

NUTRITION & DIETETICS

DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS, BS

FAQ'S & MORE

WHAT PREREQUISITE COURSES NEED TO BE COMPLETED?

In addition to satisfying all lower-level general education coursework, students must complete all program-specific prerequisite courses prior to beginning upper-level or major concentration coursework. However, FSS1202 and FSS1202L can be completed in the first semester of the program if needed.

IS TRANSFER CREDIT ACCEPTED?

Yes, UNF will evaluate prior academic work for transfer of credit. *An official transcript evaluation will take place after admission*, and you will work with a Brooks College of Health advisor to map out your courses. You can review the course descriptions, which may help determine whether you've taken equivalent courses prior to your official credit evaluation. Please be aware that due to the newest 2022 accreditation standards through ACEND, UNF cannot accept transfer credit for many of the program (major) courses.

CAN THE DEGREE BE COMPLETED IN PERSON AND/OR ONLINE?

Yes, UNF offers the Nutrition and Dietetics DPD program face-to-face on UNF's campus and online at the upper-level. The online offering includes only those courses listed as "Concentration Requirements," in addition to Food Fundamentals (FSS1202) and Food Fundamentals Lab (FSS1202L). Many of the prerequisite courses are offered online, but not all.

I HAVE AN INTERNATIONALLY AWARDED DEGREE, HOW DO I APPLY?

ACEND requires that foreign degree transcripts are evaluated by one of the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR's) approved foreign degree evaluation agencies. You can find a list of those agencies here. Once the transcripts have been verified by one of the approved companies, pursue one of the options outlined in the "What are the different pathways to sit for the RD exam?" What are the additional pathways to sit for the RD exam?



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

Questions? Email Program Director,
Dr. Casey Colin at casey.colin@unf.edu.

HOW CAN I BECOME AN RDN?

- 1** Complete an ACEND-accredited undergraduate **Nutrition & Dietetics: DPD program**, such as UNF's.
- 2** Complete an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship while simultaneously earning a Master's degree.
- 3** Pass the national RD examination. Master's degree required to take the exam.

UNF DPD graduates are not guaranteed placement in an internship. However, students can improve their chances of matching to an internship by earning good grades (As and Bs), always displaying outstanding character, obtaining relevant work and volunteer experience, and developing leadership skills. Students typically apply for internships and a master's degree during their senior year, and if accepted, they start the internship in August following graduation. Read more about dietetic internships through the ACEND Program Directory.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT PATHWAYS TO SIT FOR THE RD EXAM?

Complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics: DPD program**, such as UNF's.

Complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics, Dietetic Internship, MS/DI program**, such as UNF's.

Sit for the RD exam.

Complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics: DPD program**, such as UNF's.

Complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics: Dietetic Professional Studies, MS program**, such as UNF's.

Complete a stand-alone dietetic internship.

Sit for the RD exam.

Complete UNF's Accelerated Pathway **Nutrition & Dietetics: DPD, BS program to Nutrition & Dietetics: Dietetic Professional Studies, MS Program**

Complete a stand-alone dietetic internship.

Sit for the RD exam.

Complete any bachelor's degree and prerequisite courses.

Complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics: Integrated Graduate Nutrition, MS program**, such as UNF's.

Sit for the RD exam.

HOW CAN I BECOME AN RDN IF I ALREADY HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN A NON-NUTRITION FIELD?

Return to the undergraduate level as a post-baccalaureate applicant to complete a **Nutrition & Dietetics: DPD program**, such as UNF's.*

Apply for a stand-alone dietetic internship during your final semester of the DPD program. *You will need a DPD Verification Statement to enter a dietetic internship.*

Complete the dietetic internship.

Pass the national RD examination.

**This option typically takes two years (four-five semesters) of study.*

Pursue a **Nutrition & Dietetics: Integrated Graduate Nutrition, MS program**, such as UNF's, which includes obtaining a new master's degree plus supervised practice. *You do not need a DPD verification statement to enter the program.*

Pass the national RD examination.

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