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**1.Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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**2.Proposed Change**

Change candidate status of dietetics program to full accreditation

Change dietetics program Admission Requirements for program admission from 2.5 GPA to 2.8 GPA

Update information on the introduction to the College of Nursing and Health Professions and “Deadlines for receiving applications” sections.

**3.Effective Date**

8/31/2016

**4.Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

This is to improve academic qualifications of students admitted into the Nutritional Science Program. This increase in admission GPA is a strategy to ultimately improve pass rate of our students on the national credentialing exam, which is 45% and trending upward.

Program information is missing/incorrect from the CNHP section of the bulletin.

**Bulletin Changes**

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**College of Nursing and Health Professions**

*Professor Susan Hanrahan, Dean*

The College of Nursing & Health Professions was constituted with the beginning of the academic year 1982, and came about as a result of the inclusion of three programs which had been offered in other units of the university. The undergraduate programs of the college are baccalaureate degree curricula in nursing, clinical laboratory sciences, communication disorders, health studies, ~~magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)~~, nutritional science, radiologic sciences,~~radiologic imaging specialist, radiation therapy, diagnostic sonography, nuclear medicine,~~ and social work, and associate degree programs in clinical laboratory science, nursing, occupational therapy assistant, and physical therapist assistant. ~~and radiologic technology.~~ Information on graduate programs in the college (communication disorders, nursing, health sciences, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and social work) can be found in the ASU Graduate Bulletin.

**ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION**

Both the associate degree and the baccalaureate degree programs in nursing are approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nurs­ing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; (404) 975-5000; www.acenursing. org/). Upon completion of these programs the student is eligible for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN), and after passing the examination, is licensed as a Registered Nurse by the state(s) to which application was made.

The Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Clinical Laboratory Technician programs are accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), 8410 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 670, Chicago, IL 60631, 773-714-8880. Graduates of these programs are eligible for the national certifying examinations in their specialty through the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

The baccalaureate degree in Communication Disorders is a preprofessional degree designed to prepare students for graduate study in speech-language pathology. Both curriculum and practicum ex­periences have been designed to partially fulfill requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics has been granted ~~candidate status~~ full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, (312) 899-0040 ext 5400.

The occupational therapy assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupa­tional Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE’s telephone number c/o AOTA is (301) 652-AOTA and its Web address is HYPERLINK “http://www.acoteonline.org” www.acoteonline.org. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). In addition, all states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

Both the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-706-3245.

The Radiography, Radiation Therapy, and MRI programs are accredited by the Joint Review Com­mittee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), 20 N. Wacker Dr., Suite 900, Chicago, IL, 60606-2901. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certifying examination of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. The Nuclear Medicine Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Nuclear Medicine Technology. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee for Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

The Social Work Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, CSWE, 1725 Duke Street, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457, 703-683-8099.

Most state and national board application forms ask if the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime. Certain crimes (e.g., controlled substance use or sale) may make the applicant ineligible for the examination. If a student has any reason to believe that he/she may be ineligible for the state or national board examinations, he/she should discuss this with the program director or the respective licensing agency.

**APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Admission to Arkansas State University does not automatically admit one to the programs offered by the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The college has a selective admissions policy due to professional requirements and limited clinical sites for placement of students. **All remediation re­quirements must be completed prior to beginning the professional component of any Nursing or Health Professions program.**

For a listing of the criteria used by admission committees in selecting students for the various programs, contact the appropriate department chair or program director (Nursing 972-3074; Clinical Laboratory Sciences 680-8596; Radiologic Sciences 972-3073; Physical Therapy 972-3591; Communi­cation Disorders 972-3106; Social Work 972-3984; Nutritional Science 680-8598; Occupational Therapy 972-2610.) Courses in clinical laboratory sciences, physical therapist assistant, radiologic sciences, radiologic technology, nursing, and nutritional science (with the exception of NS 2203, NRS 3353, NRS 3333, NRS 4393, NRS 2392 and NRSP 2391), are open only to students admitted to the professional level of those respective programs. Some courses with an HP prefix are open to any student who meets the university admission requirements. Enrollment in certain 3000 and 4000 level CD courses requires admission to the undergraduate communication disorders program.

After being admitted to Arkansas State University, students should obtain an application form from the department or program office or website. The application, together with other required materials, must be submitted in accord with the deadlines listed below. All transcripts and documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the university and cannot be returned to the applicant or forwarded to another school or individual.

Students seeking admission to an ASU nursing program after withdrawing from or being dismissed from another nursing program must submit with their application a letter of good standing from each such nursing program attended. Students are ineligible for enrollment into the 4th/Final semester of the AASN program.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS**

Students will be notified in writing of the decision of the admissions committee. It is the responsibility of each student to see that all required documents have been received by the appropriate program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions by the deadline date. No student will be considered for admission until the file is complete and all requirements are met.

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| **Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Bachelor of Science**  April 15 of the sophomore year for the junior-senior clinical years. Prior to this time the student is enrolled in the clinical laboratory science program as a pre-clinical laboratory scientist major. |
| **Clinical Laboratory Sciences - Associate of Applied Science**  April 15 for official admission to the Fall semester. Prior to this time, the student is enrolled in the clinical laboratory science program as a pre-clinical laboratory technician major. |
| **Communication Disorders - Bachelor of Science**  No deadlines. Admission to the undergraduate communication disorders program requires the following: 3.2 or better GPA for BIO 2223 and 2201, PSY 2013, CD 2653, CD 2104, CD 2203, and PHSC 1201 and 1203 (or other approved physical science options with lab.) Repeated courses will be included in the calculation of the GPA; “C” or better in ENG 1003, ENG 1013; “B” or better in MATH 1023; 2.75 or better overall GPA; fifteen (15) clock-hours of documented, prescribed observation; a speech and hearing screening; and a minimum of 30 hours of earned academic credit. |
| **Health Studies – Bachelor of Science**  Students wishing to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (BSHS) program must apply to Arkansas State University and meet all admission requirements established by the university. Students must schedule a meeting with a BSHS adviser to determine eligibility to begin upper level HP classes. Students must complete HP 2112, Introduction to the US Healthcare System, with a grade of 'C' or better, have a GPA above 2.5 and a minimum of 45 credit hours completed. All general education and major requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. |
| **Radiography Component (Junior Year) of Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 15 for admission to the Spring semester. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA (a 2.5 GPA is required); 2) Prerequisite course GPA; 3) HESI Exam scores; 4) reference scores; 5) interview scores. NOTE: Students completing prerequisite work at ASU-Jonesboro receive extra points toward admission score. |
| **CT/Cardiovascular-Interventional Technology – Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Summer I enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA, 2) selected course grades, 3) interview, 4) number of hours completed toward degree, and 5) references. All categories are converted to a point system. Students wishing to apply to the must have completed all core requirements and an accredited radiography program. Registered Radiologic Technologists receive extra points when calculating total scores. |

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| **CT/Mammography – Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Summer or Fall enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA, 2) selected course grades, 3) interview, 4) number of hours completed toward degree, and 5) references. All categories are converted to a point system. Students wishing to apply to the Mammography program must have completed all core requirements and the Radiography component prior to fall semester. |
| **CT/Medical Imaging Informatics – Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Summer or Fall enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA, 2) selected course grades, 3) interview, 4) number of hours completed toward degree, and 5) references. All categories are converted to a point system. Students wishing to apply to the Mammography program must have completed all core requirements and the Radiography component prior to fall semester. |
| **CT/Magnetic Resonance Imaging - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Summer I enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA, 2) selected course grades, 3) interview, 4) number of hours completed toward degree, and 5) references. All categories are converted to a point system. Students wishing to apply to the CT/MRI program must have completed all core requirements and the Radiography component prior to fall semester. Registered Radiologic Technologists receive extra points when calculating total scores. |
| **CT/Radiology Management – Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  Admits each semester or Summer Session. Students entering this major must have completed an acceptable Radiography curriculum. Interested students should see the Chair of the Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences. |
| **Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Summer I enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative grade point average, 2) selected course grades, 3) interview, and 4) references. Preference given to those who are near successful completion of the General Education Curriculum and the Radiologic Sciences core courses. To be eligible to apply students must 1) complete an accredited school of radiologic technology or 2) complete the prerequisite courses outlined in the Bulletin. |
| **Radiation Therapy - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  October 30 for Fall enrollment. Students are accepted based on 1) cumulative GPA 2) selected course grades 3) interview 4) number of hours completed toward degree. All three are converted to a point system. Students wishing to apply to the Radiation Therapy program must have completed an accredited school of Radiologic Technology or have graduated. ASU graduates receive extra points when calculating total scores. |
| **Imaging Specialist “Bridge Program” - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  The “Bridge Program” offers the Imaging Specialist track of the BSRS in General Radiography. Admission is granted at the beginning of each semester. Only applicants who have 1) completed the associate degree in Radiologic Technology from a school approved by the American Registry of Ra­diologic Technologists OR 2) passed the national certification boards through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists will be considered. |
| **Nuclear Medicine Technology - Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences**  Contact the Department Chair for articulation alternatives. |
| **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  June 15 for Fall enrollment in sophomore nursing courses and the LPN to BSN track. November 15 and June 15 for transfer/admission/readmissions for subsequent semester. Registered nurses must apply during the semester enrolled in NRS 3312.  Applicants into the sophomore level must have at least 30 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above completed by application deadline (June 15). Required prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C” or better by application deadline. Due to space availability, applicants for admis­sion will be ranked based on the GPA of all completed courses that apply toward the BSN Degree. |
| **2nd Degree Accelerated BSN**  March 15 for August Interim enrollment. A baccalaureate degree in another discipline plus all major required support courses must be completed by the end of the Spring semester.  Students seeking readmission, advance standing or transfer credit for nursing courses must be aware that nursing knowledge changes rapidly. Therefore, if three or more years have elapsed since the previous education experience, students may be required to meet additional requirements before progression in a specific nursing program. |
| **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing**  June 15 for admission to the Fall semester for LPN to RN students at campus site and distance-learning sites; October 1 and June 15 for transfer/readmission for subsequent semester. Deadline for traditional AASN program at the Mountain Home, Beebe and West Memphis campus is October 1st. Applicants must complete required prerequisite support courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. A “C” or better must be earned in ALL required courses. Applicants for admission will be ranked based upon prerequisites. All traditional AASN applicants must have CNA certification from Arkansas Office of Long Term Care. |
| **Dietetics - Bachelor of Science**  April 1 after sophomore year for admission in Fall semester.  In order for students to apply for admission into the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, they must meet the following conditions: cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.8 on a 4.0 scale of all college work attempted; English proficiency requirements, if foreign born; completion of program prerequisites with a minimum grade of “C” required in all courses.  Class size is limited due to the availability of supervised practice sites. All applicants may not be accepted into the program. |
| **Occupational Therapist Assistant - Associate of Applied Science**  Students must apply for admission into the Occupational Therapy Assistant program by March 15. Prior to admission into the program students must complete 28 prerequisite course hours with a minimum grade of “B” required in all courses. |
| **Physical Therapist Assistant - Associate of Applied Science**  Students are encouraged to declare as Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) majors. Students may apply to the PTA program during the spring semester of the year in which they plan to start the program. Application deadline is April 1 of each year. |
| **Doctor of Physical Therapy**  ASU does offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (DPT). Deadlines for application can be obtained by contacting the program office at (870) 972-3591. |
| **Social Work — Bachelor of Social Work**  Students must be admitted to the program before they will be allowed to take Social Work major courses. Students must have a minimum of 45 hours with a GPA of at least 2.75 overall. Generally, students will be admitted during the second semester of their sophomore year. Consideration for admis­sion to the program will be in the spring semester. Specific due dates for materials will be posted on the notice board outside the departmental office. Students should follow the criteria in the Social Work Student Handbook available on the web. |

**PROBATION, RETENTION, AND READMISSION**

All programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions have policies governing probation, retention, and readmission.

**Probation:** When the cumulative, semester, or session grade point average falls below 2.00, the student in occupational therapist assistant, physical therapist assistant, radiologic technol­ogy, associate degree nursing, or baccalaureate degree nursing, or nutritional science will be placed on probation. At the end of the next semester or session of enrollment the cumulative grade point average must be at least 2.00 for the student to remain in his/her respective program.

**Retention:** A student may ***NOT*** continue in the following programs if the requirements (listed below) are not maintained:

A. Clinical laboratory sciences programs: if a grade lower than “C” is received in any biological, chemistry or CLS

course, or the student fails to maintain an overall GPA of 2.00 in his/her respective program.

B. Any medical imaging and radiologic science program: if a grade of lower than a “C” is received in any degree course.

C. Associate degree nursing program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in a required nursing course, if the student withdraws from a nursing course to avoid a failing grade or if the GPA is less than 2.00 in the required

support courses upon entry to the last semester of the program.

D. Baccalaureate degree nursing program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in a required nursing course, if the student withdraws from a nursing course to avoid a failing grade, or if the grade is less than “C” in the required laboratory sciences upon entry to the sophomore and junior level nursing courses.

E. Nutritional science program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in any degree course.

F. Occupational therapist assistant program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in any PTA course.

G. Physical therapist assistant program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in any PTA course.

H. Baccalaureate degree social work program: if a grade lower than “C” is received in any social work course or if a student fails to maintain a 2.75 GPA in the program.

**Readmission:** If students are not allowed to continue in a program because of the above stipulations, readmission will be considered only after the student submits a formal application for readmission to the appropriate department or program.

A. Students are ***NOT*** eligible for readmission if:

1. the cumulative grade point average is lower than 2.00. (2.75 for social work student)

2. the student has received a final grade lower than “C” twice in the same course, or has received a grade lower than “C” in professional courses in two separate semesters in the same program. [In Nursing, withdrawal from a nursing course to avoid a failing grade is considered the same as receiv­ing a grade lower than “C.”]

B. Procedures for application for readmission:

1. A student must submit to:

a. the CLS programs a completed application form obtainable from the program’s website, http://

www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/clinical-laboratory-sciences/ by the deadline date for

applications as noted under “Application Procedures.”

b. the Radiography program a completed application form obtainable from the program director’s office

sixty (60) days prior to the first day of registration of the semester for which readmission is sought.

c. any MIRS program a completed application form obtainable from the departmental office sixty (60) days

prior to the first day of registration of the semester for which readmission is sought.

d. the School of Nursing a completed Nursing application packet by the deadline date for applications as

noted under “Application Procedures.” Students are required to pass a standardized readmis­sion exam

based on previous successful course work. Recommendation of faculty is required.

e. the Nutritional Science Program a completed application form obtainable from the program’s website

http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/dietetics/ by the deadline date noted under

“Application Procedure.”

f. the OTA program students must repeat the application process during the next cycle.

g. the BSW program students must repeat the application process during the next cycle.

2. All applications for readmission must include a current and complete official transcript.

3. Readmission to any program will be dependent upon space available, regardless of student qualifications.

**DISCLAIMER**

Given the rapid changes in health care and technology, the programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions reserve the right and responsibility to revise the curriculum to anticipate societal needs for health care. Therefore, students are strongly advised to contact the program directors for current requirements.

**VACCINATION AND SKIN TESTING**

Students **ADMITTED** to any program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions must

pres­ent the following immunization and test documentation:

1. Rubella and rubeola (Arkansas statute).

2. Mumps and varicella vaccination or titer (clinical affiliate (hospital) requirements when working with infants

and children).

3. If no hepatitis immunization or titer, then must begin the Hepatitis B vaccine series prior to enrolling in a clinical

practicum class. All students except C.D. must have completed the Hepatitis B series before enrolling in the first

practicum course of their program.

4. TB skin test each year that the student is enrolled in a clinical practicum. If skin test is positive, docu­mentation of treatment status must be submitted.

5. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification is required before taking any practicum courses. Certification status must be maintained and documentation submitted to the appropriate department throughout enrollment in any program.

**RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES FILM BADGE FEES**

Students accepted into the Radiography program will be assessed an annual charge of $100.00 per year ($200 total) for radiologic film badges. Payment is due to the office of the program director prior to Clinical Practicums I and III. These badges will be used during the six clinical practicums.

Students accepted into the Radiation Therapy or Imaging Specialist programs will be assessed a one-time charge of $100.

**MALPRACTICE INSURANCE**

Before being assigned to clinical practicums all students in College of Nursing and Health Profes­sions’ programs are required to purchase malpractice/liability coverage. Assistance in arranging for coverage will be made through program directors.

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG TESTING**

Some of the clinical agencies used by the programs in the College of Nursing and Health Profes­sions require criminal background checks and/or drug testing prior to placement for assigned practicums. Information for obtaining the background check and drug testing is provided by the program. Costs are to be borne by the student.

In addition, the state of Arkansas requires criminal background checks for students seeking admission to some of the professional programs in the college. These costs are also to be borne by the student.

**BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT**

All students admitted to a professional program in the College of Nursing and Health Professions must complete the Basic Disaster Life Support requirement prior to graduation.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

Programs in the College of Nursing and Health Professions require an unusual amount of the students’ time, and students should pay particular attention to the section on “Student Academic Load” in the Academic Regulations section in this Bulletin. Outside employment may need to be adjusted to course and clinical requirements scheduling.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Students are required to provide their own transportation when assigned to all practicums, including field experience in surrounding counties or other states. When determining educational costs, consid­eration should be given to this additional expense.

Nutritional Science Program

*Assistant Professor Pam Towery, Program Director*

**Assistant Professors:** *Cupp*

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics seeks to provide quality education and experiences for students in the field of dietetics to meet the need for registered dietitians (RD) in the Delta region and beyond. The program provides for the achievement of knowledge and performance requirements for entry-level dietitians through integration of didactic instruction with a minimum of 1200 hours of supervised practice. The supervised practice experiences occur in foodservice, community and clinical settings. Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the national credentialing examina­tion administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. After passing the examination, they become registered dietitians.

In addition to RD credentialing, many states have regulatory laws for dietitians and nutrition practitioners. Frequently these state requirements are met through the same education and training required to become a registered dietitian.

Registered dietitians are considered food and nutrition experts. They work in a wide variety of employment settings,

including hospitals and healthcare facilities, food & nutrition-related business and industry, sports nutrition & wellness programs, community & public health, education, research areas and private practice.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In order for students to apply for admission into the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, they must meet the following conditions:

1. Cumulative GPA of ~~2.5~~ 2.8 on a 4.0 scale of all college work attempted.

2. English proficiency requirements, if foreign born.

3. Completion of program prerequisites with a minimum grade of “C” required in all courses.

Class size is limited due to the availability of supervised practice sites. All applicants may not be accepted into the program.

**PROBATION, RETENTION AND READMISSION**

Refer to Probation, Retention and Readmission Policies in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

For more information about the dietetics program, go to: http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/ degrees/.

Major in Dietetics

**Bachelor of Science**

A complete 8-semester degree plan is available at <http://registrar.astate.edu/>.

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| **University Requirements:** | |
| See University General Requirements for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 42) | |
| **First Year Making Connections Course:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| UC 1013, Making Connections | **3** |
| **General Education Requirements:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| See General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate degrees (p. 84)  **Students with this major must take the following:**  *MATH 1023, College Algebra or MATH course that requires MATH 1023 as a prerequisite*  *CHEM 1043* ***AND*** *1041, Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry and Lab*  *BIO 2103* ***AND*** *2101, Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health and Lab*  *PSY 2013, Introduction to Psychology*  *SOC 2213, Introduction to Sociology*  *COMS 1203, Oral Communication (Required Departmental Gen. Ed. Option)* | **35** |
| **Major Requirements:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| NS 3113, Nutrition through Life Cycle I | 3 |
| NS 3123, Nutritional Biochemistry | 3 |
| NS 3133, Food Service Management | 3 |
| NS 3143, Basic Foods | 3 |
| NS 3153, Food and Society | 3 |
| NS 3223, Nutrition through Life Cycle II | 3 |
| NS 3233, Dietetics Administration | 3 |
| NS 3243, Quantity Foods | 3 |
| NS 3253, Nutrition Assessment | 3 |
| NS 4413, Medical Nutrition Therapy I | 3 |
| NS 4443, Experimental Foods | 3 |
| NS 4453, Community Nutrition | 3 |
| NS 4523, Medical Nutrition Therapy II | 3 |
| NS 4553, Nutrition Counseling | 3 |
| NS 4563, Special Topics | 3 |
| NS 4573, Research Methods in Nutrition | 3 |
| NSP 3213, Practicum I | 3 |
| NSP 3326, Practicum II | 6 |
| NSP 4433, Practicum III | 3 |
| NSP 4543, Practicum IV | **3** |
| NSP 4656, Practicum V | 6 |
| STAT 3233, Applied Statistics I | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | **72** |

Major in Dietetics (cont.)

**Bachelor of Science**

A complete 8-semester degree plan is available at <http://registrar.astate.edu/>.

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| **Required Support Courses:**  *Prior to beginning the junior year, students must complete the following courses.* | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| BIO 2203 **AND** 2201, Anatomy and Physiology I and Laboratory | 4 |
| BIO 2223 **AND** 2221, Anatomy and Physiology II and Laboratory | 4 |
| NS 2203, Basic Human Nutrition | 3 |
| CHEM 1052, Fundamental Concepts of Organic and Biochemistry | 2 |
| HP 2013, Medical Terminology | 3 |
| **Sub-total** | **16** |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **126** |