

Tuskegee University
Department of Food and Nutrition Sciences
Didactic Program in Dietetics
DPD Handbook
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tuskegee University Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). The DPD is administered through the Department of Food and Nutrition Sciences (FNS) in the College of Agriculture, Environmental and Nutrition Sciences (CAENS). Courses in the curriculum are required so the DPD graduate will have the technical and academic knowledge to successfully compete for placement in a Dietetic Internship program, graduate school or for entry-level jobs. Students who successfully complete the Dietetic Internship will be eligible to take the national registration examination to become a Registered Dietitian (RD). Career opportunity in dietetics includes Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Clinical Dietitian, Community Dietitian, Food Service Manager, Gerontological Dietitian, Pediatric Dietitian, and Consultant Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educators, Researchers and more.

DEGREE GRANTED

B.S in Food and Nutrition Sciences with an option in Didactic Program in Dietetics, administered through the Department of Food and Nutrition Sciences (125 credits). In the 3rd and 4th year of the DPD program, students enter the Dietetics phase. The curriculum focuses in

social sciences. During the last two years emphasis is on both theory and clinical and/or laboratory

experience necessary for meeting the minimum knowledge, skills and competencies requirements. No student will be verified without completing all the requirements.

student must complete the assignment(s) and/or exams along with submitting an original transcript showing a passing grade of C or higher. The student will be notified of the status of the request by the Didactic Program in Dietetics director.

BECOMING A REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD OR RDN)

A Registered Dietitian is a professional with extensive scientific background in food, nutrition, biochemistry, and physiology. This knowledge is applied to promoting health, preventing diseases, and providing counseling and education to many conditions and diseases. Registered Dietitians (RD) or Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) have completed the required steps required by the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). According to our governing body, the

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Dietitians are Nutritionists, but not all

2. 50% of DPD students applying to a dietetic internship will be accepted into a program within 12 months of graduation.
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PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Information on optional professional liability insurance can be found at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics member benefits link.

<http://www.eatrightpro.org/search/?keyword=professional%20liability%20insurance>

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

Tuskegee University is committed to equal opportunity in employment and education and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, and qualified disabled persons. Additionally, the University does not tolerate Sexual Harassment. The Affirmative Action/EEO Coordinator is located in Kresge Center. This statement can also be found in the ~~2022~~ 2021 bulletin.

<http://catalog.tuskegee.edu/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ACEND Website

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/students-and-advancing-education/dietetic-internship-match-students>

Dietetic Internship Program Directory

<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/dietetic-internships>

RD Exam Prep Course

<https://www.eatrightprep.org/rdn-exam>

DICAS Website

<https://portal.dicas.org/>

DICAS Instructional Video

[DICAS Application Overview](#)

