

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Nutrition and Food Sciences Program (NTFS) at CSUSB. The mission of the undergraduate program in NTFS Program is The Nutrition and Food Sciences Program (DPD and ISPP) at CSUSB will provide quality education to graduates who can think critically, communicate effectively, embrace diversity, and demonstrate knowledge and practical skills necessary for completion of a supervised-practice program or other post-baccalaureate programs and be prepared for entry-level practice as a registered dietitian/nutritionist. The NTFS program at CSUSB is accredited as the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD). The address for the ACEND: ACEND of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, Phone: 800/877-1600. The ACEND website is: www.eatright.org/ACEND. Exam passage rate and other program data may be obtained from the DPD Director.

Many of our students/majors aspire to become a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist (RD/RDN, you may use either credential but NOT both) and there are 3 steps that individuals must complete to become a RD/RDN.

1. Complete a Bachelor degree and a set of classes in the DPD and obtain the DPD Verification Statement (DPD VS). To be successful in application for the dietetic internship program, (a) you need to have a minimum of B in your science classes, (b) receive a "B" or better in your DPD courses, (c) an overall GPA of 3.0 or better, (d) have volunteer, leadership, and work experiences in nutrition/dietetic related activities. (Note: you may not repeat any classes with a grade of C or better at CSUSB, therefore, it is pertinent that you do well in your classes the first time around). **To receive the Verification Statement for DPD, you must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and B- or better in all 300 and 400 level DPD courses.** You can still graduate with BS in NTFS without the VS if you meet the University and Department requirements for graduation.

If your Bachelor degree is not in Nutrition and Food Sciences*, you will need to complete all DPD courses to receive your DPD Verification Statement. With the Verification Statement from CSUSB DPD, you are eligible to apply for a dietetic internship or individualized supervised-practice pathway (ISPP)* program. **CSUSB's DPD was granted to provide ISSP** starting September, 2013; and the program accepts up to 25 interns each year. We give preference to our graduates so if you meet the qualifications for ISPP, you may apply for the program in the month of April during the last year of your DPD courses **after** you are not matched into the DI program through DICAS (centralized application system). Information on CSUSB ISPP Program may be obtained at the ACEND-AND Accredited Program under DPD for CSUSB. You may also go to this website for CSUSB ISPP Program. <https://cel.csusb.edu/pace/courses-programs/medical-health-care/individualized-supervised-practice-pathwaysdietetics>

2. Completion of Dietetic Internship (DI) or ISPP from a ACEND accredited program and receive the Verification Statement (VS DI or VS ISPP). ISPP (Individualized Supervised-Practice Pathway) is an alternative pathway to dietetic internship and it is offered through an accredited program like DPD or DI. DI and ISPP programs require 1,200 hours of supervised experience, which takes about 10 to 12 months to complete. Note that many supervised-practice programs have tuition and fees that you need to pay at the start of the program and some programs provide student loans. Go to www.eatrightPRO.org and review the information about each DI and ISPP program on that website. CSUSB ISPP program starts in September and ends in July; and upon successful completion, you will receive the Verification Statement for ISPP, which allows you to take the RD/RDN exam.
3. With the Verification Statements from the DPD and DI/ISPP, you are eligible to take the RD/RDN exam; your ISPP or DI Program Director will submit the paperwork to CDR in order for you to take the exam. After successful passage of RD/RDN exam, you are now a RD/RDN.

With the DPD Verification Statement after completion of your BS degree, you are also eligible to take the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician Registered (NDTR) exam, which allows some of the graduates to work in dietetic related job in order to gain experience necessary to enhance your DI application. Also with a completion of BS degree (without VS DPD), you are eligible to take the Dietary Supervisor Exam to become a Certified Dietary Supervisor/Manager (CDM), the exam information is available through ANFP (Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals), the website is http://www.anfponline.org/Training/credentialing_exam.shtml

Most of the classes in Nutrition and Food Sciences Program (NTFS) are upper division courses and it takes 2 years to complete the program courses in sequence. However, if you have not taken the three quarters of Chemistry courses (CHEM 205, 206, and 207) and Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 223 and 224), it will take you 3 years to complete the program as a transfer student. In addition to classes in NTFS program, you will need to complete other required courses for completion of the Didactic Program. Please go to the Department website at <http://health.csusb.edu/BSNutritionFoods.htm> for a check list of DPD courses that you will need to complete for VS DPD and BS in NTFS.

For foreign students or foreign nationals, CSUSB DPD does not certify them to be eligible to be a RD/RND in the USA. Only the CDR (Commission on Dietetic Registration) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) in Chicago, IL, can do that. Their phone number is (800) 877-1600. You may complete the DPD classes at CSUSB for the DPD Verification Statement and you will need to apply for a dietetic internship program to be eligible for RD/RDN exam. If you have any specific questions regarding the process, please contact Dr. Chen-Maynard, RD, (909) 537-5340. Note: You do not have to become a RDN to obtain the BS in Nutrition and Food Sciences. However, to receive the verification

statement necessary to start a dietetic internship, you must complete all the DPD courses listed. Please refer to the University Bulletin of Courses for specific requirements of the major, The Bulletin of Courses may be accessed on www.csusb.edu.

Thank you for your interest in our program and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, problems or concerns. My office phone number is (909) 537-5340 and email address is dchen@csusb.edu. You may also contact Dr. Joe Hughes at (909) 537-5418 or jhughes@csusb.edu for information and advising.

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*ISPP is an alternative pathway administered by an accredited dietetic program by the ACEND and the programs provide 1,200 hours of supervised practice, similar to a dietetic internship; and upon successful completion of ISPP, the graduates will receive a Verification Statement for ISPP so they are eligible to take the registration examination to become a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist (RD, RDN).

If you already received a bachelor degree in a non-nutrition major and want to have your transcript evaluated to determine what DPD courses you need to complete at CSUSB, you may submit a copy of your transcripts (does not have to be originals; and for international graduates, a copy of transcripts and transcript evaluation from an international transcript service for foreign universities the transcript service for international university can be found at www.eatright.org) AND a donation for \$50 (checks may be made out of CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation, you may also pay by credit card at https://advancement.csusb.edu/make-gift-online?edit%5Bsubmitted%5D%5Bplease_direct_my_gift_to_the_following_area%5D=CNS) and email to Dr. Chen-Maynard at CSUSB. **Note: the transcript evaluation is only good for CSUSB's program since each DPD has slightly different requirements even though all DPD's are accredited by ACEND.

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