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**Student Handbook**

**Didactic Program in Dietetics**

Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural Food and Life Sciences

School of Human Environmental Sciences



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## **Human Nutrition and Dietetics at the University of Arkansas**

### **Welcome**

The University of Arkansas has been graduating outstanding students in the area of nutrition and dietetics for over 100 years. The University of Arkansas first received approval from the American Dietetic Association for a Plan IV dietetics program in 1975. The Human Nutrition and Dietetics Program received its most recent accreditation in 2020 as a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), a specialized body of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND).

The DPD Program at the University of Arkansas is operating under the 2022 ACEND Accreditation Standards.

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## **Becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)**

### **Overview of Process**

The process of becoming a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) (same as Registered Dietitian or RD) is outlined below:

Dietetics education programs in colleges and universities are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The accrediting agency assures that students are getting the education needed to qualify for taking the national RDN exam. There are different types of accredited dietetics education programs, each one offers a different “pathway” to RDN eligibility. The University of Arkansas is a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD).

- **Students will first complete the DPD program at the U of A** (consisting of classroom work). Students will apply for Dietetic Internships and graduate programs in their senior year. Students from the U of A have applied to and graduated from programs across the United States.
- **Dietetic Internships:** Upon the completion of the Human Nutrition and Dietetic degree, students will enroll in an accredited Dietetic Internship for the supervised practice component. This 1000-hour requirement is designed to gain real-world experience and apply the knowledge learned at the U of A in the context of a variety of settings.
- **Graduate degree:** Students must also earn a minimum of a graduate degree from an accredited dietetics program. The focus of the master’s degree can be nutrition/dietetics, or another field (public health, food safety, communications, business, etc.)
- **Pass a national examination:** The last step is passing the RDN exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). For more information regarding the examination, refer to CDR’s website at [www.cdrnet.org](http://www.cdrnet.org). To be eligible to sit for the exam students must possess the Verification Statement from the Dietetic Internship and the master’s degree.
- **Following registration, RDNs are required to complete continuing professional educational requirements** to maintain registration.

For more information about educational pathways to become an RDN please visit <https://www.eatright.org/become-an-rdn>. The DPD Program at the University of Arkansas fulfills the first requirement to becoming an RDN. Students who intend to complete the next steps in the process must complete a master’s degree and a supervised practice program. Students must apply and be accepted and then successfully complete those steps before being eligible to sit for the national credentialing exam. Completion of the DPD Program at the University of Arkansas does not guarantee acceptance into a supervised practice program and/or a graduate program. A list of these programs is available at the ACEND page of the AND website: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/accredited-programs/program-directory>

#### Applying to Dietetic Internships (Supervised Practice Programs)

Seniors in their final semester and qualified graduates of the DPD Program may apply to ACEND-accredited supervised practice programs (dietetic internships). There are various types of supervised practice programs all leading to qualification to sit for the exam. The majority of DPD students at the University of Arkansas apply to a MS-DI program.

**Dietetic Internship (DI):** A stand-alone program designed for DPD graduates offering the required number of supervised practice hours (1000 hours). Graduates would then need to complete a MS degree program to be eligible to sit for the RD exam.

**Dietetic Internship with a Master's Degree (MS-DI):** Offers a master's degree plus the required number of supervised practice hours (1000 hours). Some of these programs may offer the MS degree in an online format.

**Master's Coordinated Program (MS-CP):** Similar to the MS-DI, students earn a master's degree in addition to the required number of supervised hours (1000 hours).

**Future Graduate Program (FG):** This supervised practice program is accredited under a different set of standards which are being piloted through ACEND as the new format of dietetics education. FG programs include a master's degree (or doctorate) in addition to the required number of supervised hours (1000 hours).

The application program utilized for dietetics is the Dietetic Internship Centralized Application Process (DICAS) system ( <https://dicas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>). The competition for placement in a supervised practice program is great. Students may apply to as many programs as desired. While the DPD Director will assist students in the application process it is the student's responsibility to complete the process. There is not a limit to the number of times one can apply for supervised practice programs.

The ACEND website is an excellent source of additional information regarding the application process, computer matching and the supervised practice programs.  
<https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend>

### Nutrition and Dietetic Technician Registered (DTR/NDTR)

Graduates of the University of Arkansas DPD Program are able to take the registration examination for dietetic technicians (DTR/NDTR) without having to meet additional academic or supervised practice requirements. DTRs work in a variety of work settings and are often in flexible roles that navigate between food service and clinical nutrition care, working independently or as a team member under the supervision of registered dietitians in a variety of employment settings, including health care, business and industry, community/public health, foodservice and research. <https://www.cdrnet.org/NDTR>

### Licensure

Currently most states have statutory provisions regulating the profession of dietetics or the use of titles such as "dietitian or nutritionist". Registered Dietitians also must obtain licensure to practice. Registration and licensure serve to protect the public and to assure professional education and preparation of registered dietitians. Questions related to licensure of registered dietitian nutritionists should be directed to the specific state licensure board or state agency (<https://www.cdrnet.org/LicensureMap>). For information on how to become licensed in the state of Arkansas or for additional tools and resources from the Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board, please visit their website at: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-dietetics-licensing-board1>

## **University of Arkansas DPD Mission, Goals and Objectives**

The mission of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) is to prepare graduates for successful careers in nutrition and dietetics. These graduates will serve in diverse areas of practice in Arkansas, the United States, and the world with professionalism and leadership. Through this preparation, graduates will be eligible for supervised practice and graduate school leading to eligibility for the CDR credentialing exam to become registered dietitian nutritionists.

### **DPD Program Goals and Objectives:**

Goal 1: Program graduates will possess the foundational technical knowledge and communication skills to be competent for entry into supervised practice, other post-graduate programs and for careers in nutrition and dietetics for individuals and families in the state of Arkansas and beyond.

Goal 2: Program graduates will be prepared to be active professionals exhibiting characteristics of professionalism, leadership, and service to the profession of nutrition and dietetics and their community.

### **Outcome Objectives:**

2. At least 80% of the students enrolled in the Human Nutrition and Dietetics major will complete the DPD professional courses leading to a Verification Statement within 3 years.
3. At least 65% of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised practice program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.
4. Of program graduates who apply to a supervised practice program, at least 75% are admitted within 12 months of graduation.
5. The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.
6. 85% of the program graduates who complete a dietetic internship/supervised practice or graduate school will be rated as having met or exceeded performance expectations as indicated by Dietetic Internship (DI) Director Survey results.
7. 85% of the program graduates will rate their overall preparation in human nutrition and dietetics as having met or exceeded expectations
8. 90% of Dietetic Internship Directors will agree that program graduates met or exceeded expectations for professionalism and leadership as indicated by DI Director Survey results.
9. 50% of program graduates responding to alumni survey will report participation in professional and/or community service activities.
10. 50% of program graduates responding to alumni survey will recognize the importance of professionalism and service through their participation in Nutrition and Dietetics professional local, state, and/or national groups and/or through service to the profession through service as a mentor to students/interns.

Program outcomes data are available upon request. Please contact Mallori Roberts at [mcrob@uark.edu](mailto:mcrob@uark.edu) for details.

## **The Program**

### **Human Nutrition and Dietetics Curriculum**

Students who are preparing to become registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN) will major in Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HNAD). The other option within the School of Human Environmental Sciences (Food, Nutrition and Health, FNAH) does **NOT** meet the undergraduate curricular requirements for becoming a registered dietitian nutritionist.

The HNAD Degree check sheet can be found on the School of Human Environmental Sciences website at:

<https://uark.app.box.com/s/jr1obbwmo5p2axrgjcszhf1t2qr1wzn6/file/1559982131427>

The 8-Semester degree completion check sheet can also be found on the School of Human Environmental Sciences website at:

<https://uark.app.box.com/s/jr1obbwmo5p2axrgjcszhf1t2qr1wzn6/file/1559983876115>

The 8-Semester Degree Completion plan shows one sequencing of courses that will result in completion of the degree in 4 years, taking into consideration prerequisites/co-requisites and which courses are offered in fall semesters or spring semesters only.

Current courses descriptions are found in the University of Arkansas course catalog on the UA website at <http://catalog.uark.edu/undergradcatalog/>

The required 120 credit hours that compromise the Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HNAD) curriculum are structured so that courses build upon one another. It is critical to maintain the proper sequence of courses so that prerequisites are met. Please note that some courses are offered only once a year. Academic and faculty advisors will advise students so as to maintain proper sequencing, however, each student is responsible for understanding and following the degree requirements.

### **DPD Program Admission Requirements**

At this time, the requirements for admission to the DPD Program (HNAD major) are the same as the requirements for admission to the University of Arkansas. If you are enrolled in the Human Nutrition and Dietetics major at the time of your junior year and begin taking the professional DPD courses as part of the curriculum, then you are considered to be a part of the DPD Program.

### **Knowledge Requirements for DPD Students & Remediation Plan**

The University of Arkansas DPD operates under the 2022 ACEND Accreditation Standards. As such, it is required that students obtain competence for each of the ACEND-specified knowledge requirements and student learning outcomes. Individual student achievement is

continually monitored. Learning activities to monitor achievement of the KRDNs are found within the DPD professional courses. Each course lists the specific KRNDs covered in the syllabus and those assignments which are linked to KRDNs are identified. Students who are unable to meet the standard minimum performance for KRDNs will be identified and an individualized remediation plan will be developed and instituted. If the student cannot achieve the core competencies, then they will be counseled to identify an alternate degree/career path appropriate to their abilities. Remaining in the HNAD major and failing to master the following KRDNs will prevent the student from receiving a Verification Statement, required to enter a Dietetic Internship.

### ACEND Core Knowledge Requirements – Knowledge Requirements for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (KRDN)

Student learning is assessed through performance on assignments on each of the following knowledge requirements (2022 ACEND standards for DPD Programs).

#### **Domain 1. Scientific and Evidence Base of Practice: Integration of scientific information and translation of research into practice.**

KRDN 1.1 Demonstrate how to locate, interpret, evaluate and use professional literature to make ethical, evidence-based practice decisions.

KRDN 1.2 Select and use appropriate current information technologies to locate and apply evidence-based guidelines and protocols.

KRDN 1.3 Apply critical thinking skills.

#### **Domain 2. Professional Practice Expectations: Beliefs, values, attitudes and behaviors for the nutrition and dietetics practitioner level of practice.**

KRDN 2.1 Demonstrate effective and professional oral and written communication and documentation.

KRDN 2.2 Describe the governance of nutrition and dietetics practice, such as the Scope of Practice for the Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and the Code of Ethics for the Profession of Nutrition and Dietetics.

KRDN 2.3 Assess the impact of a public policy position on nutrition and dietetics practice.

KRDN 2.4 Discuss the impact of health care policy and different health care delivery systems on food and nutrition services.

KRDN 2.5 Identify and describe the work of interprofessional teams and the roles of others with whom the registered dietitian nutritionist collaborates.

KRDN 2.6 Demonstrate cultural humility, awareness of personal biases and an understanding of cultural differences in interactions and decision-making.

KRDN 2.7 Describe contributing factors to health inequity in nutrition and dietetics including structural bias, social inequities, health disparities and discrimination.

KRDN 2.8 Participate in a nutrition and dietetics professional organization and explain the significant role of the organization.

KRDN 2.9 Defend a position on issues impacting the nutrition and dietetics profession.

#### **Domain 3. Clinical and Client Services: Development and delivery of information, products and services to individuals, groups and populations.**

KRDN 3.1 Use the Nutrition Care Process and clinical workflow elements to assess nutritional



parameters, diagnose nutrition related problems, determine appropriate nutrition interventions and develop plans to monitor the effectiveness of these interventions.

KRDN 3.2 Develop an educational session or program/educational strategy for a target population.

KRDN 3.3 Demonstrate counseling and education methods to facilitate behavior change and enhance wellness for diverse individuals and groups.

KRDN 3.4 Practice routine health screening assessments, including measuring blood pressure and conducting waived point-of-care laboratory testing (such as blood glucose or cholesterol).

KRDN 3.5 Describe concepts of nutritional genomics and how they relate to medical nutrition therapy, health and disease.

KRDN 3.6 Develop nutritionally sound meals, menus and meal plans that promote health and disease management and meet client's/patient's needs.

#### **Domain 4. Practice Management and Use of Resources: Strategic application of principles of management and systems in the provision of services to individuals and organizations.**

KRDN 4.1 Apply management theories to the development of programs or services.

KRDN 4.2 Evaluate a budget/financial management plan and interpret financial data.

KRDN 4.3 Demonstrate an understanding of the regulation system related to billing and coding, what services are reimbursable by third party payers, and how reimbursement may be obtained.

KRDN 4.4 Apply the principles of human resource management to different situations.

KRDN 4.5 Apply safety and sanitation principles related to food, personnel and consumers.

KRDN 4.6 Explain the processes involved in delivering quality food and nutrition services.

KRDN 4.7 Evaluate data to be used in decision-making for continuous quality improvement.

#### **Domain 5. Leadership and Career Management: Skills, strengths, knowledge and experience relevant to leadership potential and professional growth for the nutrition and dietetics practitioner.**

KRDN 5.1 Perform self-assessment that includes awareness in terms of learning and leadership styles and cultural orientation and develop goals for self-improvement.

KRDN 5.2 Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge and experiences relevant to the position desired and career goals.

KRDN 5.3 Practice how to self-advocate for opportunities in a variety of settings (such as asking for needed support, presenting an elevator pitch).

KRDN 5.4 Practice resolving differences or dealing with conflict.

KRDN 5.5 Promote team involvement and recognize the skills of each member.

KRDN 5.6 Demonstrate an understanding of the importance and expectations of a professional in mentoring and precepting others.

#### **Program Progress & Remediation Plan**

Students taking freshman (1000) or sophomore (2000) level courses will receive an early progress grade at approximately the midterm of each semester in addition to an end-of-semester final grade for each course taken at the University of Arkansas. Students are

required to meet with an academic advisor at least once each semester to discuss degree progress and to plan for the selection of courses for the following semester. Please see the listing of resources for enhancing academic success here:

<https://bumperscollege.uark.edu/student-services/index.php>

Students in the HNAD major are required to obtain 2.0 grade points in each of the NUTR/HOSP and Science courses listed on the degree check sheet. Students not performing well in the program will be counseled regarding career paths that may be more suited to their abilities.

Students are subject to the University's policies on academic progress:

<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatedcatalog/academicregulations/academicprobationsuspensionanddismissal/>

### Earning a Verification Statement

To earn a Verification Statement students must:

- Earn a grade of "C" or better in all NUTR and HOSP courses and all of the required science courses
- Successfully complete all assignments associated with the 31 KRDNs in courses
- Have no Academic and/or Disciplinary Sanctions due to academic dishonesty, in accordance with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Code of Ethics

All program graduates who successfully meet the above requirements will receive a Verification Statement from the DPD Director after the Registrar's Office officially confirms the degree/program completion. This DPD Verification Statement will have an authenticated digital signature and the document will be "locked" to prohibit any editing after signing. Verification statements will be emailed to graduates within 4-6 weeks of graduation/program completion. Official copies of each student's DPD verification statement are kept on file permanently by the DPD director at the University of Arkansas.

### DPD Student Responsibilities and Ethics

The Didactic Program in Dietetics follows the University's policies on academic integrity and student conduct.

The University of Arkansas upholds academic integrity as foundational to appropriate conduct within the university setting. The Academic Integrity Policy is found here:

<http://honesty.uark.edu/policy/>

The Code of Student Life outlines student conduct and disciplinary policies that pertain to students and student organizations at the University of Arkansas.

<http://handbook.uark.edu/code-of-student-life/student-conduct/index.php>

### Policies and Procedures for Review of Academic Performance

Students enrolled in the DPD Program at the University of Arkansas should conduct themselves in a professional manner while on or off campus in the course of attending classes. Two levels of review can occur within the DPD Program. Faculty may share pertinent information for the professional purpose of identifying student issues and enhancing problem solving about concerns. University procedures related to student performance will be followed.

Student reviews can occur under any of the following circumstances:

- Failure to meet or maintain academic requirements, including failure to achieve required competencies (KRNDs)
- Academic dishonesty, including cheating, lying plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, or any act designed to give an unfair academic advantage to the student (see the Academic Integrity Policy (<http://honesty.uark.edu/policy/>))
- Consistent pattern of unprofessional behavior
- Behavior judged to be in violation of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics code of Ethics (<https://www.eatrightpro.org/-/media/files/eatrightpro/practice/code-of-ethics/codeofethicshandout.pdf?rev=e70b72588c044984a6b93cff61bcb793> )

#### Level 1 Review

A Level 1 review involves a faculty member and a student. When a faculty member has concerns about a student enrolled in the DPD Program in terms of meeting any of the academic criteria, whether related to professional behavior or scholastic performance, that faculty member will:

- Discuss the concerns directly with the student and seek to work with the student to resolve the difficulties, documenting the dates and content of all meetings.
- Provide written documentation of the concern to the DPD Program Director. At this point, the documentation will be retained by the program director and does not become a part of the student's permanent file. In most instances, meetings between faculty and students resolve the concerns and do not lead to the next level of review.

#### Level 2 Review

A Level 2 review is initiated by the DPD Program Director when concerns have not been resolved at Level 1, or if multiple reports are received (indicating a pattern of behavior). The DPD Program Director will meet with the faculty member(s) and the student to address the issue. A plan of action to address the concerns will be determined and the plan of action will be monitored. If the concern directly involves the DPD Director in their role as instructor or academic advisor, then the Director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences will direct and monitor the plan of action. Documentation of all meetings with the student will be maintained by the DPD Program Director. Outcomes may include:

- The concern has been addressed and no further action by either the student or the program is indicated
- Establish formal conditions for the student's continuance in the program. This may include establishing goals, a plan, a timeline and appropriate monitoring,

providing mentoring and support, and/or referring the student to counseling and/or advising services

- Consult with and/or refer to the Dean of Students. Depending upon the nature of the problem, the University's Office of the Dean of Students may be consulted. If a referral is made to the Office of the Dean of Students, it will be done with the student's full knowledge. The student will be notified in writing about the nature of the concern and the referral.
- Counsel the student to change majors. In some situations, it will be recommended that the student no longer continue in the DPD Program.

#### DPD Student Complaint Policy

- The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) follows the University policy for Student Academic Appeals to resolve student complaints. The University policy may be located at <https://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/academicregulations/studentacademicappeals/>. As stated in the policy, students should first seek to resolve concerns through informal discussions. Specifically, grievances surrounding academic matters should begin with the student's instructor. Students may also seek to discuss the matter with the DPD Program Director or their academic advisor, however if informal discussions do not reach a satisfactory resolution, then the student may pursue a grievance according to the University policy. The first step in this process is to discuss the matter with the Director of HESC. Then if the issue is still not resolved, the student should make an appointment with the Dean of Bumpers College or appropriate administrator and continue to attempt to solve the problem through the Formal Grievance Policy as detailed in the link above.
- A chronological record of all student complaints is maintained by the Program Director, as required by ACEND.
- The chronological record of all student complaints is available for inspection during ACEND on-site evaluation visits (e.g., site visitors) upon request.
- If you have complaints about the DPD Program related to the ACEND Standards complaints may be submitted directly to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) only after all other options for resolving complaints with the Dietetics Program and the University of Arkansas have been exhausted, according to ACEND policy <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/public-notices-and-announcements/filing-a-complaint-with-acend/procedure-for-complaints-against-accredited-programs> ). Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190 Chicago, IL 60606-6995 (312) 899-0040 x5400 Email: ACEND@eatright.org.

#### Minors

Minors can certainly be added to the degree plan. However, special care must be taken to assure that the proper sequencing of courses is maintained. While a minor in Human Nutrition is available, it is not available for those students majoring in Human Nutrition and Dietetics (or in Food, Nutrition and Health). A listing of minors available at the University of

Arkansas is here:

<http://catalog.uark.edu/undergradatecatalog/fieldsofstudy/#fieldsalphabeticallytext>

### Transfer Students and Assessment of Prior Learning for Undergraduates

Undergraduate students planning to transfer to the University of Arkansas to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Environmental Sciences with a major in Human Nutrition and Dietetics (HNAD) will apply through the Office of Admissions (<https://admissions.uark.edu/apply/transferstudent.php>). The Registrar's Office will determine which courses will transfer directly into the U of A. Any courses not directly transferring will be evaluated by the respective department(s) for that course. Should any dietetics courses need evaluation, the DPD Director will be responsible for completing that evaluation. This may require transfer students to provide syllabi and/or assignments/projects completed from the transferring institution which reflect student learning outcomes. It is expected that students will take NUTR 42603/42703 (Medical Nutrition Therapy I & II), NUTR 42103/42303 (Advanced Nutrition I & II), NUTR 41003 (Research Methods in Nutrition) and NUTR 42203 (Life Cycle Nutrition) at the University of Arkansas. No course credit is given for prior work experience. Please note that the time to graduation is may be lengthened by transferring from another institution or when changing majors.

Students wishing to self-evaluate course work taken at another regionally accredited institution or currently enrolled students who wish to take courses at another institution can view the transfer course equivalency by searching the [Transfer Course Equivalency Guides](#). If the course is not listed, consult with a University of Arkansas academic advisor to ensure the course will transfer directly to the University of Arkansas.

### Assessment of Prior Learning for Post-Baccalaureate Students and International Students

Students who have successfully completed a Bachelor's degree and are seeking to return to college and pursue the pathway to becoming a registered dietitian nutritionist may be eligible to complete only the DPD coursework (and any associated pre/co-requisites). Please make an appointment with the DPD Director to discuss specifics by emailing <mailto:mcrob@uark.edu>. Transcript evaluations are good for one year. International students will also need to submit a formal course-by-course evaluation/transcript evaluation from an ACEND approved agency. Please refer to information from the ACEND website: <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/students-and-advancing-education/international-students>

### Honors

The University of Arkansas has a distinguished history of honors studies that dates back to 1954, when the honors program in the College of Arts and Sciences was established. Since that time, the University has expanded the honors experience to students in all disciplines, tailored to their specific majors. Incoming DPD students who have an ACT score of at least 28 and a high school GPA of at least 3.50 are invited to apply for admission to the Bumpers College Honors Program. Current and transfer students with no more than 62 hours completed and a college GPA of at least 3.50 are also invited to apply for admission to the Bumpers College Honors Program. DPD students will complete research or a creative project in a variety of areas related to nutrition as a component of their honors

experience. Additional information can be found here:

<https://bumpershonors.uark.edu/index.php>

### Study Abroad

Various study abroad opportunities are available through a variety of sources, including faculty lead study abroad programs, ranging in length from a few weeks to full semesters. Full semesters abroad must be planned carefully to allow maximum utilization of credit hours earned abroad as well as to minimize impact upon DPD course sequence. See the University of Arkansas's Study Abroad website at <https://studyabroad.uark.edu> and the Bumpers College International Programs website at <https://bumpersinternational.uark.edu> for additional information.

### Tuition and Fees

Educational expenses at the University of Arkansas will vary according to a student's course of study, personal needs and place of residence. Tuition rates are approved by the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees in the spring of each year so estimates may not reflect the new rates for a future term. Tuition and fees are charged per credit hour. ID and new student fees will be assessed to all undergraduate students their first term on campus. Tuition and college fees are determined by a student's college of record for the term. Detailed information about tuition is available at [Fayetteville Policy 511.0](#) and about fees at [Fayetteville Policy 511.1](#). The University of Arkansas provides a tuition and fees estimation calculator on the Treasurer's Office website: <https://treasurernet.uark.edu/Estimator.aspx>. Information regarding withdrawal and refund of tuition and fees and other academic regulations can be found on the UA Treasurer's website. <https://treasurernet.uark.edu/withdraw.aspx>

### UA Housing

University housing information is posted on their website at <https://housing.uark.edu>. Information regarding dining on campus options is listed here <https://dineoncampus.com/razorbacks>

### Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

Scholarship and financial aid information can be found at <https://bumperscollege.uark.edu/future-students/scholarships.php>.

### Program Costs

Specific fees include expenses associated with required courses (approximate costs):

- Physical and Biological Science courses may have additional costs associated with laboratory components of those courses such as lab goggles (variable costs).
- NUTR 2111L (1 hour) Principles of Foods Lab. Students will need a lab coat (estimated cost of \$35) and closed toed, non-skid shoes (variable cost).

- Incidental costs involved with other class projects will vary.

Optional costs include membership dues for the Student Dietetic Association (\$5/semester) and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Student Membership (\$58/year).

Applications for dietetic internships will include the following:

- DICAS (Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System) fee is \$50 for first application and \$25 for each additional application
- Application fees to dietetic internships and/or graduate programs can vary; please refer to individual program websites for complete information.

## **Additional Information for DPD Students**

### **Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination**

The University of Arkansas (University) is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. The University prohibits discrimination (including discriminatory harassment, and sexual harassment) against any student, applicant for admission, employee, applicant for employment, affiliate, subcontractor, on-site contractual staff, agency employee, third party or community member, visitors to campus and others participating in campus programs or receiving campus services.

Discriminatory actions are prohibited based on an individual's actual or perceived association with the following categories, herein called "protected class": race/color; national or ethnic origin; age; religion; disability; sex; sexual orientation; gender; gender identity and expression; marital or parental status; military or veteran status; genetic information; and any other characteristic protected under applicable University policy, state or federal law/executive order.

For additional information, please visit the following site: <https://vcfa.uark.edu/fayetteville-policies-procedures/oeoc/2141.php>

### **Academic Calendar**

The official calendar of the academic semester dates and deadlines for the University of Arkansas is found here: <https://registrar.uark.edu/academic-dates/academic-semester-calendar/>

### **Academic Advising**

The mission of Bumpers College Advising is to enhance the educational experience and maximize opportunities for students in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food & Life Sciences. Students with fewer than 60 hours are assigned to an academic advisor. Students' academic advisor's contact information is listed on their [UAConnect](#) Student Center screen. After completing 60 credit hours, students are assigned to a faculty advisor. All DPD students (or potential students) are encouraged to visit with the DPD Director. Please email <mailto:mcrob@uark.edu> for an appointment. Please see the Bumpers College



Advising and Student Services website for additional details regarding the advising process:  
<https://bumperscollege.uark.edu/student-services/index.php>

#### Protection of Privacy of Student Information (FERPA)

Students' Rights to Privacy are found on the University of Arkansas website at  
<https://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/ferpa/>

#### Access to Personal Files

Students at the University of Arkansas have specific rights regarding the information the institution is keeping. Information regarding the access to records can be found on the website at <https://registrar.uark.edu/student-records/ferpa/ferpa-for-students.php>

#### Verification of Student Identity in Online Testing or in Large Classes

In large class sections, students may be required to show their student ID card on examination days to verify their identity before submitting their exam. For those classes utilizing online testing, students are required to log into Blackboard using their uark.edu account and password.

#### Student Support Services

A variety of academic resources exists at the University of Arkansas to ensure student success. Please visit the following sites for details.

- Physical and Psychological Health Services: <http://health.uark.edu/>
- Center for Educational Access: <http://cea.uark.edu/>
- Financial Aid: <http://finaid.uark.edu>
- Academic Calendar: <https://registrar.uark.edu/academic-dates/3-year-academic-calendar/index.php>
- Student Success: <https://success.uark.edu/>