

Rutgers School of Environmental & Biological Sciences
11:709:405 Professional Issues in Dietetics
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Course Description

This course explores careers in dietetics and routes to dietetic registration. The course includes professional issues pertinent to the field of dietetics and prepares the student to anticipate trends.

At the conclusion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop a personal plan for completing dietetic registration requirements,
2. Complete the supervised practice program application process,
3. Develop the ability to plan a personal professional portfolio
4. Develop and maintain a professional portfolio
5. Discuss health care policy and administration,
6. Describe health care delivery systems,
7. Discuss current health care reimbursement issues, policies, and regulations.

Course Grade

This course is graded PASS/NO CREDIT. To achieve a passing grade, the student must do the following:

- a. Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all scheduled class meetings. Unless prior arrangement has been made, attendance is expected in class.
- b. Written Assignments:**
 - a. Complete personal information form.
 - b. First and second drafts of personal/professional statement.
 - c. Complete typed supervised practice program application
 - d. Initiate and maintain a personal professional portfolio
 - e. Complete parts 1-3 (of 5) of CDR Personal Development Portfolio.
 - f. Complete DPD Foundation Skills and Competencies Questionnaire
 - g. All assignments are due on dates listed unless prior arrangements have been made.

Websites to Note:

- a.** <http://www.eatright.org> website of the American Dietetic Association
click on "Accreditation/Dietetics Education"
click on "Accredited Education Programs"
click on "Dietetic Internships"
List of all dietetic internships alphabetically by state. Contact information for each internship is linked to the list.
- b.** <http://www.dnddigital.com> website of D & D Digital, the computer match company
- c.** <http://www.depdpg.org> website to download Supervised Practice Application and Recommendation form.
- d.** <http://www.indiana.edu/~nutrvmg/DIopenhouses.htm> to see the list of Open Houses for the fall semester.

Date	Topic
9/8/09	Introduction to course, expectations
9/14	Writing a personal statement, mission statement, goals. <i>Personal Information Form due</i>
9/21	The supervised practice program application process; Part I: How do you decide where to apply?
9/28	The supervised practice program application process; Part II: <i>First Draft of Personal/Professional Statement due.</i>
10/5	Health Care Policy and administration, Medical Nutrition Therapy.
10/12	Health Care Delivery Systems; Health Care reimbursement issues, policies, and regulations.
10/19	The Professional Development Portfolio (PDP) for maintenance of the RD credential. Developing a Personal Professional Portfolio
10/26	Overview of Careers in Dietetics, traditional vs. nontraditional employment. <i>Completed Supervised Practice Application due--typed</i>
11/2	Guest Speaker--TBA
11/9	Guest Speaker—TBA <i>Completed Parts 1-3 PDP due.</i>
11/16	Guest Speaker—TBA
11/23	Guest Speaker—TBA
11/30	Class Cancelled—Individual Appointments to discuss goals. <i>Second Draft of Personal Statement due.</i> <i>Personal Professional Portfolio</i> <i>(bring both with you to appointment.)</i>
12/7	Careers in nutrition and dietetics