

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD) PROGRAM *

Undergraduate Nutrition majors and post-graduates/graduate students who have not previously met DPD course requirements can participate in the DPD program as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for participation.

To be eligible for participation in the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Program, students must meet all of the following requirements on their respective classification:

<u>DPD Eligibility Requirements</u>	
All interested students must meet the following criteria for admission to the DPD program:	
Attend DPD Orientation on the semester you will begin the program	
Texas A&M GPR 3.0	
Grade of “B” or better on all nutrition (NFSC) courses listed in DPD course requirements	
Grade of “C” or better on all-non nutrition courses listed in DPD course requirements	
Obtain and maintain annual student membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	
Sign an annual DPD contract of agreement for participation by the provided deadline	
Undergraduate Students Must Also Meet These Criteria:	Graduate Students Must Also Meet These Criteria:
Complete a minimum 12 credits at Texas A&M University	Complete a minimum 9 credits at Texas A&M University
Complete NFSC 203 and NFSC 210 with a “B” or better	Complete NFSC 203 or NFSC 202 and NUTR 641 with a “B” or better
	Must provide all official transcripts and proof of Baccalaureate degree granted by a U.S. regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent to Karen Beathard (kbeathard@tamu.edu) for approval
	Must meet with Karen Beathard to identify required courses for completion of the DPD program

Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Program Course Requirements

DPD Science Courses	DPD Professional Courses
Must Make a "C" or Better	Must Make a "B" or Better in NFSC Courses Below
CHEM 101 FUND OF CHEMISTRY I ³ Must be complete before participation in the DPD program	NFSC 203 SCIENTIFIC PRIN NUTRITION Must be complete before participation in the DPD program
CHEM 111 FUND OF CHEMISTRY I LAB ³ Must be complete before participation in the DPD program	NFSC 210 HORIZONS IN NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE Must be complete before participation in the DPD program (Only a Requirement for Undergraduate Students)
CHEM 102 FUND OF CHEMISTRY II ³ Must be complete before participation in the DPD program	NFSC 211 SCIENTIFIC PRIN OF FOODS
CHEM 112 FUND OF CHEMISTRY II LAB ³ Must be complete before participation in the DPD program	NFSC 301 NFSC THROUGH LIFE
BIOL 111 Introductory Biology I ³	NFSC 304 FOOD SERVICE SYSTEM MGMT
BIOL 112 Introductory Biology II ³	NFSC 365 VITAMINS AND MINERALS ²
CHEM 227 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I ³	NFSC 404 NUTR ASSESSMENT & PLAN
CHEM 237 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY LAB ³	NFSC 407 NUTRITION TRTMNT DISEASE
CHEM 228 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY II ³	NFSC 430 COMMUNITY NUTRITION
GENE 301 COMPREHENSIVE GENETICS ⁴	NFSC 475 NUTR & PHYSIOLOG CHEM ⁴
BIOL 319 INTEGRATED HUM AN/PHY I ⁴	NFSC 481 SEMINAR ⁴
BIOL 320 INTEGRATED HUM AN/PHY II ⁴	Must Make a "C" or Better in Courses Below
BICH 410 COMPREHEN BIOCHEM I ⁴	ANTH 205 PEOPLES & CULT OF WRLD or ANTH 210 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY ³
BICH 411 COMPREHEN BIOCHEM II ⁴	PSYC 107 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY ³
	NFSC/DASC 326 FOOD BACTERIOLOG ⁴
	POLS 206 AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ³
	STAT 301, 302, or 303 STATISTICAL METHODS ⁴
	MGMT 309 SURVEY OF MANAGEMENT ⁴

¹ Full course descriptions included in appendix

² New course required for all students entering the DPD program in the 2018-2019 academic year.

³ Courses may be taken at a community college and transferred in to Texas A&M University. See DPD Transfer Course and Experiential Learning Equivalency Policies

⁴ Applicable graduate courses may be substituted with DPD Director approval. See listing of alternative graduate courses in the appendix.

DPD PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Texas A&M University and DPD Student Policies and Procedures

- Admission Requirements: <http://www.tamu.edu/future-students>
- Student Privacy Policies: <http://registrar.tamu.edu/Catalogs,-Policies-Procedures/FERPA/FERPA-for-Faculty-Staff>
- Access to Personal Files: <https://howdy.tamu.edu>
- Student Complaint or Grievance Procedures: <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/studentgrievanceprocedures>
- Academic Calendar Including Student Holidays: <http://www.tamu.edu/current-students/>
- Financial Aid Resources: <http://financialaid.tamu.edu>
- Student Support Services (Counseling, Disability and Health Services, etc.): <https://studentlife.tamu.edu/>
- Student Withdrawal Procedures Including Leave of Absence: <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule17>
- Student Conduct Code Including Disciplinary Procedures: <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule24>
- DPD Off-Campus Labs or Observational Experience Policy: Students participate in identified lab or observational experiences to meet specific course learning outcomes. While students are not intended to replace employees, they are expected to meet the requirements of the respective course. This policy will be provided to students enrolled in the respective courses prior to participation in the identified activities. It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with the policies and comply with them during all off-campus experiences. (See complete policy in appendix)

Tuition and Fees (For the DPD Program)

- Estimated Cost of Attendance for Undergraduate Students: <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Undergraduate/Cost-of-Attendance#0-CostofAttendanceDetail>
- Estimated Cost of Attendance for Graduate Students: <https://financialaid.tamu.edu/Graduate/Cost-of-Attendance#0-GraduateStudents>
- Required additional expense includes annual student membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (The Academy): Annual Dues: \$58.00; must be updated annually on June 1st; Proof of Academy student membership is required. <http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/membership/membership-types-and-criteria/student-member>
- Optional annual professional membership fees for the Texas A&M University Nutrition and Dietetic Association (NDA), Texas Student Dietetic Association, and Texas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Southeast Region: \$40
- Note: Tuition and fees for DI programs vary by program. Please view the website of DI programs of interest to determine their respective tuition and fees.

DPD Program Participation Policies

- All DPD students (undergraduate and graduate) must maintain an overall minimum GPR of 3.0 at Texas A&M University and meet all DPD eligibility requirements including grade requirements in coursework.
- No DPD students will be paid compensation as part of the program.
- Prospective DPD students must attend the DPD orientation during the semester they are planning to move into the DPD program. DPD Orientation attendees will receive a copy of the DPD Handbook that includes the eligibility requirements and probation policy.
- Dr. Poppy Capehart, one of the NFSC Advisors, will confirm prospective DPD students meet eligibility requirements and communicate results with them at the end of the semester they attend the DPD Orientation.
- Prospective DPD students who meet eligibility requirements will be required to provide proof of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) membership and confirm their receipt of the DPD Handbook before the semester they enter the DPD track.
- All DPD students are required to maintain student membership in the Academy.
- All DPD students will be required to sign and submit a DPD contract to Dr. Poppy Capehart annually confirming they understand the DPD requirements and have updated their annual Academy membership.

- Dr. Poppy Capehart will review DPD student academic performance at the end of each semester and will proceed with probation protocol for students who do not meet academic requirements.

Probation and Dismissal from the DPD Program

- Current DPD students who do not meet the following requirements will be placed on DPD probation and provided remediation assistance:
 - Students who fall below 3.0 GPR and
 - Students who do not meet the grade criteria for DPD courses.
- The following protocol will be followed for students who fall below academic requirements:
 - Students who fail to meet DPD requirements will be provided to Karen Beathard, DPD Director
 - Dr. Poppy Capehart will contact the identified DPD students via email to inform them that they will be blocked from all registration activities until they meet with an advisor to discuss DPD probation requirements and sign the DPD probation agreement.
 - Students will be required to sign and meet the requirements of the DPD probation contract
- Students will have one semester to (1) raise their overall GPR to 3.0 and/or (2) retake the course(s) and make an acceptable grade in the respective course(s).
 - Students who cannot enroll in a course that must be retaken due to existing enrollment issues will be permitted to stay in the DPD program until they are eligible to retake the required course.
 - Permission must be provided by DPD Director to continue in the DPD program due to course enrollment issues. See the DPD Probation Policy.
- Students who fail to meet the terms of the DPD probation contract will be removed from the DPD program and moved to the General Nutrition Track
- Students can be reconsidered for the DPD program if they meet the following criteria:
 - Have an overall minimum GPR of a 3.0 or
 - Have “C” or better in all non-nutrition DPD Courses and a “B” or better in all nutrition DPD courses as listed in the original DPD eligibility requirements.

Students who are dismissed from the DPD program and/or do not meet the GPR or grade requirements **will not** receive a verification statement from the Texas A&M University DPD program. (Note: a verification statement from an accredited DPD program is mandatory to enter a DI program.)

Successful completion of the DPD program **does not guarantee placement in an accredited DI program.**

DPD Transfer Course and Experiential Learning Equivalency Policies

- The [Texas Common Course Numbering System website](#) is used to determine what course numbers will Transfer from Texas Community Colleges into the Texas A&M University DPD Program.
- The Texas A&M University [Transfer Student Equivalency](#) webpage should be used to determine transfer course equivalencies for four-year colleges and universities located in the United States.
- Coursework not found on the Transfer Student Equivalency webpage, including coursework from colleges outside of Texas, will be evaluated by the Texas A&M University Office of Admissions and/or the NFSC Advisors at the time of application.
- International students completing a degree from another country should reference the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics information for international students located at <http://www.eatrightpro.org/resources/career/become-an-rdn-or-dtr/international-students>.
- Post-graduate/graduate students must provide all official transcripts and proof of a Baccalaureate degree granted by a U.S. Regionally accredited college/university or [foreign equivalent](#) to Karen Beathard, DPD Director, and meet with her for coursework evaluation prior to consideration for admission into the DPD program.
- Texas A&M University DPD Program does not offer distance instruction.
- Texas A&M University DPD Program does not accept experiential learning as substitution for DPD coursework.