

Mission: to prepare competent, entry-level dietitians to practice in clinical, foodservice or community nutrition in the state and nation.

The learning environment is structured to promote an appreciation for lifelong learning, effective problem-solving and for Christian leadership and service to the community and profession.

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Ouachita Baptist University Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics

DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

After completing the undergraduate program at OBU, students receive a verification statement. With this statement, students may choose to apply to a dietetic internship. Internships include 1200 hours of supervised practice in clinical, food systems management, and community nutrition. In 2024, completion of a dietetic internship and a Master's degree are required to take the registration exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

Application steps:

1. Attend open houses at programs of interest.
2. Study and take the GRE.
3. Register with DICAS and D&D Digital.
4. Request transcripts and verification statements through DICAS.
5. Submit three references (two professors and one professional), personal statements, and resumes through DICAS.
6. Complete and submit required information for each program.

Information about applying to a dietetic internship is available at www.eatrightpro.org/acend

NUTRITION DIETETICS TECHNICIAN EXAM

Upon receipt of a verification statement, students are eligible to take the DTR registration exam. A Dietetics Technician is credentialed to work with an RDN in healthcare settings, research, food service, and others. Additional information is available at www.eatrightpro.org/about-us

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduates of the OBU Nutrition and Dietetics program may desire to pursue graduate school after completing undergraduate coursework. The following Master's degrees correlate well with the undergraduate degree in Nutrition and Dietetics :

Community/Public Health Nutrition
Human and Clinical Nutrition
Health Promotion and Wellness
Clinical Nutrition Management
Child Nutrition
Nutrition Research
Food Science
Sports Nutrition
Exercise Physiology and Nutrition
Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition

OBU GRADUATE FACTS

The Nutrition and Dietetics program at Ouachita Baptist University has historically had a higher RDN registration exam pass rate, graduation rate, and dietetic internship acceptance rate than the national average for other DPD programs.

Registration Examination for Dietitians pass rate:

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| National Average | 72% |
| OBU DPD Graduates | 93.75% |

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| Graduation Rate | 100% |
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5 year graduate percentage accepted into dietetic internship:

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| National Average | 50% |
| OBU DPD Graduates | 86% |

ACCREDITATION

The Ouachita Baptist University Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics..

