

# Dietetics, BS

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Are you ready to become a food and nutrition expert? Forge your path to a career applying the science and art of nutrition and food in a variety of settings --- such as health care, schools, sports, public health and more.

## Program description

The BS program in dietetics is a required initial step in the education and training of the dietetics professional. This program combines anatomy and physiology, food science, chemistry and nutrition to promote health and prevent disease through dietary choices.


Coursework prepares students to apply for a dietetic internship, which is required to sit for the registration exam to become a registered dietitian. In addition to nutrition courses, students complete a broad range of science, management and communication classes that can be applied in a variety of professional settings.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, before sitting for the registration exam, students are required to have a master's degree in addition to completing a dietetic internship. This is a change implemented by the credentialing body for registered dietitians, the Commission on Dietetic Registration, and is a nationwide requirement. More information can be found on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website at <https://www.eatright.org/become-an-rdn>.

This program is accredited as a Didactic Program in Dietetics by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago IL 60606-6995; phone: 800-877-1600, ext. 5400, <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No

- **First required math course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Nutritional Science, MS](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Admission requirements

**General university admission requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Locate, interpret, evaluate and use professional literature to make ethical, evidence-based practice decisions.
- Use the Nutrition Care Process to make decisions, identify nutrition-related problems and determine and evaluate nutrition interventions.
- Apply management theories to the development of programs or services.
- Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

With more than 300 [Global Education program opportunities](#) available to them, dietetics students are able to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students build communication skills, learn to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to research and internships across the world, increasing their professional network.

The College of Health Solutions recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in dietetics.

## Career opportunities

The nutrition and dietetics field provides graduates with employment opportunities in a variety of areas:

- client consultation, including for diabetes management or weight loss education
- food and nutrition industry
- food and nutrition marketing and sales
- nutrition and health promotion
- pediatric and geriatric settings

- public health
- school food service

Graduates may find opportunities in hospitals and other health care facilities or public health agencies.

Most graduates of this program pursue further education and credentials such as:

- registered dietetic technician (DTR)
- registered dietitian or nutritionist (RD/RDN)
- school nutrition specialist (SNS)

These credentials provide further job opportunities in clinical, community and food service settings as listed above.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<b><u>Community Health Worker</u></b> ☀	14.1%	\$46,190
<b><u>Healthcare Professor</u></b> ☀	19.1%	\$100,300
<b><u>Nutritionist</u></b>	3.5%	\$33,960
<b><u>Registered Dietitian (RD)</u></b> ☀	6.6%	\$66,450
<b><u>Restaurant Manager</u></b>	0.5%	\$61,310

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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## Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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