada must take these courses at RIT. Knowledge of food consumed by the North American population, its nutrient composition and preparation methods is needed to successfully complete upper level courses in nutrition, food science, and food systems management, and to be prepared to practice dietetics in the United States.

RIT alumni requesting replacement Verification Statements must fulfill current curriculum requirements. Please see the following for more detailed information: www.eatright.org/ACEND