Gain professional skills in dietetics and nutrition in the most efficient way possible through our accelerated degree program.

In this accelerated degree program, you’ll complete a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in 5 years. Pursue the advanced education you’ll need to provide counseling and education to address nutritional health and well-being challenges prevalent in today’s complicated world.

Program Snapshot

Program type: Combined (Major and Master's)
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 5 years
Credit hours: 140 - 142

Why Study Dietetics at UND?

The UND Coordinated Program in Dietetics provides you with a science-based food and nutrition education that combines classroom learning with experience in settings such as hospitals, schools, clinics, community agencies and long-term care facilities. It’s a fast-paced and intense program that trains you to practice in rural communities.

UND prepares you for leadership roles that address nutrition problems, develop solutions and measure impacts. You will learn to:

- Assess nutrition education needs of diverse and at-risk groups.
- Develop and implement behavior theory approaches while considering cultural needs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of nutrition interventions for individuals and groups.
- Apply educational theory, research and experiential knowledge in nutrition education and counseling activities.
- Demonstrate advanced professional practice skills in nutrition education and counseling.

After completing the accelerated Dietetics program you will become eligible to sit for the national Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) credentialing exam to test to become a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN).

How does an accelerated Dietetics program work?

The accelerated degree programs allows those with an Associate’s degree in Dietetics or currently enrolled undergraduate students at UND an opportunity to complete the requirements for both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees at an accelerated pace. Undergraduates with 60 credits or those currently in an Dietetics degree program are eligible for consideration for the accelerated degree program.

All requirements for both the undergraduate and graduate degrees must be met, and these students may double count up to 12 graduate-level credits towards the requirements for their undergraduate degree and their M.S degree requirements.

Accreditation

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND, 120 S Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago IL 60606, 800-877-1600 ext 5400, acend@eatright.org)
Undergraduate Application Deadlines

FALL: FEB. 1* | AUG 1
*academic scholarship priority deadline
STUDENTS SEEKING THE ACCELERATED DEGREE MAY APPLY TO THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AFTER COMPLETING 60 CREDITS.

Graduate Application Deadlines

FALL: APRIL 1
SPRING: DEC. 1
SUMMER: APRIL 1

Dietetics Highlights

- Combine classroom experience and 1,200 hours of supervised practice into a single program with no additional internship required.
- Work side-by-side with dietetic professionals in the field to gain hands-on work experience.
- Become a student member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and gain access to a network of benefits exclusive to its members.
- Become eligible to sit for the national CDR credentialing exam to become a RDN.

Dietetics Jobs

**92%**  The percentage of graduates over three years who passed the Commission on Dietetic Registration exam to become a registered dietitian nutritionist.

**15%**  Estimated job growth for nutritionists/dietitians through 2026*

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Employment of dietitians is expected to grow faster than average for all occupations through the year 2026 because of the increased emphasis on disease prevention, improved chronic disease management, a growing and aging population and public interest in nutrition. In addition the *U.S. News & World Report*ranks nutritionists/dietitians as one of the 100 Best Jobs.

As a registered dietitian you will be qualified to work in a variety of health care, industry and community settings, including:

- Community health and government agencies
- Consultant
- Food service management
- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Outpatient clinics
- Public health organizations
- Sports nutrition
- Wellness centers