Policy for DPD Verification Form, Reviewed 8/1/21  

Undergraduate Students

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A DPD verification statement is an official document, generated by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to directors of ACEND-accredited programs, providing evidence that a student or intern has completed all of the requirements for dietetic education within a given program. Upon completion of the DPD program, the Program Director issues a Verification Statement for each program graduate who has met program requirements. A DPD Verification Statement is required for entrance into an accredited Dietetic Internship program, and may also be required by state licensing agencies.

The following criteria must be met in order to receive a Verification Statement indicating completion of the Didactic Program in Dietetics at Syracuse University:

1. Completion of all courses within the DPD that fulfill the Foundation Knowledge requirements established by ACEND.
2. Completion of at least 18 credit hours of ≥ 400 level coursework in the Nutrition Science & Dietetics Programs at Syracuse University.
3. Maintenance of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for undergraduates. Typically, a GPA of at least 3.4 is needed for acceptance into a dietetic internship.
4. A minimum grade of C (2.0) for the following required DPD courses:

   - BIO 121  General Biology I
   - BIO 123  General Biology II
   - BIO 124  General Biology II Lab
   - BIO 216  Anatomy and Physiology I & Lab
   - BIO 217  Anatomy and Physiology II & Lab
   - CHE 106  General Chemistry I
   - CHE 107  General Chemistry I Lab
   - CHE 116  General Chemistry II
   - CHE 117  General Chemistry II Lab
   - NSD 114  Food Safety & Quality Assurance
   - NSD 115  Food Science I
   - NSD 216  Food Service Operations
   - NSD 225  Nutrition in Health
   - NSD 275  Food Service Systems
   - NSD 312  Food Service Systems Management
   - NSD 326  Practice of Dietetics
   - NSD 342  Nutrition in the Life Span
   - NSD 455  Community Nutrition
   - NSD 456  Nutritional BioChem
   - NSD 457  Research & Evaluation in Nutrition
   - NSD 466  Nutritional BioChem II
   - NSD 481/2  Medical Nutrition Therapy I & Lab
   - NSD 483/4  Medical Nutrition Therapy II & Lab
   - NSD 476  Senior Seminar
   - NSD 512  Nutrition Counseling
   - NSD 555  Food, Culture, Environment OR NSD 452

Transfer students’ transcripts will be evaluated to determine course requirements to receive a DPD verification statement from Syracuse University. The DPD director will consider the policy stated above and the following in assessing requirements for transfer students:

- Grades and recency in baccalaureate and post baccalaureate courses, including professional education.
- Professional experiences
- Letters of reference or other supporting documentation, such as syllabi and completed projects.

I have read and understand the above stated policy and I have been informed how to gain access to the current DPD Handbook.

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Print name  Student signature  Date

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Faculty advisor signature  Date