

Nutrition - Dietetics

How the body uses nutrients at the cellular level and in the whole body system plus food and nutrient needs throughout the life cycle in both health and disease states.

The UT department of Nutrition offers a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition with concentration options in Dietetics and Basic Science. Ours is one of the largest programs in Tennessee and is academically rigorous so that our graduates are prepared for a successful career, with many becoming leaders in the field. Depending on the concentration chosen, past graduates are employed all across the country as clinical dietitians, community dietitians, sports dietitians for collegiate and professional teams, school nutrition personnel, lactation consultants, and pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and physician assistants, just to name a few.

The Dietetics concentration program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as a Didactic Program in Dietetics. As such, graduates are eligible to apply for ACEND-accredited dietetic internship programs, and following successful completion of a dietetic internship, are eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians to become Registered Dietitians (RD)/Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) and active members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.



The Major

Nutrition- Dietetics majors must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and must earn a C or better in all upper division courses.

Advising for the Nutrition-Dietetics major starts in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences (BEC 332). Progressing through the major depends on the following requirements:

- A minimum cumulative UT GPA of 3.0 after a minimum of 45 hours of coursework
- Completion of Chem 120, Chem 130, Nutr 100, BCMB 230 and Chem 260
- Completion of the above courses with a C or better

Some coursework required for the major includes:

- General Psychology
- General Chemistry I and II
- Basic Calculus
- Introductory Nutrition
- Human Physiology
- Foundations of Organic Chemistry
- Business & Professional Communication
- Allied Health Microbiology
- Introduction to Statistics
- Foodservice Operations Management
- Nutrition and Dietetics Management

Other coursework includes nutrition counseling and food science that prepares graduates to apply for the University's M.S. in Nutrition concentration in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics.

For appointments:

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