



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

## DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

### Didactic Program in Dietetics Verification Statement

#### How does someone become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)?

There are three academic options that lead to the RDN credential. At Mississippi State University, students may complete a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and/or Dietetic Internship. Both an accredited DPD and DI program are available through the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion.

Students interested in learning more about accredited programs leading to the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) credential can visit the [“About Accredited Programs” page of the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.](#)

#### What is a DPD verification statement?

This is a signed document an individual receives after completing the requirements of a nutrition and dietetics education program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND).

When the DPD director signs a verification statement, they are verifying that the individual has completed at least a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. regionally-accredited college/university or foreign equivalent and met the above stated requirements. This document establishes eligibility for a Dietetic Internship or other Supervised Practice program which requires the DPD verification statement as a prerequisite.

#### What is needed for an undergraduate student to receive a verification statement from the MSU DPD?

- Completion of a bachelor’s degree in Food Science Nutrition and Health Promotion with a concentration in Food and Nutrition.
- Grade of “C” or higher in all required DPD courses.
- Minimum of a 3.0 MSU GPA.
- DPD Eligibility Form

#### What if an individual already has a bachelor’s degree from a different major or university?

If a person already holds a bachelor’s degree, they must complete the DPD courses with a grade of “C” or higher and maintain a 3.0 GPA before they receive a verification statement. (See DPD course list.)

#### Can a person who already has a bachelor’s degree complete the DPD requirements while working on a graduate degree?

Yes. Many DPD courses are offered at the undergraduate and graduate level. DPD course credit offered at the graduate level can count towards both dietetics core knowledge and master’s degree requirements. Students who wish to complete DPD courses while enrolled in a graduate program will need to communicate with their graduate advisor and the DPD director to ensure their plan of study incorporates all requirements.



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<b>DPD Verification Statement Course Requirements</b>	
<b>DPD Professional Courses</b>	
FNH 2203 Science of Food Prep	<b>FNH 4253 Macronutrients</b>
FNH 2293 Individual and Family Nutrition	FNH 4284 Quantity Food Prod and Service
<b>FNH 3111 FSNHP Seminar</b>	<b>FNH 4293 Micronutrients</b>
<b>FNH 4363 Research Methods in Food and Nutrition</b>	<b>FNH 4353 Nutrition Throughout the Lifecycle</b>
FNH 3283 Food Service Systems	<b>ST 2113 Introduction to Statistics</b>
<b>FNH 4323 Professional Skills for Nutrition and Dietetics</b>	MGT 3113 Principles of Management
FNH 3723 Community Nutrition	MGT 3513 Intro to Human Resource Management
<b>FNH 4013 Nutrition Assessment</b>	<b>FNH 4373 Nutrition Education and Counseling Skills</b>
<b>FNH 4123 Medical Nutrition Therapy I</b>	<b>PSY 1013 General Psychology</b>
<b>FNH 4233 Medical Nutrition Therapy II</b>	SO 1003 Intro to Sociology
<b>FNH 4243 Food Comp &amp; Reaction</b>	
<b>DPD Science Courses</b>	
CH 1213 Chemistry I	BIO 3014 Human Physiology
CH 1211 Investigations to Chem I	
CH 1223 Chemistry II	BIO 3304 Gen Microbiology
CH 1221 Investigations to Chem II	
CH 2503 Elementary Organic Chem	BIO 3004 Human Anatomy
CH 2501 Elementary Organic Chem Lab	
<b>BCH 4013 Principles of BCH</b>	

\*Courses in bold have a known graduate level option or equivalent.

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