Major in Nutrition & Dietetics, B.S.

NUTRITION/DIETETICS PROGRAM
The mission of the Nutrition/Dietetics Program at the University of New Mexico is to improve overall quality of life of the citizens of New Mexico by improving nutritional status. We prepare competent nutrition professionals who are able to apply nutrition knowledge and provide nutrition education for all age and cultural groups, for individuals and families, and are able to provide food and nutrition services for institutions and in the community. We conduct research that adds to both basic and applied nutrition knowledge, and prepare students to use and/or conduct research, thereby improving dietetics practice. We are committed to providing service to the multi-cultural population of the state through activities within the profession, the university, and the community. The Nutrition/Dietetics Program provides the environment for students to develop professional attitudes, maturity and an ethical understanding of professional practice.

In addition, the mission of the baccalaureate program is to educate individuals for the profession of dietetics by providing a sound background in foundation knowledge and skills needed in areas of dietetics practice: community, clinical and foodservice management. By maintaining accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), we assure that graduates are eligible to pursue the additional training required for Registered Dietitian status. Graduates are also prepared to apply for graduate study upon completion of the baccalaureate program.

QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED DIETITIAN
The Didactic Program in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) 120 South Riverside Parkway, Chicago, IL 60606-6995. 800-877-1600. http://www.eatright.org/ Accreditation by ACEND ensures that graduates can apply for Dietetic Internships, which lead to eligibility to earn Registered Dietitian (RD) status. http://www.eatrightacend.org/ACEND/.

Contact the Nutrition Program Dietetic Internship Director and/or the Dietetic Internship Website http://coe.unm.edu/departments-programs/ifce/nutrition/dietetic-internship.html for information on the UNM Dietetic Internship. In order to be competitive for a dietetic internship, it is recommended that undergraduate students maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 and have work and volunteer experience in an area related to nutrition/dietetcs.

ADMISSION TO THE NUTRITION/DIETETICS MAJOR
All students wishing to major in Nutrition/Dietetics must apply for formal admission to the program online. Applications may be downloaded from the Nutrition Program website. This includes students who already have a bachelor’s degree in another discipline and wish to complete the DPD. Students who are admitted into the program have first priority if class size is limited. Application information is available on the Nutrition Program website. Admission criteria are:

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 (including all transfer and UNM credit)
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of B or better: NUTR 244 and CHEM 121.
ADVICEMENT: Students intending to major in Nutrition/Dietetics should seek advisement for program planning every semester, even before formal admission to the program. Names, e-mail address and other contact information about office hours of nutrition advisors, can be obtained from the Nutrition/Dietetics Program in Simpson Hall, or call 277-4535.

PROGRAM COSTS
Check: http://bursar.unm.edu/tuition-info/tuition-and-fee-rates.html for up to date costs.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:
https://registrar.unm.edu/academic-calendar/ten-year-semester-dates-calendar.html

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
http://coe.unm.edu/departments-programs/ifce/nutrition/