# Messiah College Pre-Select Option

## Admissions Requirements:

- Completed Messiah College graduate online [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 College?
  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?
  7. 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:

**Leah Powel Smock**  
lsmock@messiah.edu  
717-796-5061

Edited Fall 2020