

Verification Statement from the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) at CU – Mansfield

A Verification Statement is an official document that signifies that the student has met all academic and professional requirements as dictated by the Accreditation Council in Education for Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) for the CU – Mansfield DPD program.

Verification statements (VS) will be issued based on the following criteria:

- The B.S. in Nutrition, concentration Dietetics, is conferred by the University Registrar and designated as such on the official transcript.
- The DPD Program Director has verified that KRDN Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) have met the corresponding minimum requirements on DPD course assignments.
- For students who have previously completed a baccalaureate or graduate degree at a US regionally accredited college/university or foreign equivalent, a verification statement will be issued upon completion and verification of the DPD requirements including meeting the corresponding minimum requirements for KRDN Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) on DPD course assignments.

Who Completes and Signs a Verification Statement?

- This form will be completed, signed, and supplied by the DPD Program Director on record with ACEND® when the form is signed.
- The form will be signed following the date of program and degree completion and conferral.
- Predated or pre-issued statements will not be provided, as they considered invalid by ACEND.
- Program completion date and signature date will include month, day, and year.
- Statements will be signed with a digital signature that can be authenticated and will be sent to each student's CU – Mansfield email address on record with the University.
- Students have the option to pick up their Verification Statement in person upon request.
- The DPD Program Director will retain **one original paper copy and/or an electronic copy** (original scanned in color or digitally signed) indefinitely in the student/graduate file at the University. It is recommended that the student keep an original Verification Statement in their files.

To establish eligibility for a Dietetic Internship or Supervised Practice Program:

- The completion of ACEND® Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) requirements and a bachelor's degree in Nutrition from CU – Mansfield will permit an individual to apply to an ACEND®-accredited Dietetic Internship (DI) or Supervised Practice Program (SPP); however, the VS does not guarantee acceptance into a program.
- Please note that acceptance of a graduate into a DI or SPP is competitive.
- When the DPD Program Director signs a verification statement, they are also verifying that the individual has completed a baccalaureate degree from CU – Mansfield and met the DPD program requirements.

To establish eligibility to write the registration examination for dietetic technicians (DTR):

- In order for an individual to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) credentialing exam for the dietetic technician registered (DTR) exam, a verification statement is required that indicates DPD program completion.
- Successful graduates of the ACEND® DPD from CU – Mansfield may take the DTR credentialing exam.

Procedure

Nutrition and dietetics students are subject to all University academic requirements. The following academic requirements apply only to those wishing to obtain the Dietetics Verification Statement.

1. Courses required for the B.S. in Nutrition: Dietetics concentration may not be taken Pass/Fail.
2. Nutrition and Dietetics courses may be repeated once.
3. Requirements for the B.S. in Nutrition: Dietetics concentration must be completed in 7 years or the student may need to repeat certain courses.

The following academic standards stated must also be met to receive a Verification Statement. This statement is required for an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) dietetic internship or supervised practice program. It may be required by Future Education Graduate Programs and Coordinated Programs in Dietetics, state licensure, and in some states for certification. It may also be required by potential employers.

1. Students must meet all DPD course KRDN learning outcomes benchmarks with a grade of 70% or higher. Failure to achieve a 70% or better will require remediation (See Remediation Policy for further details).
2. Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.7 upon graduation.
3. A grade of “C” or above is required in all nutrition and dietetics (NUTR) courses or the course must be repeated.
4. Student must earn their bachelor's degree in nutrition with a concentration in Dietetics.

Additional information about Verification Statements is available on the ACEND website at <https://www.eatrightpro.org/acend/program-directors/program-directors-faqs/faqs-about-verification-statements>.

Students who are in the dietetics track and do not meet the program's requirements for receiving a Verification Statement will receive a letter letting them know what they need to do to meet the standards. Students will be asked to meet with their academic adviser on a regular basis during the upcoming semester and until they meet the program standards for receiving a Verification Statement. Students who graduate without meeting the standards for receiving Verification Statements will need to repeat courses at CU – Mansfield or another Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics accredited DPD program, which offers a course or courses equivalent to the course or courses the student lacks based on numbers 1-4 above. Students failing to meet the minimum GPA, but who meet the NUTR course grade standards need to repeat courses at CU – Mansfield or another accredited four-year institution until they meet the minimum GPA requirement.

Second Degree Students Seeking a DPD Verification Statement

- The student must be admitted into CU – Mansfield as a degree-seeking student and meet the University's admission requirements
- The transfer admission GPA for the Nutrition/DPD Program requires a minimum GPA of 2.5 (<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/transfer-student-application-process>).
- Transfer credits from an official transcript(s) will be reviewed by the University Registrar's office which will decide whether a course is transferred as equivalent to a MU course.
- If a course is not deemed a transfer equivalent by the Registrar's office, the DPD Director can determine equivalency of a DPD course from another institution.
- Students wishing to transfer credits from other ACEND accredited DPD programs may request to have their courses reviewed by the DPD director to determine the course and KRDN SLO equivalencies.
- Students will be asked to provide the course syllabus and graded assignments that meet the KRDN SLO(s).
- Determination of equivalency by the DPD Director will occur on a case-by-case basis.
- When the second degree seeking student does not transfer courses that meet the DPD program (e.g., Nutrition and Science courses, and Statistics and Accounting I), they will be required to take those courses.
- Second degree seeking students must complete a minimum of 30 credits at CU - Mansfield.

DPD Required Courses

- CHEM 116 Physiological Chemistry 1: General Chemistry (4)
- CHEM 117 Physiological Chemistry 2: Organic and Biological Chemistry (or transfer of Organic Chemistry I) (4)
- CHEM 251 Nutritional Biochemistry (or transfer of Biochemistry) (4)
- HLSC 115/BIOL 180 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I (or transfer equivalent)
- HLSC 120/BIOL 181 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II (or transfer equivalent)
- BIOL 235 – Microbiology for Allied Health (or transfer of Microbiology)

- STAT 141 – Introduction to Statistics
- NUTR 200 – Introduction to Nutrition
- NUTR 300 – Cultural Nutrition
- NUTR 205 – Principles of Food Science
- NUTR 310 – Nutritional Assessment
- NUTR 315 – Life Cycle Nutrition
- NUTR 335 – Nutrition Organization and Management
- NUTR 320 – Community Nutrition
- NUTR 325 – Counseling and Health Education
- NUTR 400 – Medical Nutrition Therapy I
- NUTR 405 – Medical Nutrition Therapy II
- NUTR 440 – Quantity Food Production
- NUTR 415 – Advanced Nutrition
- NUTR 420 – Nutrition Research Seminar

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Remediation Policy

- Students who do not meet all the requirements for the verification statement will not receive a DPD Verification Statement from the program until the KRDN requirements and a course grade of C or higher is earned.
- Students not achieving a C or higher will have to repeat the course.
- In the event a student does not meet a KRDN requirement during a course, the student must remediate the assignment until they have met the requirement to earn their verification statement.
- Remediating requirements will not change grade outcomes on that assignment.
- Remediation plans are at the discretion of the professor.
- Upon successfully completing the requirements to earn a VS, the DPD Program Director will issue an official electronic VS to the student.