

Acceptance into the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)

This policy is effective June 1, 2012 and applies ONLY to:

- **Students enrolling at CSB/SJU for the first time beginning fall, 2012 and beyond who apply to the Nutrition major-Dietetics concentration**
- **Continuing Education students who enroll in the Didactic Program in Dietetics for the first time starting June 1, 2012 and beyond.**
- **The dietetics concentration**

This policy *does not* apply to students who enrolled at CSB/SJU prior to Fall 2012.

This policy *does not* apply to the Nutrition major, areas of concentration other than dietetics, or the Nutrition minor.

Students seeking acceptance to the DPD should apply to the *Nutrition Major-DPD concentration* in accordance with the policies established by CSB/SJU. Ordinarily, the Acceptance to the Major application is submitted after the completion of 3 full semesters (spring of sophomore year).

The DPD is accredited by The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). For students attending CSB/SJU, completion of the accredited DPD is the first step in preparing students for a career as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). To complete the career pathway to dietetics, students who successfully earn a Bachelor's degree and complete the DPD must apply to and be accepted by an ACEND accredited supervised practice program (SPP). Acceptance to any SPP is highly competitive and SPP placement is not guaranteed by the Nutrition Department at CSB/SJU. Graduates who successfully complete an accredited SPP are eligible to take the Registration Examination for Dietitians to become an RDN.

To establish that a student seeking acceptance to the DPD at CSB/SJU is making reasonable progress toward eligibility for SPP placement, the following criteria must be met for the student to be considered for acceptance to the Nutrition major-concentration in Dietetics

A student will be accepted into the DPD without conditions if she/he meets all of the following:

- **Has a cumulative GPA of 2.80 or higher**
- **Has completed Nutrition 125 with a grade of BC or better**
- **Has completed Biol 121 or 101 and/or Chem 125 – students must receive a passing letter grade in these courses. Grades of S/U will not be considered.**
- **Has completed or are enrolled in Biol 216 or 201 and/or Chem 125 or 250 - students must receive a passing letter grade in these courses. Grades of S/U will not be considered.**
- **Has a four year plan that has been approved by a faculty advisor in the Nutrition Department demonstrating how the student will complete the DPD within 8 semesters of enrollment at CSB/SJU**

A student will be conditionally accepted into the DPD if she/he meets all of the following:

- **Has a cumulative GPA of 2.80 or higher**
- Has completed Nutrition 125 with a grade of BC or better
- Is enrolled in Biol 101 and/or Chem 125
- Has a four year plan that has been approved by a faculty advisor in the Nutrition Department demonstrating how the student will complete the DPD within 8 semesters of enrollment at CSB/SJU

Courses considered for the cumulative GPA determination are those completed at CSB/SJU and/or courses completed at another college or university and approved as transfer for credit by CSB/SJU. A grade of C or higher is necessary for transfer credit to be awarded by CSB/SJU for the DPD. Courses intended to be substituted for Pre-requisite or Required courses in the DPD must be reviewed and approved by the Chair of the Nutrition Department and the student must submit a Course Substitution Form to the Nutrition Department Chair for the course to be considered as part of DPD or major course requirements.