

**MESSIAH COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS**  
**ACADEMIC VERIFICATION IN DIETETICS (NON GRADUATION)**

**INFORMATION SHEET AND APPLICATION FORM**

**INTRODUCTION**

The requirements for attaining the Registered Dietitian (RD) credential are established by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE) include completion of both academic (course) requirements and a CADE accredited dietetic internship. To meet academic requirements, an individual must hold a Baccalaureate degree granted by a U.S. regionally accredited college or university and must complete current minimum course requirements in a CADE accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

**The purpose of Messiah College's Academic Verification Program (Non Graduation) is to assist persons who already have a Baccalaureate degree to complete CADE minimum course requirements. Services of the program include:**

- Evaluation of college transcripts to determine which dietetics course requirements have already been met.
- Plan of courses needed to complete dietetics requirements.
- Advising on availability of required courses at Messiah College and at other area colleges and universities.
- Assistance in supervised practice program application process.

**PLEASE NOTE**

After completion of academic requirements, students wishing to pursue dietetic registration will still need to complete a CADE accredited dietetic internship. Admission to dietetic internships is very competitive and grade point average (GPA) is a major criterion in being selected. In 1993 on a national basis, 79% of those admitted to dietetic internship programs had an overall GPA over 3.0. Relevant work experience and volunteer activities were also important selection criteria.

## **Messiah College Academic Verification in Dietetics (Non Graduation) Policies and Requirements:**

In order to receive Didactic Verification in Dietetics from Messiah College, the student is required to:

1. Be admitted to Messiah College as a Special/Non-Degree student.
2. Complete minimum course requirements as outlined below.
3. Communicate with the Messiah DPD Advisor at least once in each academic year whether currently enrolled in courses at Messiah or not. A personal conference is desirable but if not practical, a written progress report will be acceptable.
4. Provide the Messiah DPD Advisor with official transcripts which document that the student has a Baccalaureate degree granted by a U.S. regionally accredited college or university.
5. Provide the Messiah DPD Advisor with official transcripts for courses taken to meet dietetics requirements at other colleges or universities.
6. Achieve an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5 in Verification Program courses.
7. Complete at least 18 credits in Food and Nutrition courses at Messiah College.

**Course Requirements:** To complete the Verification (Non-Graduation) Program and receive a Verification of Completion of the DPD from Messiah College, a student must have successfully completed all of the courses listed below.

### **Required Prerequisites for the Upper Level (Junior/Senior years) Nutrition and Dietetics courses.**

- IDST 101: First Year Seminar ( First year College Writing course)
- COMM 104 or 106: Oral Communications (A public speaking course)
- BIOL 185 and 186: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II (both lab courses)
- CHEM 105 and 106: General Chemistry I and II (both lab courses)
- CHEM 204: Introduction to Organic Chemistry (with lab) or CHEM 209 and CHEM 210 (Organic Chemistry I and II with labs)
- PSYC 222: Introduction to Psychology
- STAT 269: Introductory Statistics
- HRM 120: Principles of Management
- NUTR 121: Food and Food Science

- NUTR 222: Nutrition Theory
- NUTR 099: Opportunities in Nutrition and Dietetics (May be taken first spring enrolled at Messiah)

**Upper level (Junior/Senior) courses – Courses in bold are taught every other year. Courses not in bold are taught every year; however NUTR 493: Senior Seminar in Nutrition and Dietetics, should be taken during the fall semester of the year in which the program will be completed.**

**Food Service Management Series (Courses in bold will be offered in the 2006-7 and 2008-9 academic years)**

Fall (2006, 2008)	Credits	Spring (2007, 2009)	Credits
NUTR 322: Nutr Through Life Cycle	3	<b>NUTR 342: Food &amp; Nutr. Mgmt</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NUTR 331: Adv Food Sci</b>	<b>3</b>	BIOL 381 or 382: Microbiology	4
<b>NUTR 341: Food Service Operations</b>	<b>3</b>		

**Clinical/Advanced Nutrition Series (Courses in bold will be offered in the 2005-6 and 2007-8 academic years)**

Fall (2005, 2007)	Credits	Spring (2006, 2008)	Credits
<b>NUTR 411: Med. Nutr Therapy I</b>	<b>3</b>	NUTR 352: Community Nutrition	3
<b>NUTR 425: Advanced Nutr. I</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>NUTR 412: Med. Nutr. Therapy II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NUTR 410: Nutr Counsel Exp.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NUTR 426: Adv Nutrition II</b>	<b>3</b>
NUTR 493: Senior Seminar in Nutr/Dietetics	1		

**Assessment of Prior Learning:**

Many courses taken at other accredited colleges will transfer to Messiah College. A list of pre-approved transfer courses can be found in the “Transfer Course Equivalencies Database” accessible through the Messiah College Web site. Transfer equivalencies for courses which are not listed on this web site are assigned on an individual basis through the Messiah College registrar’s office. Prospective students should save their course syllabi to facilitate this process. Nutrition is a rapidly changing field; therefore, foods and nutrition courses taken more than 5 years prior to entering the Messiah College Nutrition and Dietetics Major generally will not transfer. In rare cases substantial work experience in nutrition and dietetics may substitute for part of the requirements for a Nutrition and Dietetics course. These exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis after review by the director of the Messiah College Didactic Program in Dietetics.

**For Additional Information on Dietetics Education and Credentialing:**

The Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education  
American Dietetic Association  
120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000  
Chicago, Illinois, 60606-6995  
312) 899-0040, ext. 5400  
[www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)

**Messiah College**  
**Department of Nutrition and Dietetics**  
**Application for Academic Verification in Dietetics (Non Graduation) Program**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Received Bachelor's Degree from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach official transcripts verifying this) (college or university)

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Reason/Goal for desiring Verification in Dietetics:

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**Statement:** I have read and understand the information about Messiah College's Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Verification Program, and I agree to abide by the policies and requirements of the program.

I certify that I am familiar with the standards and expectations for student conduct at Messiah College as contained in the College Catalog. If offered admission as a student, I agree to abide by these guidelines when on campus and when my life intersects with the College.

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(signed) (date)

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Transcript evaluation completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

DPD Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_