

DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD)



Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

Accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the didactic program in dietetics at the University of Central Arkansas meets competencies for eligibility to apply to a dietetic internship. Successful completion of the dietetic internship is required to take the CDR 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

Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR) 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.

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



Admission to Bachelor of Science in Dietetics

Students will apply to the DPD program in the semester in which they will complete 60 hours. Criteria includes: a "B" or better in NUTR 1300, NUTR 2311, NUTR 3310, BIOL 3406, BIOL 3407, and CHEM 2450.

Students will complete an online application and interview with the DPD director as part of this process.

Courses

Students in the DPD program will take classes in:

- Meal Management
- Food Science
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Nutrition Counseling
- Life Cycle Nutrition
- Nutrition and Metabolism

For complete program information, [visit our website](#).

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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