The popular dietetics degree program combines clinical and managerial courses with the nutrition core to prepare students to become registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN). RDNs work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, schools, colleges, wellness programs and nursing homes as well as in public health agencies, the food industry, and research labs. Students meet the following criteria as a pathway for becoming an RDN:

1. Fulfill all academic course requirements of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) according to the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) 2017 Standards of Education

2. Receive a Nutritional Sciences, B.S. Nutrition and Dietetics

3. Complete an ACEND-accredited Dietetic Internship Program

4. Pass a national exam administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). Effective January 1, 2024, the CDR will require a minimum of a master’s degree to be eligible to take the registration examination to become an RDN. Students who complete the nutritional sciences major in the dietetics degree program receive the Bachelor of Science–Nutrition and Dietetics degree.