

Course Requirements

One of the following:

BIOL 185: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and lab (4) **and** BIOL 186: Human Anatomy and Physiology II and lab (4)

or

BIOL 170: Cell and Animal Physiology and lab (4) **and** BIOL 460: Physiology & lab (4)
BIOL 265: Microbiology with lab (4)

BUSA 120: Principles of Management (3)

CHEM 105: General Chemistry I and lab (4)

CHEM 106: General Chemistry II and lab (4)

One of the following:

CHEM 204: Introduction to Organic Chemistry and lab (4)

or

CHEM 309: Organic Chemistry I and lab (4) and CHEM 310: Organic Chemistry II and lab (4)

NUTR 102: Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics

NUTR 121: Food and Food Science and lab (3)

NUTR 222: Principles of Nutrition (3)

NUTR 322: Nutrition through the Life Cycle (3)

NUTR 331: Advanced Food Science and Technology and lab (3)

NUTR 341: Food Service and lab (4)

NUTR 352: Community Nutrition (3)

NUTR 410: Nutrition Education and Counseling and lab (3)

NUTR 411: Medical Nutrition Therapy 1 (3)

NUTR 412: Medical Nutrition Therapy 2 and lab (3)

NUTR 425: Nutrient Metabolism and Research Methods 1 and lab (4)

NUTR 426: Nutrient Metabolism and Research Methods 2 and lab (3)

NUTR 493: Senior Seminar in Nutrition and Dietetics (1)

PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology (3)

STAT 269: Introductory Statistics (3)

APHS 170: Concepts of Conditioning (2)

GPA REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRESSION IN THE NUTRITION AND DIETETICS PROGRAM:

This policy applies to students in the Nutrition and Dietetics major as well as to students in the non-degree academic verification in nutrition and dietetics program. Students who do not meet the progression criteria will be unable to complete the nutrition and

dietetics major, though completing the food and nutrition minor will be a possibility for them.

To progress in the Messiah University Didactic Program in Dietetics (to take NUTR 411: Medical Nutrition I, NUTR 425: Nutrient Metabolism and Research Methods I, and NUTR 410: Nutrition Education and Counseling) students need to have completed the following courses with no grades lower than a C- in each and with an average GPA of at least 2.50 in them. Ideally, these courses will be completed by the end of the third semester. Students who have transferred in more than one course from this list will need to have achieved an average GPA of at least 2.75 in them.

CHEM 105

CHEM 106

CHEM 204 or both CHEM 309 and 310

BIOL 185 or BIOL 170

NUTR 121

NUTR 222

Repeat Policy: Each course from the list of courses used to determine the progression GPA may be repeated one time for the purpose of replacing the original grade (including D+, D, F or W) with the grade from the repeated course. Courses must be repeated at Messiah University. Exceptions to policy are addressed on a case-by-case basis and require an Academic Policies Petition. When exceptions are granted, courses taken at other institutions may be used to raise the progression GPA and on dietetic internship applications but will not influence a student's Messiah University GPA. Students receive credit for a course one time, so credits for repeated courses will not count towards the total number of credits needed for graduation. NUTR 411 and NUTR 425 are offered in alternate years, therefore repeating one (or more) of the courses used to determine progression may result in delayed completion of major requirements.

When extenuating circumstances arise (i.e., significant illness or death in the family), students may appeal this policy by submitting a written letter explaining the rationale for the exception to the DPD Director. If the appeal is denied, the decision may be appealed to the dean of the School of Science, Engineering, and Health.

Verification Statement requirements

1. Complete the requirements for graduation from Messiah University with a Nutrition and Dietetics Major, another Messiah University major with the additional courses needed for DPD verification, or the non-degree academic verification program. The GPA requirements for graduation include a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.
2. Complete at least 18 credits at Messiah University.

3. Complete all NUTR courses at the 300 and 400 level no more than 6 years prior to program completion.

Please note:

After successful completion of the Messiah University Academic Verification Program, students wishing to pursue the RDN credential will need to complete an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship (and beginning January 1, 2024 a Master's Degree). Admission to dietetic internships and graduate programs is competitive. A Grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 and preferably > 3.4, especially in major courses, as well as work experience related to food and nutrition are critical factors in successfully obtaining a dietetic internship/Master's degree. Students completing the Messiah University Academic Verification are eligible to apply to be preselected into the Messiah University Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics/Dietetic Internship, bypassing the national match process, but acceptance is not guaranteed.