

## Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Declaration Form

**Note:** This policy applies to all Food and Nutrition students beginning the program in the catalog year of 2022-2023 and thereafter, and is established to meet the new requirements of USDE and ACEND.

**Introduction:** A student who successfully completes all the DPD requirements is eligible to receive a Verification Statement upon graduating or upon successful completion of all the required DPD courses, and will become eligible to apply for a Dietetic Internship, prior to being eligible to sit for the Registered Dietitian (RD) Examination.

The University of Alabama (UA) has a "Course Recency" requirement. This means that UA will not accept the following nutrition courses (listed below) for transfer if completed five (5) years prior to the admission application date:

- NHM 363 Applied Nutrition
  - NHM 365 Medical Nutrition Therapy I
  - NHM 454 Experimental & Functional Food Science
- If the above courses were taken within the last five years (5), admitted students must submit the full syllabus from the semester the course was completed to their assigned academic advisor for evaluation by the faculty.  
Changes in the field of study as well as student retention of material will be considered. Students may be required to retake work that is considered out-of-date. (reviewed and updated August 2020)

**To enter the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) a student must:**

- Have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours including NHM 101, 195, 201, 253, CH 104 and 105; BSC 215, and 216.
- Earn a minimum of **C** - in the following courses: BSC 215, 216 and 242; CH 104 and 105; PY 101
- Earn a minimum of **B**- in all DPD Professional courses (NHM designated and BER 345) or equivalent
- Have a Food & Nutrition major GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Submit official transcripts of all work taken at another institution to UA Records Office and the DPD Director.
- Submit a completed **"DPD Declaration Form"**:

(On-campus students) to the DPD Director (at 424 Russell Hall, or mail to: A. Niu, Box 870311, Tuscaloosa, AL 25487)

(Distance students) email a copy to your Academic Advisor.

**To complete and meet all the DPD requirements for a Verification Statement, a student:**

- must maintain a Food & Nutrition major GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- must make a **B-** or higher in all DPD Professional courses (NHM designated and BER 345) or equivalent.
- must make a **C-** or higher in all "DPD Science courses" and PY 101 (or equivalent).
- must complete the courses required for the DPD
- must earn at the minimum a bachelors degree
- must complete 24 credit hours of DPD courses, including the DPD Capstone courses (NHM 340, NHM 465 and NHM 475) from the University of Alabama

**Complete the following and submit:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

CWID: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Admission Status:  On campus  Distance  
First Term attended (UA): \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees for which you are seeking (check all that apply):  
 B.S.  M.S.  Verification Statement

Expected Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already have a BS / BA degree?

No  Yes **From:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Awarded:** \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total hours completed:	Overall GPA:
Course	Grade
CH 104 – Intro Chemistry	
CH 105 – Intro Organic Chemistry	
BSC 215 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
BSC 216 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
NHM 101 – Intro to Human Nutrition	
NHM 195 – Intro Dietetics & Nutrition	
NHM 201 – Nutrition in the Life Cycle	
NHM 253 – Food Science	

I acknowledge that I understand the process and policies to receive a Verification Statement from UA. I verify that the information I submitted above is correct and true.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Didactic Program Use Only: (check boxes)**

- All transcripts for transfer work received  Overall GPA: 3.0 or higher
- Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Completed all degree or DPD requirements Degreed/DPD awarded date:  May  Aug  Dec **Year** \_\_\_\_\_
- Student meets all requirements to receive a Verification Statement (Verification Issued on: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Student does not meet all requirements to receive a Verification Statement

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DPD Program Director (or Coordinator) Signature/Date