

Recency of Education Policy
Virginia Tech Internship in Nutrition and Dietetics

In cases where an applicant's Didactic Program in Nutrition and Dietetics (DPD) verification statement was issued more than 5 years prior to the internship start date, additional documentation of recent dietetics coursework is required with the internship application to demonstrate that the applicant's knowledge base is current:

- Proof of completion or current enrollment in a medical nutrition therapy (MNT) course worth at least 3 credits
- Proof of completion or current enrollment in at least one additional upper-level dietetics course of at least 3 credits

This additional coursework must have occurred within 5 years of the internship start date and must be from a university with a DPD accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). A grade of B or better must be earned in these courses and evidence of such must be provided before the start of the internship program. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the internship director to discuss this coursework in advance to ensure it will meet the requirements. Completion of this additional coursework does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

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