Nutrition and Dietetics (ND) Application Process Spring 2015

The ND program at WCU is permitted by the Accreditation Council on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) to accept 24 students into the junior class each fall. The application for admission is a competitive process.

Minimum Criteria for Admission

Overall GPA of 3.00
B or better in ND 239 and ND 330 or their equivalents
C or better in BIOL 140, 291 & 292, 313; CHEM 132, 133; HSCC 322; MATH 170; PSY 150 or their equivalents
Recommendation of 3 or better from your ND 330 (or equivalent) instructor

Required Application Materials

Forms will be made available on the WCU Nutrition and Dietetics webpage by April 1, 2015. You will need to submit the following four items to the current ND Program Director, Dr. Brenda Marques no later than April 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.:

- Signed copy of the Nutrition and Dietetics Application
- Signed copy of the Nutrition and Dietetics Technical Standards
- Signed copy of the Nutrition and Dietetics Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form
- Recommendation form should be sent via email directly from the instructor to bgmarques@wcu.edu

Review of Application Materials

A panel of nutrition educators and practitioners will review and rank applications using a standardized rubric. Admission criteria are assigned specific point values which are then totaled and ranked. The total points for meeting the minimum criteria for admission is 50, while a maximum of 100 total points is possible for students who exceed the minimum criteria. The 24 students with the highest point totals will be offered admission to the ND program.

Your chances for admission depend on both the number and the quality ranking of applications received. It is possible that an academically strong student who will be taking one or two pre-requisites over the summer will accrue enough points for admission. However, students who meet the only the minimum criteria may not have enough points for admission when ranked against other applicants.

Notification and Acceptance

Students will receive an email notification of their status no later than May 29, 2015.

If offered admission, the student will have till June 5, 2015 to accept the offer.

On June 8, 2015 any available openings will be offered to qualified application based on the original numerical ranking of the application materials.

Change of Major and Registration

After acceptance to the program the ND Program Director will initiate a change of major from Pre-ND to ND.

Any student who registered for upper division ND courses but was not accepted into the ND program will be dropped from their courses before the beginning of the fall semester.