

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 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 CPD 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:

- a) All prerequisite course work must be completed.
- b) A minimum grade of "C-" is required in the following 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)
 - 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)
 - Basic Nutrition
 - Introduction to Nutrition Professions
- c) The student must have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average and a 3.0 on sciences and major/nutrition courses (on a 4.0 system) to be considered.

A formal application process will include a written application and an interview. The applicant's grades, extra-curricular involvement, written essays and performance in the interview will all be considered in making the decision. Application to the professional phase of the program consists 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 courses*

- b) Submission of a resume, unofficial transcripts of the coursework completed in the first 3 semesters (over all GPA of 3.0 required), and the written self-assessment statement in an application packet by Feb 15th. Applicants must turn in 4 copies of the application packet to the department secretary, Mrs. Lisa Brown.
- c) Completion of an interview with the CPD application review committee, consisting of the department chair, program director and other nutrition faculty and preceptors, by April 1st.

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Submission of application packet in a PDF file into the Nutrition Majors Blackboard shell in the designated module for applications. The packet should include:
 - a) Cover page with the applicant's name, phone number and Rowan email address.
 - b) Cover letter
 - c) Resume, which includes:
 - Education
 - Jobs and work experience (organization, job title, date, and responsibilities)
 - Volunteer work you have completed
 - 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
 - d) GPA Verification Statement, signed by the Academic Advisor
 - e) Copies of 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)
 - f) 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 CPD (the following 3 years). These goals should be **specific, measurable, realistic, and challenging.***

- g) Optional: Recommendation/reference letter(s) from a work experience supervisor or college professor (not necessarily dietetics related).
2. When the application packet has been submitted, applicants will be notified of the interview schedule by the Dietetics Program Coordinator.

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

| Name of Student | Class | Date | | |
|--|----------------------|------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Category | | | No. of Points Possible | Points Graded |
| <i>Grade Point Average in overall GPA</i> | | | 20 | |
| 3.80 - 4.00 = 20 points | Below 3.0 = 0 points | | | |
| 3.60 - 3.79 = 18 points | | | | |
| 3.40 - 3.59 = 16 points | | | | |
| 3.20 - 3.39 = 14 points | | | | |
| 3.00 - 3.19 = 12 points | | | | |
| <i>Grade Point Average in GPA of Sciences and Major Courses</i> | | | 20 | |
| 3.80 - 4.00 = 20 points | Below 3.0 = 0 points | | | |
| 3.60 - 3.79 = 18 points | | | | |
| 3.40 - 3.59 = 16 points | | | | |
| 3.20 - 3.39 = 14 points | | | | |
| 3.00 - 3.19 = 12 points | | | | |
| <i>Work experience and/or community service</i> | = 10 points maximum | | 10 | |
| <i>Application Packet (Cover letter, Resume, Self-assessment statement, etc.)</i> | | | 20 | |
| Strength of interest in the field of dietetics | = 4 points maximum | | | |
| Knowledge of and interest in the program | = 4 points maximum | | | |
| Statement of professional goals | = 4 points maximum | | | |
| Assessment of personal strengths and weaknesses | = 4 points maximum | | | |
| Presentation and writing style | = 4 points maximum | | | |
| <i>Interview</i> | | | 15 | |
| Verbal communication skills | = 5 points maximum | | | |
| Knowledge and/or Enthusiasm for Profession | = 5 points maximum | | | |
| Ability to answer questions | = 5 points maximum | | | |
| <i>Overall quality and presentation of application materials</i> | | | 10 | |
| <i>Other Considerations (leadership and extracurricular activities, etc.)</i> | | | 5 | |
| TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS | | | 100 | |
| A minimum score of 75 must be achieved for consideration for program admission. | | | | |