

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2010
[2010*03]

Curriculum Program Title

Dietetic Technician

Code

A45310

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

The Dietetic Technician program prepares individuals to promote optimal health through proper nutrition by providing personalized services to meet client's needs, and ensure balanced diets. Dietetic Technicians work under the supervision of a registered, licensed dietitian.

Course work includes content related to food, nutrition, communication, and management. The physical, biological, behavioral, and social sciences support these areas.

Employment opportunities include childcare centers, hospitals, correctional centers, public health agencies, retirement centers, rehabilitation centers, hospices, clinics, nursing homes, home care programs, or medical offices.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204(3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE Required Courses: BIO 275 Microbiology 4 SHC CHM 130 Gen, Org, & Biochemistry 3 SHC CHM 130A Gen, Org, & Biochemistry Lab 1 SHC DET 110 Dietetic Technician I 8 SHC DET 115 Dietetic Technician II 2 SHC DET 120 Dietetic Technician III 9 SHC DET 210 Dietetic Technican IV 9 SHC DET 220 Dietetic Technician V 10 SHC DET 225 Dietetic Technican VI 2 SHC PSY 241 Developmental Psychology 3 SHC Required Subject Areas: None	51 SHC	NR	
B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)			
C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS BIO, CHM, CIS, COE, CUL, DET, ENG, HEA, MAT, MED, NUT, PED, PSF, PSY, and SOC <i>Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.</i>			