To become a RD through HNFE, students must earn a Didactic Program in Dietetics Verification Statement. After completing the DPD VS, students must separately apply to, and be accepted to, an ACEND-accredited dietetic internship. These two programs are not coordinated or combined at Virginia Tech.

### DPD Verification Statement: Professional Courses

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### Science Courses

See page 2 for Science courses.
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**DIETETICS OPTION: GRADUATE**

Course list: Graduate students seeking Registered Dietitian credential

### DPD Verification Statement: Science Courses

*(All courses are three credits unless indicated otherwise)*

- BCHM 2024 Concepts of Biochemistry OR BCHM 5124 Life Sciences Biochemistry
- BMSP 2135 Human Anatomy & Physiology
- BMSP 2136 Human Anatomy & Physiology
- BIOL 2604 General Microbiology
- BIOL 2614 Microbiology Lab (2cr)
- CHEM 1035 General Chemistry
- CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Lab (1cr)
- CHEM 1036 General Chemistry
- CHEM 1046 General Chemistry Lab (1cr)
- CHEM 2514 Survey of Organic Chemistry OR CHEM 2535 Organic Chemistry

# = must be taken at Virginia Tech

Note that all courses taken at Virginia Tech (undergraduate or graduate level) count into the overall GPA for graduate students per VT Graduate School policies.

### Transferred Courses

A DPD Transcript Evaluation must be completed to determine and approve course needs and substitutions. The [Transfer Equivalency Database](#) is a helpful resource for assistance in evaluating course equivalents. Visit [www.hnfe.edu](http://www.hnfe.edu) for more information and direct links.

### Course Substitutions

In some cases, an alternate course or extensive experience may be approved as an acceptable substitute for a DPD course(s). Substitutions are based on departmental policies and formal approval must be granted by the Dietetics Committee. Course-for-Course Substitution forms must be completed for each course you wish to request review for approval. Obtain substitution forms from Michelle Rockwell.

More information on the program. More information on the profession of Dietetics.

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