Pre-Select Option

**Admissions Requirements:**

- **Completed application. Due by December 1st**
- **Official transcript indicating the degree earned or to be earned and official transcripts from other schools at which DPD courses were taken. Due by December 1st**
- **Minimum DPD GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (and no grade less than a C in DPD courses), as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Please complete and submit this form by December 1st**
- **The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed the Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements. (If you are currently a senior, this form will be completed by the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and mailed to you in June). This should be submitted to the Dietetic Internship Administrative Assistant by July 1st**
- **Candidates who meet this requirement will be invited to interview in early January as part of the application process. December 1st**
- **Personal Statement of Purpose (1000-word statement) addressing the following:**
  1. Why do you want to enter the dietetics profession?
  2. Discuss experiences that have helped to prepare you for your career.
  3. Why are you interested in completing a dietetic internship at Messiah University?
  4. What are your short and long-term goals?
  5. What are your strengths and weaknesses or areas needing improvement?
  6. What other information do you consider important for the selection decision?
- **Three recommendations (one from a volunteer or work supervisor, and one from a faculty member in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics). Fill out the waiver on the first page and send this form to each of your recommenders due by December 1st**
- **Completion of at least 400 hours of work or volunteer experiences in the past 3 years, including a minimum of 200 hours related to nutrition and dietetics such as nutrition education, food production, or as a dietary aid. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in two or more of the following three areas: medical nutrition, community nutrition or food service. Complete and submit this form by December 1st**

If you have questions, please contact:

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