

Coordinated Program in Dietetics Program Information

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP) prepares students to become registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN). These individuals specialize in applied nutrition and work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals and clinics, schools, business and industry, private practice and public health clinics. Upon completion of the program, students are provided a verification statement and are eligible to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians (RD Exam).

During the first two years of the curriculum, students develop a foundation in science and general education. Following admission to the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, students begin the three-year professional course of study, including a Master's Degree in the final year. The last three years are devoted to professional courses and supervised practice (fieldwork).

Students interested in the Coordinated Program as their educational path must consider the following:

- It is noted that declaring dietetics as your major does not guarantee you a slot in the Coordinated Program. All students must meet the minimum requirements to apply and then complete the application process to be considered for a slot in the CP.
- Applications to the CP are taken only once a year (January).
- The CP has a maximum enrollment of 20 students per year. There may be instances when less than 20 students are admitted.
- A minimum GPA of a 3.2 is required to apply to the CP. This includes all courses taken, including those outside of MU.
- A minimum course grade of B- is required in both NEP 2340 (Human Nutrition I) and BioChem 3630 (General Biochemistry) or a course equivalent approved by faculty. Failure to meet this minimum course grade requirement will result in your forfeiture of your slot in the program.
- You must be able to successfully pass all background checks (state and FBI), drug screens and health record requirements to be eligible to start the CP. This information is reviewed prior to entry into the program and each fall thereafter. Failing one or more of these requirements will impact your supervised practice placement and may result in your removal from the program.
- Students admitted to the CP must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA each semester in the CP.
- This is a Professional Program. Inappropriate and/or unprofessional behavior is grounds for dismissal from the program.
- There are no assistantships offered through the CP. Students are responsible for obtaining their own funding for their education. Graduate credit hours are more expensive than undergraduate credit hours. The last approximately 30 credit hours will be at the graduate credit rate.
- The program of study is a five-year sequence. In order to receive a verification statement, you must complete all aspects of that sequence. The verification statement indicates you are eligible to take the RD Exam. A verification statement is NOT given after completion of the bachelor's degree only.