# National Match

**Admissions Requirements:**

- Completed application **February 15th**

- The original/official DPD verification statement indicating that you successfully completed Didactic Program in Dietetics Requirements. (If you are currently a senior, this form is typically mailed to you in June from your program. **July 1st**)

- Final official transcript showing degree awarded and conferral date **July 1st**

- Register with [D&D Digital](#) **February 15th**

- **Submit to Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System (DICAS): February 15th**

- Anticipated completion or completion of a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree (minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale) from an institution that is an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) with a minimum DPD GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. To verify these requirements submit:
  1. Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended.
  2. An Intent to Complete Form or Verification Statement from your DPD Director verifying

- 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 (at least one must be from a volunteer or work supervisor and at least one should be from a college faculty member). The standard DICAS recommendation will be used.

- 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.

If you have questions, please contact:

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