

Virginia Tech Dietetics Programs – An Overview

HNFE has three dietetics programs which meet unique needs of those seeking to become registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN). Program directors work cooperatively with the support of the Dietetics Committee to ensure that each program meets the education needs of future dietitians. All programs are accredited through [ACEND](#). The chart below illustrates information about each program.

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Description	Undergraduate bachelor of science degree in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise- Dietetics option that upon completion ensures eligibility to apply to ACEND accredited dietetics supervised practice programs. Pathway to complete the MS in Nutrition and Dietetics in 5-year BS/MS.	9 month supervised practice program- individualized to meet each intern's interests and needs. <u>Two locations:</u> Blacksburg and Northern Virginia <u>Emphasis:</u> Leadership and Professional Development -prepares graduates to be leaders in the profession.	17-21 month graduate program that coordinates coursework with supervised experiential learning based on ACEND's Future Education Model <u>Emphasis:</u> Nutrition Counseling for Behavior Change <u>Location:</u> Roanoke metro area and New River Valley
Eligibility requirements	Acceptance into Virginia Tech All HNFE BS degree requirements based on graduation year; maintenance of 3.0 overall GPA.	Application through DICAS (Dietetic Internship Centralized Application System) and match process through D & D Digital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification Statement from DPD program • DPD GPA of 3.0 or higher • Work experience 	Application through Virginia Tech Graduate School: <u>Track one:</u> Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with min. GPA of 3.0; fulfillment of specific prerequisites <u>Track two:</u> Current HNFE DPD students* with min. GPA of 3.4 *Apply as Junior(spring), start as Senior
Completion of program outcome	Verification Statement (VS) issued results in graduates eligibility to apply to dietetics supervised practice programs. Eligibility to take the NDTR exam immediately.	Verification Statement (VS) issued results in graduates being able to take the Registration Exam for Dietitians	Master's in Nutrition and Dietetics; Verification Statement (VS) issued results in graduates being able to take the Registration Exam for Dietitians
Cost	VT undergraduate tuition and fees	\$9000 program fee Not eligible for federal loans	Tuition estimates: Track one, In-state: \$38,316 Track one, out-of-state: \$69,107 Track two, in-state: \$39,199* Track two, out-of-state: \$74,160* *includes senior year of B.S. degree
Length of program	120 credits for BS- 4 years BS/MS pathway includes the credits required for Track two of MS in Nutrition and Dietetics	9 months (late August- early May)	Track one: 17* months Track two: 21* months *Actual completion time depends on individual demonstration of program competencies
Expected enrollment	~25-35 graduating cohort per year	20 interns (10 in Northern Virginia and 10 in Blacksburg region)	20 students per cohort (8-12 per track)