

## **West Chester University of Pennsylvania**

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A comprehensive, multipurpose institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 100 subject areas, as well as certificate programs. As the largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding education experience as well as reasonable tuition; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides more than \$5,000 toward the cost of each Pennsylvania student who attends WCU.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School. Today, more than 14,000 undergraduate students, over 2,000 graduate students as well as 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the picturesque, 388-acre campus situated in the Borough of West Chester. Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor between New York City and Washington, D.C., West Chester is convenient to major cultural and commercial institutions and recreational activities. West Chester is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, DE.

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Find out more about our program at our **Department of Nutrition** website:

<http://www.wcupa.edu/HealthSciences/nutritionanddietetics/>

More **WCU Undergraduate** information can be found in our undergraduate catalog at:

<http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/>

Find out more about the nutrition profession at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at:

[www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)



## **Expect Excellence**



# **BS Nutrition and Dietetics**

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# The Bachelor of Science Program in Nutrition and Dietetics

The Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) combines a strong foundation in the biological and chemical sciences with advanced dietetic course work leading to a BS degree. This program prepares students for careers in the health professions (e.g. dietetics, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, allied health) as well as foodservice, food production and distribution, biotechnology, education, research, and community nutrition/public health.

## Program Description

The mission of the DPD at West Chester University (WCU) is to provide quality education that prepares competent nutrition and dietetic professionals to successfully pursue careers in food, nutrition, and health-related fields. The learning environment is structured to promote an appreciation for life-long learning, purposeful self-reflection, effective problem solving, and teamwork.

The DPD fills a need for highly trained nutrition professionals, while providing the academic background for graduate study in nutrition, dietetics or related fields. Graduates receive a pre-professional verification and are eligible to apply to a 9-12 month dietetic internship program. After successful completion of the DI, graduates are eligible to take the national examination administered by

the Commission on Dietetic Registration to become a **Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)** and to practice in the field of dietetics.

Course curriculum options include the four-year program and nutrition as a second degree. Curricula can be viewed on our website at <http://www.wcupa.edu/HealthSciences/nutritionanddietetics/>. Program outcomes are available upon request.



## Accreditation

The DPD at WCU is administered within the College of Health Sciences, Department of Nutrition. The DPD is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2190, Chicago, IL 60606, 1-800-877-1600 ext. 5400. ACEND is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. This

program meets the academic requirements outlined in ACEND's "Standards of Education."

## Careers

Graduates may choose a number of career pathways. The majority of graduates work as RDNs in the treatment and prevention of disease in hospitals, HMOs, clinics, physician offices, private practice or other health-care facilities. Others work in community and public health settings or academia and research. A growing number of registered dietitians work in the food and nutrition industry, in management, business, policy, journalism, sports nutrition, corporate wellness programs, the armed forces, food companies, pharmaceutical companies, and other health settings. Many graduates choose to obtain an advanced degree in any number of health-related areas or go on to work in various health-related fields.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of Dietitians and Nutritionists is projected to grow 16 percent until 2024 because of increased emphasis on disease prevention, a growing and aging population and public interest in nutrition.

