Remarks from the Program Director



Dear Students:

I would like to congratulate you on being accepted into the most exciting part of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics – the Upper Division. During this phase of your study you will have the opportunity, under the supervision of your instructors and clinical supervisors, to treat patients, to interact with patients' family and loved ones and to interact with physicians and other allied health professionals. This is a very important phase of your education and must be taken seriously. In order to treat and manage patients, you must be knowledgeable about the information that you are sharing with patients and other members of the health care team. We as instructors will make every effort to ensure that you have accurate and timely information to share with patients and colleagues and that you are confident with the knowledge that you have acquired. However, it is incumbent upon you to prepare yourself adequately for this challenging and exciting time and to make wise use of the learning process. As you know, the field of nutrition and dietetics is a very dynamic one and you must keep abreast of the new information and correct any misinformation that is being disseminated. In addition to classroom experiences, we will give you the opportunity to attend selected local nutrition meetings, seminars and conferences. You will be given the opportunity to participate in health fairs in the community, on campus, and with local organizations. Through your membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, you will have access to the Association's monthly journal and updates in the field. We will also make available through the Department and the Health Sciences' Library, an assortment of nutrition-related journals. Every effort will be made to ensure that you have a rich and exciting educational experience during your time in the Department of Nutritional Sciences.

Once again congratulations, and on behalf of the faculty of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, I wish you all the very best.

Sincerely,

Dr. Avis Graham, Director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics

Program Mission, Goals and Objectives

Program Mission:

In keeping with the mission of Howard University, the mission of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics is to provide quality and innovative educational opportunities for local, national and international students. Particular emphasis is placed on the education of Black/African American and other ethnically diverse students. The program aims to graduate highly competent, compassionate, dedicated and adaptable generalist entry-level practitioners who are capable of using technology in the practice of dietetics. Graduates are expected to have exemplary careers assume leadership roles, and seek solutions to human and social problems in the United States and intentionally through the practice of dietetics.

Program Goal 1:

To educate and graduate entry-level Black/African American and ethnically diverse practitioners who will be successful on the registration examination and who would aspire to complete graduate education, and assume leadership roles in the dietetics profession.

Program Objectives for Goal 1:

- 1.1 At least 80% of graduates will pass the registration examination on the first attempt;
- 1.2 At least 95% of graduates will complete requirements within six years;
- 1.3 At least 10% of graduates will be accepted into graduate programs within two years of graduation with the BS degree;
- 1.4 At least 20% of graduates will have assumed leadership roles in the profession within five years of graduation with the BS degree;
- 1.5 The Coordinated Program will enhance its website in order to include information on program outcomes for current and prospective students and the public.

Program Goal 2:

To graduate compassionate dietetics professionals who are capable of and dedicated to providing solutions to nutritional problems in the United States and internationally.

Program Objectives for Goal 2:

- 2.1 Within a twelve month period at least 70% of graduates will be employed at organizations that are providing solutions to nutritional problems in the United States and internationally;
- 2.2 At least 80% of employers will evaluate graduates as capable practitioners.

Program Goal 3:

To prepare graduates who are capable of utilizing and incorporating technology in the practice of dietetics.

Program Objective for Goal 3:

3.1 Ninety percent of graduates will be able to demonstrate competence in the use of technology in health care settings.

Accreditation

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), Headquarters - the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 120 South River Side Plaza Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (800) 877-1600, www.eatright.org/acend. Students have the right to submit complaints to ACEND regarding matters not resolved by the program.

Program Description

The CP is a four-year degree program with a curriculum designed as upper and lower levels (formerly designated pre-professional and professional phases). During the first two years the students pursue the lower level component of the program. This is followed by the two-year upper level component. The students begin rotations in the fall semester of the junior year, culminating with the comprehensive clinical, management and community rotations in the final semester of the senior year.

Description of How the Program Fits into the Credentialing Process for Dietetic Practitioners

Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible for active membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and is eligible to write the Registration Examination for Dietitians without further education. Also students who complete the program satisfactorily receive a verification statement indicating that they have met all the requirements to practice as entry-level dietitians.

The CP is an entry-level program for undergraduate and graduate students. The Program, located within the Department of Nutritional Sciences, is designed to allow for the integration of classroom instruction with a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice, which culminates with:

• a B.S. degree in Nutritional Sciences;

- eligibility to apply for active membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics;
- eligibility to apply to write the Registration Examination for Dietitians, when verified by the Program Director as having successfully met the minimum academic requirements.

The lower level of the CP provides the general education and basic science courses, which enable students to perform competently in the upper level. The upper level emphasizes a combination of simulated and clinical, community and managerial practice experiences. Concepts acquired in classroom presentations are coordinated with "hands on" experiences in practice settings under supervision. Courses should be taken in sequential order. The upper level curriculum prepares students to function as entry-level dietitians.

Admission Requirements

Lower Level

Requirements for admission to the lower level are consistent with those of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, and particularly the Division of Allied Health Sciences. First-time entering freshmen considered for admission to the Department of Nutritional Sciences must submit an application form to the Howard University Office of Admissions and present proof of having met the following criteria:

- Graduation from high school or a G.E.D. certificate;
- A minimum score of 500 mathematics and 500 verbal on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or an equivalent score on the American College Test (ACT);
- All students admitted, as freshman must have completed the following high school units with a grade of "C" or better: English, mathematics, biology, chemistry.

Upper Level

Students who wish to apply to the Upper level of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics must:

- complete and submit an application package to the Department of Nutritional Sciences. The package must contain an essay stating goals and reasons for interest in dietetics, 3 letters of recommendation, and the application form;
- complete all prerequisite courses or equivalent required by the CP;
- have a grade point average of a minimum of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);

- have a minimum letter grade of "C" in physiology, and nutritional sciences courses;
- have no more than one letter grade of "C" in general chemistry, organic chemistry or microbiology;
- complete a minimum of 60 semester hours of prerequisites as prescribed in the curriculum for the program;
- participate in an interview with the CP Admissions Committee.

Transfer Students

Acceptance of course credits from an accredited college or university for transfer into the program will be determined by the departmental academic advisor. Transfer students will follow all applicable admission requirements which are as follows:

- complete the interdepartmental transfer form or the Howard University general application form and payment of all applicable fees;
- have cumulative grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale;
- have a minimum grade of "C" in required prerequisites;
- submit an official transcript from all previously attended universities or colleges. (Must have been in good standing at all institutions previously attended).

Admission to the lower level of the CP does not guarantee admission to the upper level.

Howard University has a very clearly defined policy on equal opportunity with reference to student admission. The Department adheres to this policy in its admission of students.

Curriculum Description

The academic program of the CP is designed to prepare students to provide competent and compassionate service to their clients locally, nationally and globally. The curriculum is intended to ensure that:

- every student has the maximum opportunity to perform at his or her best;
- every graduate has the necessary basic knowledge and skills to be a competent practitioner and to pass the registration examination;
- every graduate is equipped to pursue graduate education and/or other career interests.

Affiliations

In addition to rotations at Howard University Hospital, which is the primary site for the program, students have an opportunity to complete rotations at other hospitals in the Washington metropolitan area. Students also complete management and community rotations in a variety of sites including local and federal government agencies, hospitals, extended care facilities, public and private industries.

Curriculum

Effective Fall 2012 the number of credits required for graduation from the program was reduced to 120 credit hours. This reduction applies only to students entering the program during the freshman year. The 120 credit hours curriculum is detailed below.

Academic Program Leading to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutritional Sciences (Dietetics Concentration)

		FRESH	IMAN YEAR		
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
AHCC-110	Gen Orientation	2	ENGL-003	Freshman English	3
ENGL-002	Freshman English	3	CHEM-004	Gen Chem Lec	4
MATH-006	College Algebra I	3	CHEM-006	Gen Chem Lab	1
CHEM-003	Gen Chem Lec	4	PSYC-050	Intro to Psychology	3
CHEM-005	Gen Chem Lab	1		or	
NUTR-161	Nutr for Hlth Maj	3	SOCI-001	Intro to Sociology	3
HHPL*		1	ECON-001	Prin of Economics	3
			**	Afro-Amer Studies	3
Total		17			
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SOPHOMORE YEAR

	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
MDMI-112	Gen Microbiology	4	***	Statistics	3
	or		MPHY-101	General Physiology	4
BIOL-220	Gen Microbiology	4	NUTR-185	Experimental Foods	3
CHEM-141	Org Chem Lec	3	NUTR-152	Meth Mat Hlth & Ntr	3
NUTR-006	Intro to Foods	3	AHCC-003	Medical Terminology	2
NUTR-183	Community Nutrition	1 3			
AHCC-202	Intro to Comp Tech	3	Total		15
	or				
COMP-004	Computers & Soc Lee	c3			

Total 16

JUNIOR YEAR

	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
NUTR-310	Intro to Dietetics	1	NUTR-323	Eval Nutr Status	3
NUTR-130	Nutr Biochem	3	NUTR-325	Nutr Care Mgnt I	3
	or		NUTR-175	Advanced Nutrition	3
CHEM-156	Biochemistry Survey	3	NUTR-321	Prac Org & Mgnt	2
NUTR-311	Org Mgnt of Food &		NUTR-184	Prac Comm Nutr	2
	Nutr Serv	3	NUTR-410	Med Nutr Therapy I	3
NUTR- 312	Fdsvc Sys Mgnt	3			
NUTR-322	Prac Fdsvc Sys Mgnt	2	Total		16
NUTR-320	Nutr in Life Cycle	3			
Total		15			

SENIOR YEAR

	Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
NUTR-413	Med Nutr Therapy II	3	AHCC-301	Ethics for Hlth Prof	2
NUTR-415	Med Nutr Therapy		NUTR-420	Prac Comprehensive	10
	Dry Lab	2			
NUTR-411	Nutr Care Mgnt II	4	Total		12
NUTR-416	Research Methods in				
	Nutrition	3			
Total		12			

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS=120

^{*}Course must be selected from active physical education courses **Course must be selected from African-American Cluster

^{***}Course may be selected from among the following: SOCI-110, MATH-009, PSYC-063

Estimated Cost of the CP (2013-2014 Academic Year)

Information on the annual cost of education at Howard University and the Division of Allied Health Sciences is clearly defined and disseminated to all applicants. The costs can be found on the Howard University website at

http://www.howard.edu/studentfinancialservices/pdf/1314/1314TuitionFees_130419.pdf Also, during the initial interview for admission to the Department, students are apprised of the tuition and fees costs, and the costs of uniforms and travel.

	Cost Per Semester*
Tuition	\$10,725.00
Self Help Fee	\$5.00
Endowment Fee	\$15.00
Technology Fee	\$125.00
Matriculation Fee	\$471.50
Globalization Fee	\$100.00
Total Cost	\$11,441.50
Part time Rate per Credit Hour \$895.00	
Excess Tuition Rate per Credit Hour \$625.00	
Books and Supplies	\$500.00**
Meals (during practicums)	\$300.00**
Transportation (to and from practice sites)	\$250.00**
Professional/Lab fee	\$200.00***

^{*}The Board of Trustees of Howard University reserves the right to change tuition, fees, and other charges at any time.

^{**}The above costs for meals, books, and transportation are approximations per semester. The cost for lab coats, uniforms and shoes is estimated at \$250.00-\$300.00 for the duration of the program.

^{***}All students enrolled in the CP must pay a professional/Lab fee. This fee is utilized for payment of registration fees for attendance at select professional meetings, copying of materials for students, purchase of the Commission on Dietetic Registration preparation booklet, and other professional student-associated expenses.

Cost of Housing

HOWARD UNIVERSITY 2013-2014 Academic Year RESIDENCE HALL PER SEMESTER ROOM RATE

ALL RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

BETHUNE ANNEX HALL (female) Meal Plan Required

Single Shared Bath with A/C \$4,324.00 Double Shared Bath with A/C \$3,112.00

HOWARD PLAZA TOWERS WEST AND HONORS (apartment style, co-ed, upperclassmen

only)

Efficiency (shared) \$3,609.00 Three Bedroom* \$4,546.00 Double Studio \$4,660.00 Triple Studio \$3,609.00

CARVER HALL (male)

Single Regular with A/C \$3,992.00 Double Regular with A/C \$2,916.00

COOK HALL (co-ed) Meal Plan Required

Single Full Bath with A/C \$4,585.00 Single Shared Bath with A/C \$4,324.00 Double Full Bath with A/C \$3,235.00 Double Shared Bath with A/C \$3,112.00

MAYS HALL- School of Divinity (co-ed, Divinity, graduate, & professional)

Single Regular* \$3,382.00 Single Large* \$3,518.00

DREW HALL (male freshman) Meal Plan Required

Single Regular \$3,710.00 Single Shared Bath* \$4,018.00 Double Regular \$2,694.00

Triple Regular \$2,304.00

MERIDIAN HILL HALL (co-ed)

Single Regular with A/C \$3,992.00 Single With a Full Bath \$4,585.00 Single, Large, Shared bath \$4,585.00

Double Full Bath with A/C* \$3,235.00

HOWARD PLAZA TOWERS EAST SLOWE HALL

Commercially-managed apartments for graduate, professional, and older students. Monthly rates

provided upon request. Call (202) 797-7148 for details.

Single, Large with A/C \$4,550.00 Single, Regular with A/C \$3,992.00

TUBMAN QUADRANGLE (female freshman) Meal Plan Required

BALDWIN, CRANDALL, FRAZIER, TRUTH, AND WHEATLEY HALL

Double Regular \$2,694.00 Double Regular with A/C \$2,916.00

Triple Regular \$2,304.00

*Indicates that this room type is available in limited numbers. Triple Regular with A/C \$2,345.00

Please note that all room assignments are subject to availability.

Meals: Room rates do not include meals.

<u>Meal Plan Required</u> indicates that assignments to these residence halls require the purchase of a meal plan consisting of at least two meals per day. Meal plan information is available through Dining Services. For further information, please call (202) 806-7400.

<u>Telephone</u>: Room rates include telephone service.

Office 202-806-6131 Fax 202-806-4431

www.howard.edu/howardlife/residence residencelife@howard.edu

Cost of Liability Insurance and Medical Exams

Liability insurance and medical exams are included in the tuition and fees and are therefore covered by the University. There is no additional cost to the student.

Graduation and Program Completion Requirements

Graduation Requirements

- 1. In order to graduate from the program students must complete the total number of semester hours required by the (132-136 credit hours for students who entered the program prior to Fall 2012, 120 credit hours for those who entered the program as first-time-in-college students on or after Fall 2012).
- 2. Effective Spring 2009, students must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to graduate from the program.
- 3. Twenty-four (24) of the last 30 semester hours must be earned in residence.
- 4. Students are required to earn a passing score of 70% on the comprehensive examination.

Program Completion Requirements

The normal time of completion of the program for students who enter as first-time-in-college students is four years. However, students may take a maximum of five but not more than six years to complete the program. For transfer students the time for completion of the program will depend on the number of transfer credit hours accepted. Students with a BS degree who are receiving a verification statement can complete the program in two to three years.