

CLAS Academic Advising Center

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Dietetics & Nutrition Fact Sheet

What degrees can I earn?

- Associate's degree: path to becoming a Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR)
- Bachelor's degree: path to becoming a Registered Dietitian (RD)
- Master's degree: path to becoming a Registered Dietitian (RD)

Where can I find additional information?

- American Dietetic Association – www.eatright.org

Paths to Becoming a Registered Dietician (RD)	
Coordinated Program in Dietetics (RD)	Required dietetics coursework + 1200 hours of supervised practice within an academic program leading to a Bachelor's or graduate degree
Didactic Program in Dietetics & Dietetic Internship (RD)	Didactic Programs provide the required dietetics coursework leading toward a Bachelor's or graduate degree. Graduates of CADE-accredited programs who are verified by the program director may apply for Dietetic Internships to establish eligibility to write the CDR registration examination for dietitians.
Graduate Study (RD)	Dietetics coursework and dietetic internship
Dietetic Technician Programs	The DT program must provide required DT coursework and at least 450 hours of supervised practice within an academic program leading to an Associate's degree. Graduates of CADE-accredited programs are eligible to write the CDR registration examination for dietetic technicians.

The following courses are strongly recommended as preparation for the dietetics programs:

BIO 120: General Biology I	CHM 242: Organic Chem for Life Sciences II
BMS 105: Basic Nutrition	CHM 461: Biochemistry I
BMS 208: Human Anatomy	ECO 210: Introductory Macroeconomics
BMS 212/213: Introductory Microbiology w/lab	ECO 211: Introductory Microeconomics
BMS 290/291: Human Physiology w/lab	MTH 110: Algebra
CHM 115: Principles of Chemistry I	Higher-level math (MTH 122, 123, or 201)
CHM 116: Principles of Chemistry II	PSY 101: Introductory Psychology
CHM 241: Organic Chem for Life Sciences I	STA 215: Introductory Applied Statistics

Other recommended courses: ANT 204 or SOC 201, BMS 306, BMS 407, BMS 404

*****Please note that pre-requisites may vary from school to school. Do your research to make sure that you have met the pre-requisites for the programs to which you intend to apply.*****

Michigan Dietetics Programs

Associate's degree program

Wayne County Community College District

Bachelor's degree programs

Combined: *Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University*

Didactic: *Andrews University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Madonna University, Central Michigan University*

Master's degree programs

Eastern Michigan University & University of Michigan

Where can I work?

- Hospitals, HMO's, or health care facilities
- Sports nutrition and corporate wellness programs
- Food and nutrition-related business and industries
- Private Practice
- Community and public health settings
- Universities and medical centers
- Research areas

We STRONGLY encourage you to contact an academic advisor in the program to which you intend to apply early in your academic career in order to ensure that you are preparing adequately.

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