



## DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE

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### Accreditation of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

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The Minnesota State Mankato Dietetics Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. For more information about accreditation, contact:

#### Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

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For more information about majors, minors, courses, faculty and student organizations, please visit [ahn.mnsu.edu/fcs/](http://ahn.mnsu.edu/fcs/)

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Dietetics



The Department of Family Consumer Science promotes the health and well-being of individuals and families in today's society by combining science with professionalism and integrity. Our students are trained in an environment that fosters the integration of knowledge into practice with a focus on positively impacting the quality of life for the people they serve.

Dietetics is one of four major options within the department.

## THE DIETETICS OPTION AND DIDACTIC PROGRAM IN DIETETICS (DPD)

The Dietetics Program at Minnesota State Mankato provides students pursuing a dietetics career the highest quality advisory, academic and interactive opportunities and to develop their confidence and competency for advancement following graduation to supervised practice, graduate studies or related employment.

All dietetics majors are part of the DPD, an accredited four-year program that is the first of four steps toward becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

Dietetics majors study food science, food service management, nutrition and medical nutrition therapy. This major helps prepare men and women for careers as clinical, administrative/managerial and community dietitians.

Career opportunities are described in detail at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics web site at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org). Dietetics is a broad major and a minor is not required.

## DIETETICS CURRICULUM

### General Education Requirements (44):

ENG	101	(4)	Composition
CMST	102	(3)	Public Speaking
		(OR)	
CMST	100	(3)	Fundamentals of Communication
BIOL	270	(4)	Microbiology
CHEM	106	(3)	Chemistry of Life Processes I
MATH	112	(4)	College Algebra
SOC	101	(3)	Intro to Sociology
ETHN	150	(3)	Multi-Cultural/Ethnic Experience
		(OR)	
ETHN	101	(3)	Intro to Ethnic Studies
IT	100	(4)	Intro to Computing and Applications

### General Education Electives (13)

### Non-FCS Required Classes (30):

BIOL	220	(4)	Human Anatomy
BIOL	330	(4)	Human Physiology
CHEM	111	(5)	Chemistry of Life Processes II
ENG	271W	(4)	Technical Communication
HLTH	321	(3)	Medical Terminology
HLTH	475	(3)	Biostatistics
HLTH	477	(3)	Behavior Change Foundations and Strategies
PSYC	101	(4)	Intro to Psychology

### FCS Course Requirements (46):

FCS	101	(3)	Introduction to FCS
FCS	150	(3)	Food, Culture and You
FCS	242	(3)	Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals
FCS	252	(3)	Foodservice Systems I
FCS	340	(4)	Food Science
FCS	342	(3)	Food Production Management
FCS	350	(3)	Foodservice Systems II
FCS	420	(3)	Nutrition Assessment
FCS	440	(3)	Nutrition II*
FCS	442	(3)	Medical Nutrition Therapy I
FCS	444	(3)	Experimental Food Science
FCS	446	(3)	Lifespan Nutrition
FCS	447	(3)	Food Policy
FCS	448	(3)	Medical Nutrition Therapy II

FCS	483	(3)	Adult & Tech Ed in FCS
FCS	492	(2)	Dietetics Seminar
FCS	497/8	(2)	Undergraduate Internship

\*Chem 111 and Biol 330 must both be completed at a "C" level or higher in order to receive permission to register for FCS 440.

GPA Policy All courses required for major option must be at "C" level or higher.

## BECOMING A REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST (RDN)

Faculty are committed to preparing majors for successful transition from Minnesota State Mankato to national dietetic internships by consistently guiding majors through all four steps to becoming an RDN:

### Step 1:

Graduating from Minnesota State Mankato with a Bachelor of Science

### Step 2:

Receiving a Verification Statement from the DPD Director that AND requirements have been met

### Step 3:

Successfully competing for and completing a national dietetic internship

### Step 4:

Passing the national Registration Examination

## ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

To be permanently admitted to the Department of Family Consumer Science, a student must:

1. Be a declared major in FCS
2. Have an advisor assigned
3. Have completed a minimum of 32 semester hours
4. Have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50

## AN INVITATION

We invite students interested in a Dietetics major to contact the department or an advisor to discuss the program, ask questions or declare a major.