

Clemson University
Dietetics Program Declaration of Intent and Verification Statement Policy
Effective Fall 2021

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A Declaration of Intent form signed by the director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) verifies the student's intent to complete the baccalaureate degree and/or ACEND minimum academic requirements. This intent is based upon the courses that a student has already completed and the projected courses that the student has yet to complete. These remaining courses are documented on the Declaration of Intent form. This form is completed during the last semester of intended degree and dietetics program completion and allows students to apply for a dietetic internship during this final semester.

A Verification Statement is an official document signed by the director of the DPD certifying a student has successfully completed both a baccalaureate degree and the program's ACEND-accredited dietetics coursework requirements. The Verification Statement can only be issued after a student has completed all degree and DPD course requirements. A signed Verification Statement is required for admission to a dietetic internship program.

Due to the competitive nature to secure a dietetic internship, specific criteria are required to receive a signed Declaration of Intent and/or Verification Statement through Clemson University's Didactic Program in Dietetics. Such standards will prepare students for the rigor and expectations of a dietetic internship.

To receive a signed Declaration of Intent and/or Verification Statement, a student must meet the following academic and professional requirements:

1. Earn a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college/university. Earning a B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition through Clemson University fulfills this requirement.
2. Complete all the academic requirements of a dietetics education program accredited by ACEND. Completing all academic coursework required by Clemson University's B.S. in Food Science and Human Nutrition with a concentration in Nutrition and emphasis in Dietetics fulfills this requirement.
3. Demonstrate an overall minimum GPA of 3.20 based on all completed college coursework.
4. Complete all DPD-required NUTR and FDSC courses with a B or better.
5. Complete all other DPD-required coursework with a C or better.
6. Adhere to Clemson University's Academic Integrity Policy (see Undergraduate Announcements).
7. Be in good standing with Clemson University under the Student Code of Conduct (see <http://www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/student-handbook/code-of-conduct/>).

Students may retake courses to achieve the above requirements to be eligible for a Verification Statement. Doing so may result in additional semester(s) and a delay in graduation.

Prior to graduation, the DPD director will contact students to request required information to verify that all of the stated criteria have been met for receiving a Declaration of Intent and/or Verification Statement. Students who took applicable DPD coursework elsewhere will be required to provide official transcripts from colleges/universities attended to verify course grades before a Verification Statement is issued to the student. Upon conferred graduation, completion of DPD requirements, and fulfillment of the above specified Verification Statement criteria, students will be mailed six original Verification Statements sent to the address provided by the student.

Receipt of a Verification Statement does not guarantee acceptance into an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship program. Acceptance into an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship program cannot be guaranteed.