

**Department of Health and Exercise Sciences**  
**Coordinated Program in Dietetics**  
**Rowan University**

**APPLICATION**

**PACKET**

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CPD) combines upper-division course work in nutrition and dietetics with a minimum of 1,200 hours of supervised practice experience. The demands of this curriculum are great; therefore, students must exhibit maturity, initiative, self-discipline and academic competence to take full advantage of the learning opportunities provided. We aim to graduate competent diverse dietetic practitioners who enjoy successful careers. We seek bright, energetic, enthusiastic individuals to provide nutrition services to a community of diverse clients.

Application to the CP should be made the last semester the student is completing prerequisites, which is the spring semester of the sophomore year. The coordinated program takes 3 years to complete. To qualify for acceptance into the program, a student must first meet with the Academic Advisor to discuss his/her intentions to declare to continue with the specialization in Dietetics. Before applying for admission to the program, please note the following requirements:

**All prerequisite coursework must be completed.**

**A minimum grade of "C-" is required in the following science courses:**

- Chemistry with lab I and II
- Anatomy and Physiology with lab I and II
- Organic Chemistry with lab I and II (you can be currently enrolled in Organic Chemistry II to apply) OR Foundations of Nutritional Biochemistry
- Foundations of Biology with lab I and II (Biology 1 and or 2 does not transfer in for these courses) (you can be currently enrolled in Foundations of Biology 2 to apply)

**A minimum grade of C is required in the following Nutrition courses:**

- Basic Nutrition
- Intro to Nutrition Professions
- Any nutrition course within the major core requirements

Students with a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.0 on sciences and major/nutrition courses (on a 4.0 system) are the most likely to have a successful application to the program.

A formal application process will include a digital application and a formal interview. The applicant's grades, work and volunteer activities, leadership and extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation as well as the performance in the interview will be part of the decision making process for admission to the Coordinated Program. Application to the professional phase of the program consists of the following components:

- a) Completion of meeting with the Academic Advisor prior to the application to verify the completion of all prerequisite course work.
  - *No grades lower than a "D" in general education courses.*
  - *No grades lower than a "C-" in science courses and major/nutrition course*
- b) Submission of a resume, unofficial transcripts of the coursework completed in the first 3 semesters (overall GPA of 3.0 required), and the written self-assessment statement in an application packet by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must submit a digital copy of the application packet to the program director, Elizabeth Tenison at [tenison@rowan.edu](mailto:tenison@rowan.edu)
- c) Completion of an interview with the CP application review committee, consisting of the department chair, program director and other nutrition faculty and preceptors, by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**A complete digital application consists of the following:**

**An E-portfolio that highlights the following**

- Cover letter: Introduce yourself and highlight your skill set. Make sure to put a link to your e-portfolio in your cover letter.
- E-portfolio which includes: May use a resume in e-portfolio to cover the required components of the application.
  - Education
  - Jobs and work experience (organization, job title, date, and responsibilities)
  - Volunteer work you have completed or in progress
  - Conferences and training workshops in nutrition and other health related areas that you have attended
  - Nutrition and health-related certifications that you hold
  - Other involvement in health-related organizations and projects
- GPA Verification Statement, signed by the Academic Advisor
- Copies of unofficial transcripts from other institutions (if the applicant has transferred to Rowan) and unofficial Rowan transcripts of the coursework completed prior to the application ("Issued to student" copies of transcripts are acceptable for the application to the CPD)
- A formal self-assessment statement for the concentration of the program you choose, between 400 and 800 words. (*If you choose to apply for more than one concentration, you will need to include a self-assessment statement for each of the concentration you apply for.*) The self-assessment statement should address the following:

- Why you are interested in dietetics as a career
- Why you have chosen to apply to the CPD at Rowan University
- Why you believe you should be accepted into the CPD
- What would you like to do with a degree in Dietetics?
- What kind of work do you see yourself doing upon graduation?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- A statement of **three** career goals or other pertinent long-range personal goals

*Write **three** specific professional goals that you want to accomplish when you enter the CP (the following 3 years). These goals should be **specific, measurable, realistic, and challenging**.*

- At least two recommendation/reference letter(s) from a work experience supervisor or college professor (not necessarily dietetics related).

When the application packet has been submitted, applicants will be notified of the interview schedule by the admissions committee

## Scoring Guide for Application for the Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Rowan University

Name of Student	Class	Date		
<b>Category</b>		<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Graded Points</b>	
<b><i>Grade Point Average in overall GPA in Nutrition Major only</i></b>		<b>15</b>		
3.71 - 4.00 = 15 points	2.61 - 2.90 = 5 points			
3.51 - 3.70 = 13 points	2.41 - 2.60 = 3 points			
3.31 - 3.50 = 11 points	2.21 - 2.39 = 1 point			
3.11 - 3.30 = 9 points	< 2.20 = 0 points			
2.91 - 3.10 = 7 points				
<b><i>Grade Point Average in GPA of Sciences and Major Courses</i></b>		<b>15</b>		
3.71 - 4.00 = 15 points	2.61 - 2.90 = 5 points			
3.51 - 3.70 = 13 points	2.41 - 2.60 = 3 points			
3.31 - 3.50 = 11 points	2.21 - 2.39 = 1 point			
3.11 - 3.30 = 9 points	< 2.20 = 0 points			
2.91 - 3.10 = 7 points				
<b><i>Application Packet (Cover letter, Resume, Self-assessment statement, etc.)</i></b>		<b>50</b>		
Work experience and/or community service	= 10 points maximum			
Leadership or Extracurricular activities	= 10 points maximum			
Strength of interest in the field of dietetics	= 5 points maximum			
Statement of professional goals	= 5 points maximum			
Assessment of personal strengths and weaknesses	= 5 points maximum			
Presentation and writing style	= 5 points maximum			
e-Portfolio quality	= 5 points maximum			
Letters of Recommendation (2)	= 5 points maximum			
<b><i>Interview</i></b>		<b>20</b>		

Appropriateness of response to questions	= 5 points maximum		
Knowledge and/or enthusiasm for profession	= 5 points maximum		
Confidence and delivery of oral communication during interview	= 5 points maximum		
Submitted Signed Handbook Agreement	=5 points maximum		
<b>Comments:</b>			
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>	
A minimum score of 75 must be achieved for consideration for program admission.			

Summer Session 1				Fall Session			
Course	sh.	Total	Per credit	Course	sh.	total	Per credit
Nutrition and Epidemiology NUT 00518	3	\$2,400	\$800/credit	Nutrition Research Seminar NUT 501	1	\$800	\$800/credit
				Inter-Professional Seminar	2	\$1,600	\$800/credit
Advanced Nutritional Assessment NUT 00500	3	\$2,400	\$800/credit	Supervised Practice 1 NUT 00520	6	\$4,800	\$800/credit
Semester Total	6			Semester Total	9		
Spring Session				Summer Session 2			

Course	sh	Total	Per semester	Course	sh	Total	Per semester
Wellness Coaching/Behavior Change WLM00541	3	\$2,400	\$800/credit	Advanced Nutrition Therapy NUT 00511	3	\$2,400	\$800/credit
Medical Supervised Practice 2 NUT 00530	6	\$5,970	\$995/credit	Metabolic Basis of Disease NUT 540	3	\$2,400	\$800/credit
Semester Total	9			Semester Total	6		

*\*Fees are not final. They are an estimate and are subject to change without notice.*