Mission

The mission of the Didactic Program in Dietetics /Nutrition (DPD) at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) is to prepare graduates who have the academic preparation necessary for success in an internship in dietetics /nutrition and other career opportunities.

This mission is accomplished by providing students with the concepts of the interdependence of human nutrition and food in the health and behavior of individuals and with a general foundation of food service systems management.

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**Dietetic Internship**

Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (A.N.D.), the DPD program at UCA meets competencies for eligibility to apply to a dietetic internship. Successful completion of the dietetic internship is required to write the ADA Registration Exam to become a Registered Dietitian (RD).

Registered Dietitians work in a variety of settings including:
- Health care,
- Business and Industry,
- Community/Public Health,
- Foodservice,
- Research
- Education


The basic steps include:
1. Review programs of interest
2. Take the GRE
3. Register with DICAS
4. Register with D & D Digital
5. Request transcripts
6. Request verification or intent to complete statements
7. Obtain three references
8. Complete personal statements
9. Complete resume
10. Upload required information and complete online application

**Dietetic Technician Exam**

A DTR is an individual trained in food and nutrition and is an integral part of the health-care and foodservice management teams. Individuals who have completed the Bachelor of Science Degree and/or have a Verification Statement from a DPD program are eligible to take the DTR exam.

They work independently or in teams with registered dietitians in a variety of employment settings including
- Health care,
- Business and Industry,
- Community/Public Health,
- Foodservice and
- Research

Many work environments require that an individual be credential as a DTR.

Directions to establish eligibility to take the registration examination for dietetic technicians is available at [http://www.cdrnet.org/pdfs/DTRPathway3.pdf](http://www.cdrnet.org/pdfs/DTRPathway3.pdf) and includes the following:
1. Online application and personal information form
2. Online survey
3. Print the DTRE Mis-Use Form and sign
4. Contact your DPD program director to inform him/her that you will be sending the application form and the DTRE Mis-Use Form for him/her to complete

**Graduate School**

The graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences leads to the Master of Science degree.

The program is designed to serve the needs of qualified students preparing for Family and Consumer Sciences careers in the following areas:
- Business,
- Education,
- Hospitals,
- Industry,
- Government,
- Community agencies, and
- Doctoral programs in Family and Consumer Sciences or in a related discipline.

Specific information is available at [http://www.uca.edu/facs/programs/ms.php](http://www.uca.edu/facs/programs/ms.php).

Admission requirements include:
1. GPA of 2.7
2. B. S. Degree
3. GRE scores
4. Application form and fee
5. Transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.

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