Dietetics, BS

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Become a food and nutrition expert. Your path begins with becoming a registered dietitian or registered dietitian nutritionist. Dietitians are the health professionals who translate the science and art of nutrition and food service for the public.

Program Description

The BS program in dietetics is the required initial step in the education and training of the dietetics professional.

Coursework prepares students to apply for a dietetic internship, which is required in order 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.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, prior to sitting for the registration exam, students will be 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 will be a nationwide requirement. More information can be found on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website at https://www.eatrightpro.org/about-us/become-an-rdn-or-dtr/dietetic-careers.

ASU’s bachelor's degree program in dietetics is accredited as a Didactic Program in Dietetics by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 S. Riverside Plz., Ste. 2190, Chicago IL 60606-6995; phone: 800-877-1600, ext. 5400.

At a Glance

• College/School: College of Health Solutions
• Location: Downtown Phoenix
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 117 - College Algebra
• **Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

*2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

*Nutritional Science, MS*

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

*First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission*

**Change of Major Requirements**

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

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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™](https://mypath2asu.asu.edu) 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

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.
- Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation
- 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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. More information about available programs can be found on the Global Education website at https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

The nutrition and dietetics field provides 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
- school food service

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

Most with this degree pursue further education and careers such as:
• dietetic technician, registered
• registered dietitian or nutritionist
• school nutrition specialist

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* 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: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

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