

Program Completion Requirements

Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program Only

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement- (Students completing all program requirements before December 31, 2023)

Upon completion of the ACEND-accredited UNLV Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice Program, graduates receive a Verification Statement of program completion which is required for eligibility to take the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) [dietetic registration exam](#). The exam must be passed to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) which also fulfills requirements in the [State of Nevada to become a Licensed Dietitian](#).

If the program completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam. Successful program completion includes:

- 1) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission. A part time option may be available, please discuss with Program Director.
- 2) Completing an adequate learning portfolio, documenting meeting competency. Template is provided by the program.
- 3) Completion of the CDR demographic information.
- 4) Master's degree earned and approved prior to UNLV program admission.

Policy for Issuing an ACEND Verification Statement- Dietetic Internship Program Only (Students entering with an existing Master's degree) Beginning Jan 2024.

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If the program completion requirements are met, the DI Director will issue the final Verification Statement and will follow the procedures established by CDR for submitting and verifying eligibility for the dietetic registration exam. Successful program completion includes:

- 1) Have a DPD Verification Statement and a Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, earned and approved prior to UNLV program admission. The college or university must be located in the U.S. or its territories and accredited in good

standing by a U.S. institutional accrediting body for higher education recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE). The master's degree must be in nutrition or closely related field and deemed equivalent to the Masters in Science in Nutrition Sciences degree at UNLV. Transcripts and syllabi will be reviewed for equivalency. Students in this track will be enrolled in [NUTR 796: Supervised Practice: Community Nutrition and Dietetics \(2 credits\)](#), [NUTR 797: Supervised Practice: Food Service Management \(2 credits\)](#), [NUTR 798: Supervised Practice: Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics \(2 credits\)](#), and [NUTR 794](#) Preparation for Nutrition & Dietetics Practice (1 credit). Additional coursework may be required, depending on coursework completed in current master's degree. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.

- 2) Completing the minimum required supervised practice contact hours and earning at least a satisfactory rating on all competencies and student learning outcomes. The DI supervised practice is 1040 hours minimum or 26 weeks in length. Specialty concentrations, when offered, require an extra 120 hours of supervised practice. Students must complete the program within 150% of the expected timeframe, unless part-time arrangements are made prior to admission.
- 3) Completing an adequate learning portfolio, documenting meeting competency. Template is provided by the program.
- 4) Completion of the CDR demographic information.