
Didactic Program in Nutrition and
Dietetics

Handbook

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Didactic Program in Department of Biological Sciences Ouachita Baptist University

The Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics at Ouachita Baptist University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, (800)8771600, ext. 5400.

Mission of the University

Ouachita Baptist University is a Christ-centered learning community. Embracing the liberal arts tradition, the university prepares individuals for ongoing intellectual and spiritual growth, lives of meaningful work, and reasoned engagement with the world.

Mission of the J. D. Patterson School of Natural Sciences

The School consists of the Departments of Biological Sciences, Chemistry and Physics, and Mathematics and Computer Science. The School of Natural Sciences seeks to provide the highest quality educational experience for all students. The School promotes student learning in an atmosphere that nurtures critical and creative thinking, an appreciation of the beauty and complexity of natural systems, the development of ethical codes in striving for moral excellence, the ability to communicate effectively in speaking and writing, and an understanding of the importance of service and leadership. Within the liberal arts tradition, the School emphasizes the methods of science as it prepares all students for informed citizenship and as it prepares natural science students for positions of leadership in the professions. The School places emphasis on the preparation of students for graduate and professional schools.

Mission of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

The mission of the Ouachita Baptist University DPD program is 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.

Goals of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

Goal #1: Prepare graduates to become competent, entry-level dietitians to meet employment needs for the state and nation.

Goal #2: Prepare graduates who demonstrate lifelong learning, effective problem solving, teamwork, and a commitment to Christian leadership and service to the community and profession.

Program Outcome Measures

Measures of program success, as determined by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, and the faculty of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics are as follows:

Program Completion

At least 80% of program students complete program/degree requirements within 6 years (150% of the program length).

Graduate Application and Acceptance into Supervised Practice

Fifty percent of program graduates apply for admission to a supervised program prior to or within 12 months of graduation.

Fifty percent of program graduates who apply are admitted to a supervised practice program within 12 months of graduation.

Graduate Performance on Registration Exam

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The program's one-year pass rate (graduates who pass the registration exam within one year of first attempt) on the CDR credentialing exam for dietitian nutritionists is at least 80%.

Program Specific Objective

75% of program graduates complete program specific degree requirements with a C or better in all course work.

Supervised Practice Program Director Satisfaction

One hundred percent of supervised practice program directors will indicate "3" (average) or higher on a survey assessing their satisfaction with graduate's preparation for supervised practice.

Program Specific Objective

Seventy-five percent of graduates of the Nutrition and Dietetics Program at Ouachita Baptist University will respond "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to questions pertaining to professional service preparation listed on the Dietetic Alumni Survey.

Outcome data measuring achievement of the DPND Program objectives is available to students, prospective students and the public upon request.

Credentialing Process

The Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics is the first step in the process of becoming a Registered Dietitian. Upon graduation, the student will receive verification that they have completed the foundation knowledge and skills required by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.

In order to become a Registered Dietitian, the student will take the next step in the process. This step involves completion of a supervised practice program in order to be eligible to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR). (See Appendix A for Nutrition and Dietetics Factsheet) Individuals may then apply for state licensure (process varies by state).

Students who have completed coursework in an ACEND-accredited didactic program in nutrition and dietetics may also choose to become a Dietetic Technician, Registered (DTR). The next step for these individuals would be the national Registration Examination for Dietetic Technicians, Registered, also administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

Student Membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Students enrolled in an ACEND-accredited nutrition and dietetics education program may join the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics as student members. Dues are \$58 per year (June-May), and an online application is available at <https://www.eatrightpro.org/membership/membership-types-and-criteria/student-member>

Benefits of student membership in the Academy include networking with other nutrition and dietetics students and professionals, leadership opportunities, free membership in the state dietetic association, online access to the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and other publications, and reduced rates at professional meetings and conferences.

Ouachita Baptist University Student Dietetics Association

The Ouachita Baptist University Student Dietetics Association is open to any student majoring in nutrition and dietetics. Students may join at any time during the academic year by attending one of the scheduled meetings, or by contacting an officer or sponsor.

The Student Dietetics Association meets monthly. Meetings may include guest speakers of professional interest, planning or participating in campus or community service projects, etc. The Student Dietetics Association maintains a bulletin board for dissemination of information and for highlighting current nutrition topics and activities. Faculty sponsor: Mrs. Stacy Freeman, freemans@obu.edu 870-245-5542 (office)

Preparation for Application to Supervised Practice Programs

Recent match data from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics indicates that the supply of dietetic internships is not keeping up with the increasing demand. In April 2009, 50% of applicants were matched to an internship in the first-round matching; more information is available at <https://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND>

Students who are interested in becoming Registered Dietitians should review this information in order to make informed decisions regarding their career path. Students should also meet with the DPND Director to assess their progress toward their professional goals. Suggestions to improve chances of getting a dietetic internship position are available at <https://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND>.

Students enrolled in Ouachita Baptist University's Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics are encouraged to seek opportunities to gain work experience, and experience under the direction of a Registered Dietitian, if possible. Sites/locations where students might look for work experience include:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Health department clinics
- Foodservice operations
- Wellness centers
- Food-related companies

Graduation/DPND Completion Requirements

Students enrolled in the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics must successfully complete all graduation requirements.

Requirements for the B.S. degree with a major in Dietetics and Nutrition meeting the prerequisites to enter a Dietetic Internship accredited by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: DIET 1001, 2003, 2043, 3053, 3083, 3093, 3203, 3402, 4013, 4031, 4033, 4041, 4043, 4051, 4053, 4063, 4092; BIOL 1014, 2024, 2604; CHEM 1024, 1034, 3203; MATH 1003, 2063; BUAD 1033; ENGL 3013; PSYC 1013 or SOCI 1003; as well as the 41-42 hours of CORE Course Requirements listed at <https://obu.edu/core/>. A minor is not required. A sample degree plan is in Appendix B.

Details of General Degree Requirements

1. Interdisciplinary Studies: All students must successfully satisfy the general requirements in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies.
2. Majors and Minors: A major consists of at least 24 hours, with at least 12 on the Junior-Senior level. See residence requirement, number 7.
A minor consists of at least eighteen hours, with at least six hours on the Junior-Senior level. The minor requirement may also be met with a second major or split minor. The split minor requires a minimum of nine hours in each of two departments with at least three hours from the Junior-Senior level in each department. Split minors must be approved by the student's advisor and the appropriate chairs. The requirement for a minor applies to the B.A. and B.S. degrees, except where otherwise noted. Specific requirements for majors and minors appear in departmental listings.
3. Grade Point Average: A student must have 24 hours with grades of C or higher in the major and must achieve a GPA of 2.000 overall and in all Ouachita work, as well as in the major, minor, and both parts of the split minor.
4. Chapel: A student must earn a chapel credit for every full-time semester (minimum of 12 semester hours) enrolled at Ouachita, up to a maximum of 7 credits. For additional policies, see Academic Requirements for Chapel in the OBU Catalog: <https://obu.edu/online/files/2019/01/OBU-Residential-Catalog-2018-19.pdf>
5. Hours Requirement: A minimum of 120 semester hours is required for graduation. A maximum of 4 hours of music ensembles and 2 hours of physical education activities courses may count toward the 120-hour requirement. Also, the number of hours required for graduation is increased by the number of hours taken in Academic Skills (ASKL) courses.
6. Junior-Senior Hours: A student must complete a minimum of 39 hours of courses from the 3000/4000 level. At least 12 must be in the major and, if applicable, 6 in the minor.
7. Residence Requirement: Only courses for which a student is enrolled through Ouachita count toward the residence requirement. A baccalaureate degree requires 60 resident hours, including 30 of the last 36. At least 12 in the major and 9 in the minor must be taken through Ouachita. A minimum of 12 junior/senior hours in the

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major and minor must be taken through Ouachita. Of those 12, at least 6 must be in the major and at least 3 in the minor.

Graduation Check

In order to verify that a student has met all requirements for graduation, a Dean's Degree Check and a Graduation Check must be conducted. These checks are to be done in the semester prior to the student's semester of graduation. The following steps must be taken:

1. A Dean's Degree Check must be done by the dean of the student's major. After it is established that the student meets all graduation requirements, the student makes an appointment with the Registrar's Office for a Graduation Check.
2. A final Graduation Check must be conducted by the Registrar's Office.

It is the student's responsibility to make appointments for the Degree Plan Check and the Graduation Check. Students will not be considered for graduation until both steps are complete.

Guidelines for Issuing Verification Statements from the DPD Program at Ouachita Baptist University

- A. The student must successfully complete the general requirements for graduation in either the catalog in effect at the time of admission or in a subsequent one.
- B. The student must successfully satisfy the requirement for a B.S. degree in Nutrition and Dietetics as specified in the current university catalog.
- C. The student must have a C or higher in all courses.
- D. Verification Statements will be issued on or after the date of graduation by the DPND Director.

Admission to Ouachita Baptist University

Admission to Ouachita Baptist University is determined on an individual basis. Each candidate is evaluated based on academic preparation and potential. Only students who appear capable of success at Ouachita Baptist University are accepted for admission. Also, because of Ouachita Baptist University's rich heritage as a Christian university, we seek students of the highest moral caliber. An interview is not a requirement for admission, but we strongly recommend one to ensure that there is a good match between the student's interest and talents and Ouachita Baptist University's academic and non-academic offerings.

Ouachita Baptist University is committed to the policy of providing equal opportunity for all persons and does not discriminate in admissions, programs, or any other educational functions and services on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, veteran status, religion or disability to those who meet its admission criteria and are willing to uphold its values. In the area of employment, Ouachita Baptist University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, veteran status or disability.

Based upon this commitment, Ouachita Baptist University follows the principle of nondiscrimination and operates within applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination. As a recipient of federal financial assistance, Ouachita Baptist University is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, as amended, not to discriminate on the basis of gender in its admission policies, treatment of students, employment practices or educational programs. Ouachita Baptist University has a nondiscrimination policy available upon request in the office of Human Resources. Inquiries concerning the application of federal and state laws or regulations may be referred to the Office of Human Resources Box 3772, 410 Ouachita Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71998, telephone (870)245-5585. The person to ensure compliance with the nondiscrimination policy and discrimination laws and regulations is the Compliance Officer of the University.

The Office of Admissions provides comprehensive assistance to prospective students. For an application packet and other information, contact the Office of Admissions by mail at Ouachita Baptist University, Box 3776, Arkadelphia, AR 71998, by phone at (800)245-5000, by fax at (870)245-5241, or by email at <https://www.obu.edu/futurestudents/>

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar is available at <https://obu.edu/calendar/>. The Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics adheres to the Ouachita Baptist University calendar in regard to all course offerings, vacation, and holidays.

Admission Fees

All students pay a \$150 fee with application to the University. This fee is nonrefundable with \$100 applied to tuition and \$50 used as application costs.

Tuition for 2019-20 Academic Year

Tuition	13,640.00
Fees*	310.00
Room & Board	4000.00
Per semester	17,950.00
Annual	\$35,900.00

* Fees consist of General Fee and Technology Fee. Other fees may apply for laboratory costs, private music lessons, and other course-related charges. For a list of potential course fees or other charges, refer to the university catalog, pre-bill available on web portal account, or course schedule.

**Room and Board charges are based on standard room with double occupancy and unlimited use of the Ouachita Commons. Some funds are also provided for use in on-campus retail dining facilities. Wireless computer access, laundry facilities, cable and local phone services are also included as part of the room and board rate.

Ouachita's total federal cost of attendance budget is \$40,200 for 2019-2020, which includes an annual allowance for books, personal and transportation expenses. The annual book estimate is \$1100; transportation \$1000; and personal expenses of up to \$2200.

Additional Fees for DPND Students: Additional fees incurred by the DPND student include lab coat expense of \$30, membership in the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics \$58 per year for the junior and senior year. Professional Liability Insurance - student professional liability insurance required for DIET 4031 MNT I Practicum and DIET 4041 MNT II Practicum cost of \$37.

Financial aid information may be found at <https://www.obu.edu/finaid/>

Refunds

The return of funds is based upon the concept that students earn their financial aid in proportion to the amount of time in which they are enrolled. Under this reasoning, a student who withdraws in the second week of classes has earned less of his/her financial aid than a student who withdraws in the seventh week. Refunds upon withdrawal from the University or withdrawal from a class when special fees are charged are handled as follows:

- Tuition and Fees: If withdrawal occurs within the first two weeks of classes, 20% of tuition and fees will be charged; during the third week, 40% will be charged; during the fourth week, 60% will be charged; during the fifth week, 80% will be charged, and thereafter full charge will be made. During winter or summer mini-terms, one day is considered equal to one week of a regular semester. After 5 days, full tuition charges are applied and no refund is provided. It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from courses following the start of the semester.
- Room and Board: may be refunded on a pro rata basis upon official withdrawal.
- The Residence Hall or University Apartment Deposit: may be returned to the student at the end of his or her stay in Ouachita housing provided the residence is in good condition and the student is not indebted to the University. If a student has reserved housing, the deposit will be refunded if that student gives written notice of cancellation before May 1 for the fall semester (December 1 for the spring semester). Housing deposits will not be refunded if a student withdraws from university housing during the semester.
- Meal plan: If a student is absent from school for at least two weeks due to illness, Student Financial Services will refund the meal plan fee on a pro rata basis when notified in writing by the Vice President for Student Services.

Withdrawal Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4)

The return of Title IV funds is administered by Student Financial Services Ouachita Baptist University. This policy applies to students who withdraw (official, unofficially) or are dismissed from enrollment at Ouachita Baptist University. It is separate and distinct from the Ouachita Baptist University Refund Policy (see Refunds section, above). Therefore, the student may still owe funds to the school to cover unpaid institutional charges. The school may also attempt to collect from the student any Title IV program funds that the school was required to return. The calculated amount of the "Return of Title IV Funds" that is required for students affected by this policy are determined according to the following definitions and procedures, as prescribed by regulation.

The Institution has 45 days from the date the institution determines that the student withdrew to return all unearned funds for which it is responsible. The school is required to notify the student if they owe a repayment via written notice. The school must advise the student or parent that they have 14 calendar days from the date the school sent the notification to accept a post-withdrawal disbursement. If a response is not received from the student or parent within the permitted time frame or the student declines the funds, the school will return any earned funds that the school is holding to the Title IV programs. Post-withdrawal disbursement must occur within 120 days of the date the student withdrew.

The Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4) regulation does not dictate the institutional refund policy; however, the calculation of Title IV funds earned by the student has no relationship to the student's incurred institutional charges. The return of funds is based upon the concept that students earn their financial aid in proportion to the amount of time in which they are enrolled. Under this reasoning, a student who withdraws in the second week of classes has earned less of his/her financial aid than a student who withdraws in the seventh week. Once 60% of the semester is completed, a student is considered to have earned all of his financial aid and will not be required to return any funds. If the student withdraws from all his courses prior to completing over 60% of a semester, he/she may be required to repay a portion of the federal financial aid that he/she received for that term. A pro rata schedule is used to determine the amount of federal student aid funds he/she will have earned at the time of the withdrawal. Federal aid includes: Federal Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), Perkins Loans, Parent Plus Loan, Pell Grants, SEOG Grants, TEACH and any other Title IV funds.

Withdrawal before 60%:

Ouachita Baptist University must perform a R2T4 to determine the amount of earned aid up through the 60% point in each payment period. Student Financial Services will use the Department of Education's prorata schedule to determine the amount of R2T4 funds the student has earned at the time of withdrawal. After the 60% point in the payment period or period of enrollment, a student has earned 100% of the Title IV funds he or she was scheduled to receive during the period. The institution must still perform a R2T4 to determine the amount of aid that the student has earned.

Withdrawal after 60%:

For a student who withdraws after the 60% point-in-time, there are no unearned funds. However, Ouachita Baptist University will still determine whether the student is eligible for a post-withdrawal disbursement.

Note: Ouachita Baptist University has provided an example of the calculation used to determine the amount of unearned aid a student would be expected to repay based on the reported last day of attendance of the term from which a student withdraws.

Withdrawals:

A student's official withdrawal date is determined by using one of the following:

- The date he/she officially withdrew with the Office of the Registrar during the Registrar's withdrawal period.
- The date the student submitted his petition to withdraw to the Office of the Registrar if the Office of the Registrar's withdrawal period has ended and the student successfully petitioned to withdraw.
- The date the student was expelled/dismissed from the university.

In the event that a student does not go through the proper withdrawal procedures as defined in the Academic Information section of the University General Catalog the student's unofficial withdrawal date is determined by using one of the following:

- The date the student died, if the student passed away during the semester.
- The last date that the student attended class.

The student must inform in a timely fashion, in person or by email if personal appearance is not possible, the Student Financial Services Office at finaid@obu.edu of any withdrawal occurring during a semester.

Ouachita Baptist University does not allow students to take a Leave of Absence during a semester.

Student Financial Services (SFS) determines the return of Title IV funds percentage. Institutions are required to determine the percentage of Title IV aid "earned" by the student and to return the unearned portion to the appropriate aid program.

The return of Title IV funds policy follows these steps:

Step 1: Student's Title IV information

SFS will determine:

- A) The total amount of Title IV aid disbursed (Not aid that could have been disbursed) for the semester in which the student withdrew. A student's Title IV aid is counted as aid disbursed in the calculation if it has been applied to the student's account on or before the date the student withdrew.
- B) The total amount of Title IV aid disbursed plus the Title IV aid that could have been disbursed for the semester in which the student withdrew.

Step 2: Percentage of Title IV Aid Earned:

SFS will calculate the percentage of Title IV aid earned as follows:

The number of calendar days completed by the student divided by the total number of calendar days in the semester in which the student withdrew. The total number of calendar days in a semester shall exclude any scheduled breaks of more than five days.

Days Attended + Days in Enrollment Period = Percentage Completed

If the calculated percentage exceeds 60%, then the student has "earned" all the Title IV aid for the enrollment period.

Step 3: Amount of Title IV Aid Earned by the Student

SFS will calculate the amount of Title IV Aid earned as follows:

The percentage of Title IV aid earned (Step 2) multiplied by the total amount of Title IV aid disbursed or that could have been disbursed for the term in which the student withdrew (Step 1B).

Total Aid Disbursed x Percentage Completed = Earned Aid

Step 4: Amount of Title IV Aid to be Disbursed or Returned

1. If the aid already disbursed equals the earned aid, no further action is required.
2. If the aid already disbursed is greater than the earned aid, the difference must be returned to the appropriate Title IV aid program.

Total Disbursed Aid — Earned Aid = Unearned Aid to be Returned

3. If the aid already disbursed is less than the earned aid, the SFS will calculate a Post- Withdrawal Disbursement. In accordance with federal regulations, when Title IV financial aid is involved, the calculated amount of the R2T4 Funds is allocated in the following order:

- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan
- Subsidized Federal Direct Loan
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Direct PLUS received on behalf of the student
- Pell Grant
- ACC Grant
- SMART Grant
- SEOG Program Aid
- Teach Grants
- Other Title IV Aid

Loans must be repaid by the loan borrower (student/parent) as outlined in the terms of the borrower's promissory note.

The student's grace period for loan repayments for Federal Unsubsidized and Subsidized Direct Loans will begin on the day of the withdrawal from the University. The student should contact the lender if he/she has question regarding their grace period or repayment status.

Institutional and student responsibility in regard to the Federal Return of Title IV Funds Policy

SFS's responsibilities in regard to the Return of Title IV funds policy include:

1. Providing each student with the information given in this policy;
2. Identifying students affected by this policy and completing the Return of Title IV Funds calculation;
3. Informing the student of the result of the Return of Title IV Funds calculation and any balance owed to the University as a result of a required return of funds;
4. Returning any unearned Title IV aid that is due to the Title IV programs and, if applicable, notifying the borrower's holder of federal loan funds of the student's withdrawal date;
5. Notifying student and I or Plus borrower of eligibility for a Post-Withdraw Disbursement, if applicable;

The student's responsibilities in regard to the Return of Title IV Funds policy include:

- Becoming familiar with the Return of Title IV Funds policy and how withdrawing from all his courses effects eligibility for Title IV aid;
- Resolving any outstanding balance owed to Ouachita Baptist University resulting from a required return of unearned Title IV aid.

Post-Withdrawal Disbursements

In the event a student is eligible for a post-withdrawal disbursement based on the student's budget, awarded financial aid and Title IV funds and R2T4 calculations, a post-withdrawal disbursement must be made only after the following conditions are met.

- A. Student and parents were in most cases verbally notified of the availability of post-withdrawal disbursements by Student Financial Services within one week from the date of R2T4 calculation was performed.
- B. Student and parents in most cases verbally notified Student Financial Services within a reasonable time indicating their acceptance of available post-withdrawal disbursement amounts. The reasonable time refers to allowing sufficient time for school to process a post-withdrawal disbursement within the deadlines set by the Department of Education.
- C. Student has outstanding institutional charges that are due and wants to pay off those charges by applying his/her post-withdrawal disbursement.
- D. Student/Parents completed all necessary paperwork related to such post-withdrawal disbursement within a reasonable time.
- E. Student Financial Services must track the notification and authorization to make the disbursement and meet deadlines as prescribed by ED. A school must process Title IV aid within 120 days from the last day of the enrollment period.

The post-withdrawal disbursement must be applied to outstanding institutional charges before being paid directly to the student.

The procedures and policies listed above are subject to change without advance notice.

Protection of Privacy of Student Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 Public Law 93-380 requires that the student give written permission for the release of "any personally identifiable information" other than general "directory information." Directory information includes the following data: name, local address and phone number, permanent address and phone number, place and date of birth, citizenship status, class schedule, dates of attendance, classification, academic major, full or part time status, academic and non-academic honors, letter of commendation, high school attended, scholarship information, withdrawal date, other academic institutions attended, degree obtained and date conferred, campus activities, leadership positions, and height and weight of varsity athletes.

At the time students register for courses, they may notify the Registrar in writing that directory information relating to them may not be released. Restricting the release of public information directly affects the publication of the Ouachita directory, yearbook, programs, and news releases concerning student activities, honors, and awards. The appropriate form is available at the Office of the Registrar. Additional information on educational records is released only upon written student request except to the following persons:

- Ouachita staff with legitimate educational interest.
- Federal, state, and local officials as specified by law.
- Research and accreditation representatives.
- Officials of other schools in which students intend to enroll.
- Financial aid representatives.

Individual students may sign a consent granting Ouachita the right to disclose a student's educational record to his or her parents. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also grants students the right to inspect and review their education records. A copy of the full text of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is available in the Office of the Registrar along with information about types of student records maintained at Ouachita, the procedure for gaining access to records, and procedure for challenging the content of those records.

Academic Grievance Procedure

If a student believes that he or she has reason to question the decision of a faculty member with regard to the final grade received in a course or the unreasonable denial of academic progression, a procedure has been established to resolve the grievance. This student-initiated procedure is as follows:

1. The student must register his or her complaint in writing to the faculty member within seven business days following the alleged incident, except that if the grievance involves a final grade, it must be filed within ten business days after final grades are posted by the Registrar. Within the written complaint, the student must set forth reasons and grounds for the grievance.
2. Upon receipt of the complaint, within three business days the faculty member must meet with the student (in person, by telephone, or by email) and strive to resolve the problem.
3. If a resolution cannot be reached within five business days, then it is the student's responsibility to register the complaint in writing with the department chairman or dean of the program.
4. Upon receipt of the complaint, the department chairman or dean of the program must meet with the faculty member and the student (in person or by telephone) within three business days and strive to resolve the problem.
5. If resolution cannot be reached during this meeting, then the faculty member must document in writing the efforts made to seek resolution and that a resolution has not been achieved. This document must be shared with the student and the department chairman or dean of the program within two business days of the failure to reach a resolution.
6. If the student remains dissatisfied, then within three business days of being notified that a resolution has not been met, it is the student's responsibility to initiate the grievance appeal procedure (below).

NOTE: A file of all written documents must be maintained by the dean or department chairman. The faculty member must forward copies of all written documents to the dean or department chairman at each step of this process.

Grievance Appeal Process

1. If, after completion of the procedure set forth above, the student believes that the grievance has not been equitably resolved, he or she may file an appeal in writing with the appropriate dean. This document must set forth the grounds and reasons of the appeal. It must be submitted to the dean within three business days of notification that a resolution has not been achieved.
2. The dean must immediately notify the involved faculty member of the student's appeal and, upon notification, the faculty member will have three business days to respond in writing to the allegations.
3. Additionally, within five business days of receipt of the student's appeal, the involved dean must appoint an ad hoc Grievance Committee consisting of three faculty members and notify the faculty members and the student of the date and time at which they must appear before the committee for a formal review of the allegations and issues.
4. The review must be held within 14 business days of the receipt of the appeal. (An exception may be made for extenuating circumstances. For example, the student may be out of state or out of the country, necessitating that the review be conducted upon his or her return).
5. The dean shall chair the appeals session but shall not have a vote.
6. The session must be conducted in a manner ensuring substantial fairness, and it will not be restricted by the rules of evidence common to court proceedings.
7. A document outlining the required order of the process is available from the office of the Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and must be used during the session.

8. All witnesses will be required to attest to a statement regarding the accuracy of the information to be given.
9. The session will be open only to the faculty member, the student and eyewitnesses. Neither the student's parents, spouse, guardian, nor legal counsel will be permitted to appear before the Grievance Committee, except as eyewitnesses.
10. Review proceedings (excluding the deliberations of the committee) will be tape-recorded.
11. Each party will make a brief opening statement.
12. The faculty member will then present support of the grade assigned or the denial of academic progression. Then the student will be permitted to present information in support of the alleged grievance.
13. Thereafter, both sides will be permitted to present rebuttal information. Throughout the session, the faculty member and the student will have reasonable opportunity for orderly questioning of the eyewitness. Support may be presented in the form of eyewitnesses or documents relevant to the issues to be determined by the committee.
14. At the conclusion of the presentations, both sides will be permitted to make closing statements.
15. Once the session is adjourned, the committee will have three business days to reach a final decision. The decision of the committee will be by majority vote.
16. The dean must submit the decision, in writing, to the faculty member, the student and the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

NOTE: The dean must submit a file of all written documents related to the Grievance Appeal to the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Final Appeal for Student at Ouachita Baptist University

1. Within three business of its receipt, the decision of the Grievance Committee may be appealed by the faculty member or the student to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
2. Upon receipt of the appeal and within three business days, the Vice President will (a) order preparation of a transcript of the Grievance Committee meeting, and (b) appoint an ad hoc Appeal Committee composed of three persons, none of whom served on the initial Grievance Committee.
3. Written documentation, including the transcript of the Grievance Committee meeting, must be distributed to the ad hoc committee members at least two business days before the final appeal session.
4. The final appeal session must be held within seven business days of receipt of the final appeal.
5. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will serve as the chairman for the committee. The responsibility of the Appeal Committee will be to review the record (transcript and all documents) of the Grievance Committee and to render a decision, based on a review of the record, whether procedures have been followed appropriately.
6. There will be no opportunity for presentation of new or additional support before the ad hoc Appeal Committee.
7. The Appeal Committee may take one of the following actions:
 - a. Affirm the decision made by the Grievance Committee, in which case the decision is final.
 - b. Remand the decision of the Grievance Committee for additional support, reconsideration and redetermination. The re-determined decision of the Grievance Committee is subject to further appeal to the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
 - c. Reverse the decision of the Grievance Committee and render their own decision, in which case their decision will be final.

Upon final decision of the Appeal Committee, the student will have exhausted his or her right of appeal within Ouachita Baptist University.

Student Appeal to ACEND

The student may submit complaints directly to ACEND only after all other options with the program and the institution have been exhausted.

Student Support Services

Health Services

First aid, health education, and simple diagnosis and treatments for minor illnesses by a registered nurse on campus are available at little or no cost. Medical services for more serious cases may be received at the Baptist Medical Center

Arkadelphia or at the office of local physicians. The costs for medications and supplies used during an illness are not included in university general fees. It is recommended that every student be covered by some form of health insurance. International students are required to enroll in the medical insurance policy before registering.

All students must complete health records consistent with state and university requirements. The student must show proof of two measles, mumps, and rubella vaccinations, usually given in the form of an MMR. A tetanus-diphtheria vaccination is recommended within the last ten years. In addition, a tuberculosis screening is required for any student who has lived outside the United States within the past 12 months. All international students must receive a tuberculosis screening at the University Health Services if they were born in a country where TB is endemic.

Arkansas Act 1233 of 1999 requires all universities to notify both students and parent of an increased risk of meningococcal disease among individuals who live in close quarters such as students in college residence halls. A vaccine is available and should be discussed with your local health provider.

The Arkadelphia Clinic for Children and Young Adults provides the services of a physician and other health professionals on campus. The Arkadelphia Clinic for Children and Young Adults is a private clinic, and the university does not assume responsibility for the actions of the clinic. Students seeking care through this clinic will be billed by the Arkadelphia Clinic for Children and Young Adults for their services.

The Health Service Office is located on the second level of Evans Student Center next to the Office of Student Services. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information is available at <https://obu.edu/studentdevelopment/health-services/>.

Counseling Services

The Counseling Services Office is located in Evans Student Center Suite 220. Counseling services are provided by the University Counselor. These services are available to students who are experiencing a broad range of personal or interpersonal difficulties. Typical problems for which students seek assistance include but are not limited to:

- Personal issues — depression, loneliness, anxiety, stress, sexual concerns, eating disorders/preoccupations with weight, grief, adjustment difficulties;
- Interpersonal issues — roommate problems, dating relationship difficulties, friendship/peer disturbances;
- Family issues — conflicts in family relationships, family crises, divorce;
- Other concerns — issues relating to physical or sexual abuse, alcohol or substance abuse.

All records are confidential. Information disclosed by students during counseling sessions remains confidential unless the student is thought to be in imminent danger of harming himself/herself or is in danger of harming other persons. Students may also give written authorization if they desire the release of their records to other persons/agencies or if they desire the University Counselor to consult with a family member or other person. Services provided are free of charge to currently enrolled students. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Counseling office at (870)245-5591. Students who require assistance beyond the scope of the University Counseling Services will be given a referral to a professional agency in the community.

Food Services

The University food service management is contracted to Sodexo Services, Inc., a leading food management company. All students living in university residence halls must buy a meal plan which is included in the total cost of "room and board". To eat in the Ouachita Commons the student must either (1) present his/her programmed ID card or (2) pay cash for the meal. Cutting in line is a violation of the rights of fellow students. All students must be properly attired (including shoes) when they come to the Commons. The I.D. card is not to be used by anyone other than the individual whose name appears on the card. Illegal use of the card will result in a \$20 fine and/or disciplinary action.

Your programmed student ID card can also be used on a limited basis at the Tiger Grrill, Sandella's Flatbread Café, and Chick-fil-A Express located in Evans Student Center. Selections include grilled sandwiches, cheeseburgers, pizza, and Chick-fil-A products. Dr. Jack's Coffeehouse in Evans Student Center allows you to use your programmed ID on a limited basis to get fresh brewed coffee. You may also use your programmed ID card to get a meal to-go from the Tiger Express located down the stairs in the Ouachita Commons entrance area. You may also purchase other snacks and milkshakes on a limited basis. Banquet arrangements can be made with the Director of Campus Activities.

TRIO Programs

TRIO Programs have been a tradition on the Ouachita campus since 1966. Ouachita is currently host to two TRIO Programs: Classic Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search. The Upward Bound Program and Educational Talent Search are outreach programs that seek to assist high school students during their freshman through senior year in their endeavors to complete requirements for secondary education. Upon completion of the high school requirements, students are encouraged to enroll in a post-secondary institution. The TRIO Programs employ college students during the academic year as mentors and tutors and during the summer as resident life counselors.

Location: Lile Hall Suite 140.

Tutorial Services

Tutorial services are available and can be arranged through the Student Success Center or the Academic Skills Development Program. Location: Lile Hall Suite 122.

Academic Skills Development Program

Certain courses have been designed for students who have demonstrated deficiencies in essential skills. These courses provide assistance for students in the acquisition of college level reading, mathematics, English, and study skills. The number of hours required for graduation is increased by the number of hours taken in this program.

Location: Lile Hall, Suite 122.

Academic Advising

Faculty advisers provide guidance for students in selecting courses for each semester, as well as assisting students with other academic needs.

The Riley-Hickingbotham Library

The library offers materials, equipment, special areas and services to serve students. Materials include reference books and e-books for quick answers; general circulation books for more in-depth coverage of topics or leisure reading; and periodicals (journals, magazines, and newspapers) and electronic databases for the current and retrospective information on a wide range of subjects. In addition to these traditional materials, the library also offers select federal and state government documents and manuscript collections of religious and regional interest. The library's holdings total 850,000 items.

Equipment available for student use in the library includes copy machines and computers with printer access. From the library's website, current students may access the library's electronic resources when off campus. Special areas in the library include group study rooms, individual study carrels, and technology enhanced collaborative space. Archival and special collection materials are available for research purposes. Services include reference help for all patrons and interlibrary loans, through which the library offers students access to materials in approximately 21,000 libraries world-wide.

Student Financial Services

The Student Financial Services office, located on the first floor of Cone Bottoms Hall, provides a number of services. They collect monies for all university expenses and maintain records of all scholarship funds. The Student Financial Services office will cash checks for students in amounts up to \$50. The OBU ID card is required for this service. The campus switchboard is located in this office. Any phone difficulty with the on-campus system may be reported to the IT Services Office for immediate attention.

Assessment of Prior Learning Requirements for Transfer Students

Those who wish to transfer to Ouachita should apply for admission as transfer students and supply course descriptions for all courses taken. Transfer students may be admitted with at least a 2.000 transfer GPA, if they are eligible to return to the institution from which they came. They must declare all colleges and universities attended in the past and supply official transcripts from each school attended. A transfer student who has fewer than twenty-nine hours of acceptable credit must submit ACT or SAT scores for course placement. Transfer students may use any Ouachita catalog which has been in effect since they entered college, as long as the catalog is not more than 3 years old.

Students from accredited junior or senior colleges will receive full credit for courses taken in such institutions, subject to departmental or other limitations. All grades of all college level courses will be transferred and used in calculating the grade point average except those with D or F grades which cannot be repeated at Ouachita. Courses accepted in transfer must be consistent with the liberal arts character of the Ouachita curriculum. Ouachita will accept academic skills courses from other universities, but the number of hours required for graduation increases by the number of hours of academic skills courses.

Students transferring from educational institutions not accredited by a regional accreditation agency may enroll if they have a 2.000 GPA. Courses taken at such institutions will be evaluated to determine which courses will receive credit, and a maximum of 12 of those hours will apply toward graduation.

Transfer students who have 29 or more hours of credit are required to submit a degree plan during their first semester in residence. To earn a baccalaureate degree, transfer students must meet all requirements outlined in the Academic Information section, as well as those for the degree they seek. Sixty resident hours are required; 30 of the last 36 hours and at least 12 hours (6 junior-senior) in the major and 9 (3 junior-senior) in the minor must be taken in residence at Ouachita.

Formal Assessment of Student Learning

Formal assessment of student learning is made during each course that is a part of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics. Grades on individual assignments, quizzes, or exams, as well as end of course grades provide an assessment of student mastery of the subject matter in each course. Students receive midterm grade reports and final course grades.

DPND Retention and Remediation Procedures

Each student should meet with their advisor prior to each semester for assessment of progress and academic advising. Students pre-register for the next term at this session.

Degree plans must be completed and submitted electronically to the Dean's Office for approval before the completion of 60 hours. Degree plans are completed by the advisor and the student in an academic advising session. The expected outcome is that one hundred percent of students majoring in the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics at Ouachita Baptist University will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree within 6 years of beginning the program.

A student may repeat a course in which a D or F has been previously recorded. The second and any succeeding grades will be used to calculate the grade point average, though all grades will appear on the transcript. If a student repeats a course in which a C or better has been recorded without prior Deans' Council approval, both grades will be included in the GPA, though credit hours will be recorded only once. Courses being repeated count toward the total load.

Academic Probation is the status of a student whose academic performance is below minimal standards. After grades are posted, the student, advisor, and Registrar will be notified of the student's placement on Probation I, Probation II, or Academic Suspension.

A student will be placed on Probation I when the following requirements are not satisfied:

- Cumulative GPA of 1.700 0 — 28.5 semester hours
- Cumulative GPA of 1.800 29 — 58.5 semester hours
- Cumulative GPA of 1.900 59 — 88.5 semester hours
- Cumulative GPA of 2.000 89 — and above semester hours

Probation I

A student who does not meet the above standards will be placed on Probation I. A student on Probation I, as a condition of registration, shall have passed or be enrolled in ASKL 2001 Success Seminar and repeat such courses with D or F grades that will contribute most to the requirements of a degree. A student may repeat a course in which a D or F has been previously recorded. The second and any succeeding grades will be used to calculate the GPA. The academic load of a student on Probation I must not exceed 15 hours, except by permission of the Academic Success Center Director.

Probation II

A student on Probation I status whose semester GPA is less than 2.000 or who does not raise the cumulative GPA to meet the above minimum standards will be placed on Probation II. A student on Probation II, as a condition of registration, shall have passed or be enrolled in ASKL 2001 Success Seminar, repeat such courses with D or F grades that will contribute most to the requirements of a degree, and sign a contract of participation in the Student

Retention Program. A student's failure to honor the contract will be grounds for being asked to withdraw from school. The academic load of a student on Probation II must not exceed 15 hours, except by permission of the Academic Success Center Director.

Academic Suspension

A student on Probation II status whose semester GPA is less than 2.000 or who does not raise the cumulative GPA to meet the above minimum standards will be placed on Academic Suspension. While on Academic Suspension, a student may not earn credit to be transferred to Ouachita. After being placed on Academic Suspension status, a student may apply for readmission following a lapse of at least one regular semester. At the Deans' Council's discretion, a student on Probation II whose semester work would result in Academic Suspension may be considered for immediate readmission if the student has attempted 89 or more semester hours and makes a semester GPA of 2.000 or better. In all cases, written application to the Deans' Council for readmission must state reasons for desiring reinstatement and plans for remedying academic deficiencies. A student who has been suspended for academic reasons and readmitted to the University will be placed on Probation II status.

Conditional Admission

A student entering on Conditional Admission I must enroll in ASKL 1011 Transition Seminar. The academic load of a student on Conditional Admission I or Conditional Admission II must not exceed 15 hours, except by permission of the Academic Success Center Director. A student on Conditional Admission II, as a condition of registration, shall have passed or be enrolled in ASKL 2001 Success Seminar, repeat such courses with D or F grades that will contribute most to the requirements of a degree, and sign a contract of participation in the Student Retention Program. A student's failure to honor the contract will be grounds for being asked to withdraw from school.

Regaining Regular Academic Status

A student on Conditional Admission I may attain regular academic status by meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirements for the number of hours attempted as stated above. A student on Conditional Admission II, Probation I or Probation II may attain regular academic status by meeting the following conditions:

1. Achieve a semester GPA of 2.000 AND raise the cumulative GPA to meet the minimum standard as stated above. For the purpose of attaining regular academic status, the GPA will be calculated at the end of the fall and spring semesters.
2. Maintain a minimum course load of 12 semester hours during the fall or spring semester.

Academic Appeals

Any student seeking an exception to academic policy may petition the Deans' Council. Forms are available in the Office of the Registrar and online at <https://www.obu.edu/registrar/>. The Deans' Council will notify the student in writing of its decision. Referrals or appeals from the Deans' Council to the President must be made in writing, with all pertinent records and reports included. No appeal will be considered until all materials are furnished. The President's response to the referral/appeal will be made in writing to the student, with copies to members of the Deans' Council, Registrar, and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Withdrawal from the University

A student may withdraw voluntarily or at the request of the University. The student may be asked to withdraw if

1. It is determined that the student's actions or attitudes are unworthy of a good campus citizen;
2. His or her scholastic record falls below normal expectations or for failure to regain regular academic status, as explained on page 32 of the University Catalog; or
3. The student's financial record is unsatisfactory to the University.

When a student withdraws from the University for any reason, that student must report in person to either the Office of Student Development or the Office of Academic Affairs. From that point, clearance will be obtained from Student Financial Services, Library, and other check points. Withdrawal is complete when the residence hall check-out sheet is forwarded to the Office of Student Development. Failure to complete the process will result in continued charges for food and housing. Any student who withdraws or is suspended must leave campus within 24 hours. Instructors will assign letter grades to any student who withdraws from the University after the last day to withdraw from a course designated in the school calendar.

Covenant on Academic Honor

The Covenant on Academic Honor was developed by a committee of the Student Senate and approved by the Board of Trustees in 2001. All Ouachita students are obligated to uphold the pledge found within the covenant. Upon faculty request, a judicial council considers information when a violation of the covenant is suspected. Procedures for the council follow the covenant below. The procedures are intended to aid the council in its work but do not grant any contractual rights to a suspected violator. Procedures may be modified in a particular case.

Mission

We believe that a university under the Lordship of Jesus Christ must involve itself in the pursuit of honor. In all academic endeavors our commitment is to build a community of scholars characterized by the highest standards of integrity consistent with Ouachita's Christian ideals. We hope this pursuit of integrity will extend beyond the classroom and be reflected in every area of our daily lives.

Pledge

As a member of the Ouachita community, I am committed to fostering a culture of honor. I affirm that an academic environment can be enriching only when its members commit to mutual integrity, trust, responsibility, and respect. I will refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty, and I will act responsibly when confronted with the knowledge of such behavior. I recognize that academic excellence is more than the absence of dishonesty; true scholarship entails devotion to my studies and respect for my professors and classmates. With the aim of academic and personal growth I make this pledge to myself and to the women and men of Ouachita Baptist University.

Judicial Council

Purpose

The purpose of the judicial council is to consider information concerning possible violations of the Covenant on Academic Honor. The council determines if substantial evidence indicates that a violation occurred, and if so, specifies a sanction.

Composition

The judicial council is comprised of five faculty representatives and 12 student representatives, one of whom is designated by the council as chair.

Faculty Representatives

The faculty representatives to the judicial council are the members of the Student Life Committee.

Selection of Student Representatives

Nominations for student representatives to the judicial council are accepted from the university faculty. Student nominated must not currently be on probation. Those nominated appear before a selection committee charged with appointing the student representatives. The selection committee consists of the president of the university, the president of the Student Senate, the chair of the current judicial council, the vice president for academic affairs, the vice president for student development, and the chair of the University Committee, or their designates. The selection committee seeks to maintain broad representation as to class and major among the student representatives. Student representatives serve until they are no longer enrolled as a full-time student at Ouachita, resign, or are removed from the council.

Removal of Student Representatives

A student representative may be removed from the judicial council upon a two-thirds vote of the entire council.

Hearings

When faculty members suspect a violation of the covenant on academic honor, they retain the right to make independent academic determinations or may initiate hearings before the judicial council. Students may not appeal an individual faculty member's academic decisions to the judicial council. In making a request for a hearing, the initiating faculty member will present a written statement along with any pertinent documentation to the chair of the council.

Two faculty members from the Student Life Committee and three student representatives will be designated to hear the case. Another student representative will be designated as a non-voting recordkeeper. Students will be given reasonable notice of any hearing, which will generally take place within ten days. The faculty member who initiated the hearing may address the council and may call others with direct knowledge of the suspected violation to address the council. The student will have the opportunity to be heard by the council, may call others with direct knowledge of the suspected violation to address the council, and may question the faculty member and others who have presented information in the hearing. Legal counsel is not permitted in judicial council hearings.

If four of the judicial council representatives hearing the case agree there is substantial evidence a violation of the Covenant on Academic Honor occurred, a sanction will be imposed and provided to the student in writing. Sanctions may include a warning, honor probation with activities designed to foster student development, recording of a test or assignment as a zero, recording a semester grade of "F" for the course, suspension from the university, or other actions at the discretion of the council.

Appeals

An appeal of a decision made by the judicial council must be presented in writing to the Academic Deans' Council within five days of the decision. After a consideration of the records of the judicial council hearing and other pertinent evidence, the Deans' Council will notify the student of its decision in writing. Action by the judicial council does not preclude additional disciplinary action by the university when appropriate.

Appendix A

Ouachita Baptist University Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

Degree: B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics
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Becoming a Registered Dietitian

The Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics is the first step in the process of becoming a registered dietitian (RD). Upon graduation, the student will verification that they have completed the foundation knowledge and skills required by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). In order to become a registered dietitian, the student will take the next step in the process. This step involves completion of a supervised practice program in order to be eligible to take the national Registration Examination for Dietitians.

Mission of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

The mission of the Ouachita Baptist University DPD program is 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.

Goals of the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics:

Goal #1 Prepare graduates to become competent, entry-level dietitians to meet employment needs for the state and nation.

Goal #2 Prepare graduates who demonstrate lifelong learning, effective problem solving, teamwork, and a commitment to Christian leadership and service to the community and profession.

Accreditation

The Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics at Ouachita Baptist University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, the accrediting agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois, 60606-6995, (800) 877-1600, ext. 5400.

Information about expenses, admission policies and procedures, academic calendar, and requirements for graduation are available in the Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics Handbook and also the Ouachita Baptist University Undergraduate Catalog 2018-2019 available at www.obu.edu/catalog.

Bachelor of Science Degree Nutrition and Dietetics Major

REQUIREMENTS	HOURS
Core	38-39
Nutrition and Dietetics courses: DIET 1001, 2003, 2043, 3053, 3083, 3093, 3203, 3402, 4013, 4031, 4033, 4041, 4043, 4051, 4053, 4063, 4092	41
Additional Area requirements: BIOL 1014, 2024, 2604, CHEM 1024, 1034, 3203, MATH 1003, 2063, BUAD,1033, ENGL 3013, PSYC 1013 or SOCI 1003. A minor is not required.	38
Electives	2-3

TOTAL	120
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Outside the Classroom

Students are encouraged to join the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Ouachita Student Dietetic Association. This student organization sponsors trips to state and national conferences where students can interact with professionals in the field. This group is also involved in nutrition-related service activities on campus and in the community. These professional and student organizations provide excellent opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics may take the credentialing exam to become Dietetic Technicians Registered (DTR), work as agents or nutrition specialists with the Cooperative Extension Service, or work as nutritionists with the Special Supplemental Food Programs for Women, Infants, and Children, (WIC). Other possibilities include careers in product development, communication and marketing, foodservice management, foodservice purchasing, or catering.

Registered Dietitians (RDs) find employment in a wide range of settings, including:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals or clinics
- Business and industry, working in food/nutrition product development, marketing, or communications
- Community or public health facilities
- Sports nutrition or corporate wellness programs
- Research with food companies, pharmaceutical companies, or colleges, universities, and hospitals
- Government agencies
- Private practice

Appendix B
Sample Degree Plan for a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics at Ouachita Baptist University

Freshman Year (Fall Semester)

Course	Hours
Composition I	3
Concepts of Wellness/Health and Safety/Outdoor Leisure Pursuits	2/3/3
Introduction to Dietetics	1
Micro Computer Applications	3
Nutrition	3
OBU Connections	2
Survey of the Bible	3
	17/18/18

Freshman Year (Spring Semester)

Course	Hours
College Algebra	3
Contemporary World	3
General Biology I	4
Foods	3
Interpreting the Bible	3
	16

Sophomore Year (Fall Semester)

Course	Hours
World Literature	3
Community & Life Cycle Nutrition	3
Fundamentals of Chemistry	4
Personal Finance/Public Speaking	3
Sports Nutrition	3
	16

Sophomore Year (Spring Semester)

Course	Hours
Fundamentals of Organic and Biological Chemistry	4
General Psychology/Introduction to Sociology	3
Nutrition Counseling and Education	3
Western Civilization	3
Fine Art/Music/Theater	3
	16

Junior Year (Fall Semester)

Course	Hours
Food Systems Management	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (suggested)*	4

Human Resources Management	2
Nutritional Biochemistry	3
Spanish I (or any offered foreign language)	3
	15

* Human Anatomy and Physiology I is not a degree requirement. However, it is a greatly beneficial prerequisite to Human Anatomy and Physiology II.

Junior Year (Spring Semester)

Course	Hours
Advanced Nutrition	3
American National Government/American Civilization	3
Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Nutrition Assessment	3
Spanish II (or any offered foreign language)**	3
	16

** Must be the second semester of the same foreign language taken previously.

Senior Year (Fall Semester)

Course	Hours
Elementary Statistics	3
Medical Nutrition Therapy I	3
Practicum I	1
Research in Dietetics	2
Senior Seminar in Dietetics	1
Technical & Professional Writing	3
Applied Microbiology	4
	17

Senior Year (Spring Semester)

Course	Hours
Arts Engagement	1
Experimental Food Science	4
Medical Nutrition Therapy II	3
Practicum II	1
Electives	TBD
	9 + Elective Hours

Student Signature Page

I have read the Ouachita Baptist University Nutrition and Dietetics Program Handbook and understand all of the information listed in it. I agree to follow all rules and guidelines.

Student Signature

Date