

V. Criteria For Admission To The Coordinated Program

All students who declare a major in nutrition and dietetics are admitted to the Nutrition and Dietetics Department and are placed in a program sequence that would allow them to apply to the DI during the second semester of the sophomore year. Students who are admitted to the department are not automatically admitted to the Coordinated Program.

To be eligible for admission to the Coordinated Program (CP) a student **must**:

1. Have an overall QPA of 3.0
2. Have completed the following courses:
(*) Indicates the applicant should have a C+ in the course
(***) Indicates the course may be taken at the time of application or later with special permission of program director.

	BIOL 136 Anatomy and Physiology	3
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	CHEM 110 Inorganic Chemistry	3
***	CHEM 210 Organic Chemistry	3
***	CHEM 310 Biochemistry	3
***	ND 101 A/B Contemporary Nutrition Topics and Skills	1
***	ND 103 Basic and Culinary Foods	3
*	ND 112 Nutrition I	3
*	ND 203 Food Science and Technology	3
***	ND 138 Food Safety	1
*	ND 223 Social & Cultural Aspects of Food	3

3. Have completed or have in progress at the time of application:

	BIOL 233 Molecular Microbiology	3
	ND 211 Nutrition Education	3
	ND 213 Nutrition II	3

4. Have a mode of transportation to and from the supervised practice sites (20 – 80 miles/day)

Transfer students desiring admission to the CP must first apply for admission to the University and to the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics. Acceptance does **not** guarantee admission to the CP. To be eligible for CP admission, a transfer student must:

1. Take all prerequisite courses, as stated above, or transfer equivalent courses as determined by the department chairperson or the program director.
2. Make application to the Coordinated Program.

3. To transfer a food science course for N D 203, the student must have achieved at least a C+ grade in the course. To transfer a nutrition course for N D 112, the student must pass a competency exam with a grade of 80 or have taken ND 581 and ND 582 with B- grade.
4. Students cannot transfer more than 400 hours of supervised practice.

The admissions committee considers the following qualities in the selection process:

1. Academic ability
2. Personal maturity
3. Communication skills
4. Leadership potential
5. Commitment to the profession dietetics

The admissions committee decision is based on:

1. A complete application form (with points for QPA and QPA in your major and sciences and extracurricular experiences)
2. Statement of career goals, which is scored by the English Department
3. Teacher recommendations
4. Personal interviews – in a formal interview with two to three faculty members or health professionals
5. University transcripts (students who have transferred science or major courses from other institutions must request that official transcripts be sent to the program director.)

A point system is used in the selection process and the applicants are rank-ordered. The number of students who are accepted per year is no more than ten. All students are notified in writing regarding the decision of the committee. Decisions are usually made in early March. The selected students must register for and attend the required CP courses that are available in the upcoming fall semester.

Note: Students accepted in the program will need to attend Summer I classes between the first and second year of the program.

These professional courses involve participation in both classes and supervised practice experience, usually four- five days per week.

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